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Woodfibre LNG Interconnection Stage 2 Project Update

In January 2026, the Woodfibre LNG Interconnection Project Stage 2 (the Project) was announced by BC Hydro and Woodfibre LNG. Following the announcement of the project, on March 31, 2026, approximately 100 community members attended an open house to learn more about the Project, ask questions and share their concerns about the proposed approach. (A "What We Heard" report can be found on the Project website at www.WLNGInterconnectionStage2.com).

A key commitment made by both BC Hydro and Woodfibre LNG at the open house was to gather historical information on an alternative discussed with the community in 2015, namely to "step down" off of an existing 500 kV transmission line near the Woodfibre LNG site, rather than construct a new transmission line using the existing right of way through Brackendale. Some community members asked whether this option could be reassessed and pursued instead of the current approach, particularly because of their concerns about potential impacts to Brackendale residents and properties. (More details about the 500 kV step down approach from 2015 can be found on the project website at: www.WLNGInterconnectionStage2.com)

BC Hydro and Woodfibre LNG have now completed further historical, technical and planning reviews and can confirm that the 500 kV option presented in 2015 will not be advanced for this Project.

The Project will advance as outlined in January 2026, with a new overhead transmission line being added within the existing BC Hydro right of way through Brackendale, between Cheekye Substation and the Woodfibre LNG site.

This letter confirms the direction being advanced, provides additional background on the history of alternate solutions, the evolution of Woodfibre LNG's operational requirements and the impact on their expected electrical load, the rationale for the current approach, and more information on opportunities for residents and property owners to inform detailed planning, design and mitigation.

Project History, Evolution and Rationale for 2026 Solution

As some community members are aware, alternate interconnection options were discussed in 2015. These concepts, including stepping down power from the existing 500 kV line, were based on the information available at that time, including Woodfibre LNG's electricity needs, timing and connection requirements.



Since then, Woodfibre LNG has made significant changes to its facility design and liquefaction technology to improve energy efficiency. These changes reduced energy requirements across several areas of the facility, including refrigeration compressors and marine systems, and eliminated the need for some facility components. Collectively, these changes reduced the facility's expected electrical load by approximately 60 MW.

Based on Woodfibre LNG's current electricity request and reliability requirements, BC Hydro has determined that the request can be met through the existing 138 kV transmission system in the region; however, a second line is still required to provide reliable long-term power to Woodfibre LNG's site. Two lines ensure an additional supply path, helping maintain system reliability and avoiding power disruptions. The new line will operate at 138 kV and be designed and constructed to a 230 kV standard, consistent with the current transmission line and to preserve system flexibility. Any future increase in WLNG's load would need to be submitted as a new interconnection request and studied by BC Hydro.

Stepping power down from a 500 kV line to a lower voltage would require a substantially more complex interconnection than is needed to meet Woodfibre LNG's current interconnection request. A 500 kV-based solution requires additional infrastructure, including a new substation, connection and transformation equipment, purchasing land and new rights of way, permitting and construction access. This solution would provide substantially more transmission capacity than is required.

Based on current estimates, a 500 kV-based substation would cost approximately two to three times more than the current approach and extend the Project schedule by approximately two years or more. This would not meet Woodfibre LNG's required in-service timeline of Fall 2030, which BC Hydro is obligated to meet.

To learn more about the history of the Project, please visit www.WLNGinterconnectionstage2.com.

Rights of Way and Power Lines

BC Hydro preserves rights of way so it can safely operate, maintain, repair, replace or expand transmission infrastructure as electricity needs change over time. These corridors are long-term system assets. Preserving them can also help avoid creating entirely new transmission corridors, which may have broader impacts on communities, property owners and the environment.

The existing right of way through Brackendale has been well established as part of BC Hydro's transmission system for decades and is registered on affected property titles. The right of way allows BC Hydro to construct, operate, maintain and, where required, modify transmission infrastructure. Rights of way exist throughout the province as part of BC Hydro's long-term planning to safely and reliably serve customers.

This is not the first time the existing right of way through Brackendale has accommodated two transmission lines. The corridor accommodated two lines until 1990, when the Cheekye-Powell River line was decommissioned and the majority of the infrastructure was removed. The full width of the right of way was preserved for future transmission needs.

Community Impacts and Opportunities for Input

BC Hydro recognizes using an existing right of way means there will be impacts to the community, and we are seeking further community input on opportunities to, where possible, mitigate some of those impacts.

While the decision to advance the new transmission overhead line using the existing right of way approach has been made, several areas of planning have not yet been finalized. As this work continues, BC Hydro welcomes local knowledge and input that may help inform planning where possible.

Structure configuration, pole placement, construction access, vegetation management, restoration plans and property-specific impacts have not yet been confirmed, and there are many areas where community input may help inform planning including:

- Design and construction planning, including structure placement, visual impacts, traffic, noise, timing, sequencing and advance notification;
- Property-specific planning, including access, fencing, structures, vegetation, privacy, and restoration and other features within or adjacent to the right of way;
- Trail, road, park and neighbourhood access during construction; and
- How Project information is shared, and future engagement opportunities.

We're engaging with the community early to provide information, answer questions and gather feedback that can help inform project planning. As planning progresses, we are committed to continuing to listen, sharing information as decisions are made, and working to minimize impacts where possible.

What Happens Next

Fieldwork, environmental studies, archaeological and heritage studies, and detailed design work are underway or will be required to support planning. The findings will inform planning, design, mitigation or permitting approaches as required. This could include changes to structure placement, access planning, construction methods, timing or mitigation measures, depending on the nature of the constraint and applicable requirements.



Geotechnical fieldwork in Brackendale could begin as early as fall 2026. Access to private properties will be required for some investigative work, and BC Hydro will contact affected property owners to discuss access requirements.

For property owners with registered statutory rights of way, BC Hydro Properties will continue to be the primary contact for property-specific questions regarding the existing right of way, access and potential property-level impacts and can be reached at properties.helpdesk@bchydro.com.

Engagement with the community will also continue as planning advances. As part of this work, BC Hydro and Woodfibre LNG will host a community meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. The meeting will provide an opportunity to hear directly from the Project team, ask questions and discuss the decision, its rationale and next steps.

Community Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Where: Executive Suites Hotel & Resort, 40900 Tantalus Road, Squamish, B.C.

Doors open at 5:30 PM. Formal programming starts at 6:00 PM.

If you have any accessibility requirements, please contact the Project Team at info@wlnginterconnectionstage2.com.

Questions and comments can continue to be submitted to info@wlnginterconnectionstage2.com.

For directly impacted property owners with property specific questions, please contact the BC Hydro Properties representatives assigned to this project at properties.helpdesk@bchydro.com.

Additional information, including the anticipated timing of upcoming fieldwork, is available on the Project website at www.WLNGinterconnectionstage2.com.

We understand this is a significant update, and that residents and property owners will continue to have questions. BC Hydro and Woodfibre LNG will continue to share information as planning advances, including further details on design, fieldwork, construction planning, mitigation and restoration.

Sincerely,

Woodfibre LNG Interconnection Stage 2 Project Team