



Hydro upgrades distribution system in Labrador City to meet growing demand and improve reliability

July 14, 2011 - Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) is continuing its \$20 million, multi-year capital project to upgrade the distribution system in Labrador City to meet load growth in the area. The project, which started in 2009, includes the construction of two new terminal stations and conversion of the existing distribution system to a higher voltage to enable more electrical load.

“Hydro is completing this project to further improve reliability and ensure there is a safe and reliable supply of electricity for customers in Labrador City into the future,” said Jim Haynes, Hydro’s Vice President of Regulated Operations. “Similar to areas across the provincial electricity system, the infrastructure in Labrador West is aging and requires significant investment to ensure continued reliability and additional capacity to meet growing load demands.”

Upgrades to the electricity system in the region are necessary to accommodate more people moving into the area resulting in additional housing requirements, and new businesses including a new hospital and college.

This year, Hydro will complete distribution upgrades in the area of Harrie Lake in Labrador City, which were started in 2010, and complete work on the two new terminal station sites. Commissioning of the equipment at these two new terminal stations is expected to begin this fall. Also in 2011, Hydro will replace transformers, poles, insulators and associated hardware on distribution lines throughout Labrador City to prepare the distribution system for a higher voltage.

“This is a substantial project that involves re-building the distribution system in Labrador City and we expect to complete this work in 2013.” explained Haynes. “These upgrades will bring the system to modern standards capable of meeting future customer needs.”

Hydro carefully plans its work to minimize the impact of planned power outages for customers. If customers have any questions or concerns, they may call 1-888-737-1296 Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (Labrador time) or email customerservices@nlh.nl.ca.



About Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

Hydro, a Nalcor Energy company, is the primary generator of electricity in Newfoundland and Labrador. The company has an installed generating capacity of 1,635 megawatts, of which over 80% of the power generated is clean, hydroelectric generation. Hydro sells its power to utility, industrial and 35,000 residential and commercial customers in over 200 communities across the province. The company is committed to operational excellence while delivering safe, reliable, least-cost electricity.

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