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Department of Environment
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Environment Minister Kevin Aylward has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Georges Lake Communication Transmission Line Proponent: Newfoundland Power Inc.

The proponent proposes to construct a 4.2 kilometre aerial communication (telephone) transmission line from Coleman's Cove to cottages located on the north east side of Georges Lake, in Western Newfoundland. The proposed route will include an aerial crossing of Pinchgut Brook, a scheduled salmon river. The rationale for the project is to provide telephone service to the cabins in the area. The project is planned to consist of 10 to 15 metre high single pressure treated CCA wood poles with an average span of 70 metres between each pole and cable attached approximately 6 metres above the ground. The cleared width of right-of-way will be approximately 5.4 metres, or 2.7 metres either side of centerline. The project will include surveying, brush clearing and installation of poles and cable. The undertaking was registered on February 3, 2003; public comments are due by March 11, 2003; and the Minister's decision is due by March 20, 2003.

COMPONENT STUDIES RECEIVED

Cartwright Junction to Happy Valley-Goose Bay Trans Labrador Highway Proponent: Department of Works, Services and Transportation

The proponent has submitted the required **Fish and Fish Habitat** and **Community Life, Employment and Business** Component Studies for the environmental assessment of the above undertaking. The Component Studies were received on February 3, 2003 and are available for public review. Public Comments on the Component Studies must be received by March 11, 2003. The Minister's decision on the Component Studies is March 25, 2003.

If you have any questions on the Component Studies or the environmental assessment of the undertaking please contact the Chair of the Environmental Assessment Committee, Ed Kaufhold, at (709) 729-0090

or e-mail at ekaufhold@mail.gov.nf.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RECEIVED

Cartwright Junction to Happy Valley-Goose Bay Trans Labrador Highway

Proponent: Department of Works, Services and Transportation

The proponent has submitted the Environmental Impact Statement for the above undertaking. The submitted EIS must be in compliance with the guidelines issued by the Minister in December 2002. The purpose of the Environmental Impact Statement is generally to describe the undertaking including possible alternatives, describe current environmental conditions, identify the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed undertaking, identify appropriate mitigative measures and identify the significance of any residual environmental effects. The Environmental Impact Statement was received on February 4, 2003 and is available for public review. Public comments on the Environmental Impact Statement must be submitted to the Minister and received by March 26, 2003. The Minister's decision on the adequacy of the Environmental Impact Statement is due April 15, 2003.

If you have any questions on the Environmental Impact Statement or the environmental assessment of the undertaking please contact the Chair of the Environmental Assessment Committee, Ed Kaufhold, at (709) 729-0090 or e-mail at ekaufhold@mail.gov.nf.ca

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Comments on submitted documents are invited from the public, addressed in writing to the Minister, and are welcome prior to the deadline date shown.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-2562 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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