

Peace River Mainline Abandonment

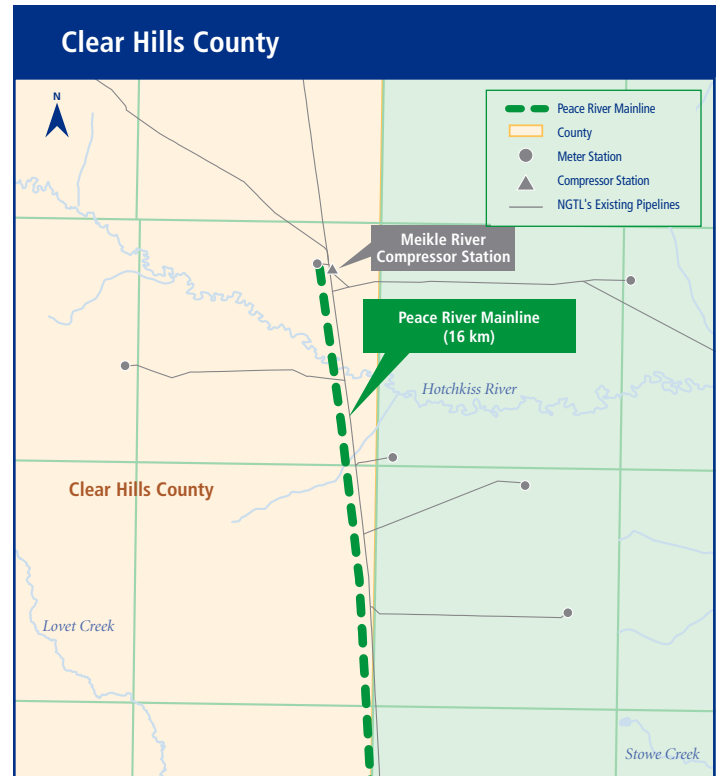
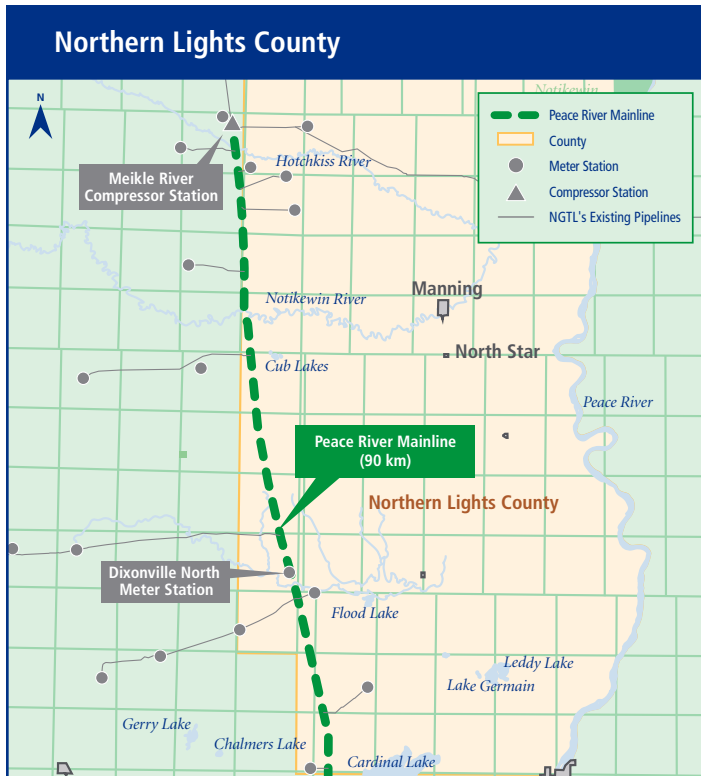


About this project

NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL), a wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada PipeLines Limited, has applied to the National Energy Board (NEB) to abandon the south section of the Peace River Mainline, a 20-inch (508 mm) natural gas pipeline. This 266 kilometre (km) section of the Peace River Mainline is no longer required to provide service to existing shippers.

The section of pipeline that will be abandoned is located approximately 34 km west of Peace River between the Meikle River Compressor Station located in LSD 15-26-094-02 W6M and the Valleyview Compressor Station located in LSD 09-09-069-22 W5M. There are several facilities that will be abandoned as part of the application including:

- 2.34 km of the 114.3 mm (NPS 4) OD Watino Lateral pipeline located between LSD 09-13-077-25 W5M and LSD 02-14-077-25 W5M;
- The Valleyview Compressor Station located at LSD 09-09-069-22 W5M;
- Removal of remaining valves at the Dixonville North Meter Station location at LSD 14-12-087-01 W6M; and
- All above ground pipeline facilities associated with the project.



What is the timeline for this project?

- Q1 2015 Began Indigenous and stakeholder engagement with impacted landowners and communities
- Q2 2015 Began site-specific evaluations at the proposed asset abandonment sites
- Q3 2016 Filed a Section 74 Abandonment application with the NEB
- Q3 2018 Subject to regulatory approvals, begin project activities at select sites

What is considered when planning for abandonment?

We are committed to managing our pipeline assets throughout their full life cycle. When assets are no longer needed, abandonment is done safely with no financial liability to landowners.

TransCanada will follow guidelines set out by the NEB for the project to ensure that three key factors are considered:

- **Safety** – minimize the risk to the public, employees and contractors
- **Environmental protection** – minimal long-term environmental effects
- **Cost effectiveness** – the safety and environmental objectives are met in a cost effective manner

How will the facilities be abandoned?

NGTL, as part of the retirement of these assets, has developed abandonment plans for submission to the NEB that reflect input from interested parties including landowners. The abandonment plans developed help us determine the appropriate approach for the facilities that minimizes the impact to landowners, communities and the environment.

The plan includes the removal of the above ground facilities including buildings, yard piping and unnecessary fencing. In addition to the removal of facilities, there will be some locations where associated below ground pipelines will be removed. All pipeline assets to be abandoned will be thoroughly cleaned, cutting the line in select locations and capping sections of line to safely leave them buried in the ground. Throughout project development, NGTL regularly reviews our proposed activities to ensure the most effective and efficient strategies are in place for construction.

How will I be notified of project activities?

TransCanada sent the NEB letter of intent to stakeholders in the first quarter of 2015. We will continue to engage landowners, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders to let them know about planned activities as we move forward with this Project.

TransCanada believes engagement is a two-way process and invites landowners, communities and other interested stakeholders including Indigenous communities to share their questions and concerns with us. We will provide information, follow up, and where feasible, incorporate input into our plans. Please do not hesitate to contact TransCanada if you have any questions.

M.D. of Peace and Birch Hills County



M.D. of Greenview



What impact will this project have to the NGTL System?

The project will not affect service on the NGTL System. Customers in the area are serviced by other NGTL pipelines.

What steps will TransCanada take to protect the land and environment?

NGTL has gathered baseline data to complete environmental and socio-economic assessment that was submitted with our application to the NEB for this project.

If required, project specific mitigation strategies will be developed as part of the Environmental Protection Plan. For facilities that are to be removed, we plan to reclaim the land. Where facilities are left in place, the surface land will be reclaimed. During this process, all responsibility associated with the facilities will be maintained (e.g., pipeline signage and responding to Alberta One Call requests).

What abandonment activities are expected at the sites?

TransCanada is committed to minimizing disruptions during the project and will work with stakeholders.

With the activities proposed as part of this project, there will be equipment on site for use in preparing the facilities for abandonment as well as for transportation of materials and personnel.

How does TransCanada engage with stakeholders?

Engaging with stakeholders means listening, providing accurate information and responding to stakeholder interests in a prompt and consistent manner. TransCanada is proud of the relationships we have built with our neighbours for over 65 years.

TransCanada's four core values of integrity, collaboration, responsibility and innovation are at the heart of our commitment to stakeholder engagement. These values guide us in our interactions with our stakeholders. We invite your input on the abandonment project and encourage you to contact TransCanada with any questions or comments.

How does TransCanada engage with Indigenous communities?

Building and maintaining relationships with Indigenous communities near our projects and existing facilities has long been an integral part of TransCanada's business. TransCanada respects the diversity of Indigenous cultures, recognizes the importance of the land and cultivates relationships based on trust and respect. TransCanada works with communities to identify potential effects of company activities on each community to find mutually satisfactory solutions and benefits.

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How does TransCanada prepare for and respond to emergencies?

TransCanada makes safety a top priority. In the unlikely event of an emergency, our comprehensive Emergency Response Program would be activated. We train our staff to know what to do in the event of an emergency and collaborate with area emergency responders to ensure a coordinated response in the event of an incident.

In the event of an emergency on any of TransCanada's pipelines or facilities in Canada, please contact TransCanada's 24 hour emergency line at 1.888.982.7222.



TransCanada periodically provides project information beginning at the early stages of project development, continuing throughout the life of the project. The information provided is intended to give people the opportunity for meaningful input. Please be aware that as projects progress, new information becomes available and details may change from the time of this printing. Please contact TransCanada (using the contact information listed above) with any questions.

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How can I contact TransCanada about this project?

There are several ways for you to contact TransCanada about this project.

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or write to us

Attention: Cole Thomson

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If you would like further information regarding the NEB's approval process, we would be pleased to provide you with information or you can contact the regulator directly at:

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