

COALMONT ROAD – APPLICATION FOR LAND ACT TENURE – INTERIM LICENCE
LEADING TO STATUTORY RIGHT OF WAY FOR POWERLINE

MANAGEMENT PLAN

January 29, 2014

Section A – Project Overview

Project and Purpose:

This application is to legalize existing powerlines which parallel a section of Coalmont Road, in the Coalmont area. See attached mapping for powerline locations and extent of the application area on Crown lands administered by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Authorizations. The sections under this application fall outside of the Section 42 road allowances as defined by the “Guide to Rural Subdivision Approvals”.

Project Description

This historical line follows Coalmont Road and the powerline is already in place. Some modifications to a portion of the line which parallels Coalmont Road are required to support the additional weight of a Telus line to be attached to FortisBC (FBC) structures. There will be one new anchor required and three new mid-span poles, as noted on the attached mapping.

Telus will be making a separate Land Act application for their facilities, which will also be covered by a joint use agreement with FBC, for the sections where they are utilizing FBC poles.

Any portions of the powerline which fall within the Coalmont Road right of way, as defined by Section 42 of the Ministry of Transportation Act, will be dealt with by application to that agency.

Location of Project:

BCGS Mapsheet – 92H-057

The powerline is located adjacent to Coalmont Road in the vicinity of Coalmont.

Crown lands occupied by the FBC structures are legally described as:

- Unsurveyed portion of that part of District Lot 99 shown coloured red on Plan attached to DD3961F, YDYP, except Plan 28772. (Title KJ58419 attached to application)
- Unsurveyed portions of District Lot 483, YDYP, except part outlined in red on Plan CG2273. (untitled Crown land)
- Unsurveyed portion of that part of District Lot 360 shown on Plan CG115, YDYP, except Plan 28772. (Title KJ58440 attached to application)
- Unsurveyed portions of District Lot 281, Yale Division of Yale District. (untitled Crown land)

Width of Right of Way area – for the 3 phase line which parallels Coalmont Road, the width of right of way required is 15 m (7.5 m. either side of the centerline). For the single phase line within District Lot 281, the width required is 10 m (5 m. either side of the centerline).

Total Application Area – 1.923 Hectares, more or less.

Existing FBC tenures in the area (noted on mapping):

Lands File 0261433 applies to Plan CG2273

Lands File 3411822 applies to Plans EPP 5325 and EPP5326

Access:

Access to the FBC facilities will be via Coalmont Road, where the line parallels that road. For the distribution line which diverges from Coalmont Road, access will be via the existing access road which parallels it.

Construction Schedule:

The majority of the powerline is already in place. Three additional poles and one anchor are slated to be installed within 3 months of receiving tenure.

Access plans after construction for ongoing maintenance:

Access for ongoing maintenance of the FBC facilities will be via Coalmont Road and where necessary, by existing maintenance roads which will fall within the dedicated SRW once survey is complete.

Construction details are noted on the maps appended to this application.

Existing survey plans have been noted on the attached maps. The application area, once approved, will be subject to survey.

Environmental Control Measures and Impacts:

The impacts from this project are expected to be minimal, as the majority of the powerline is already constructed. Environmental control measures during construction and routine maintenance will follow standard FBC practices and where necessary an environmental assessment will be completed by a qualified professional to identify potential habitat issues and any remedial measures required.

Placement of the three poles and anchor are the only areas where surface disturbance will occur initially. Ongoing maintenance (pole replacement, installation of additional anchors and other facilities) will occur over the life of the tenure.

Clearing of the Right of Way area:

The right of way has been and will continue to be kept clear of any vegetation which may interfere with the FBC facilities.

Land and Landscape features:

The application area lies adjacent to Coalmont Road, which follows a relatively level route at the base of the slope. The powerline does not cross any watercourses within the application area.

Documented Archaeological Sites:

ILRR searches did not bring up any archaeological sites/identifiers within the application area.

Aquatic Impacts – Not applicable – application area does not include any waterbodies.

Fish and Wildlife Habitat – This application is for an existing line, therefore impacts on fish and wildlife habitat will be minimal.

Land Use:

A portion of the application area at the west end lies within a Community Licence issued to the Trails Society of British Columbia, for the Kettle Valley Rails to Trails, on Lands File 3409662.

The application area also overlaps with a Development and Marketing Reserve on Lands File 0274931.

Other Crown tenures in the area (adjacent) include a gravel reserve for Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, placer, guide-outfitter and trapline areas, as well as forest tenures.

Socio-Community Conditions:

The powerline under application provides the power supply to the Coalmont area and areas beyond.

Public Health:

The existing powerline will have minimal impacts on public health.

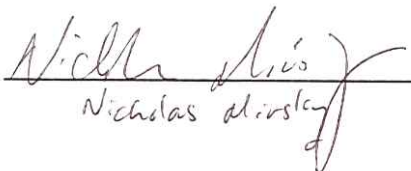
First Nations:

The application area lies within the Okanagan Nation Alliance territory. The closest band is the Upper Similkameen Indian Band, with their main community at Chuchuwayha I. R. No. 2, on the Similkameen River near Keremeos. The closest reserves are the One Mile No. 6 I.R. on Highway 5A north of Princeton and the Vermilion Forks No. 1 I.R., in the vicinity of Princeton.

There has been no contact with the First Nation relative to this specific application.

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Signed:


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