

**Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited**  
**Northwest Supply Expansion 2018**  
**Project Overview**

Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited (MIPL(C)L) is a federally regulated and wholly owned subsidiary of SaskEnergy Incorporated, a Saskatchewan Crown Corporation. MIPL(C)L is proposing to build a 29-kilometer pipeline from the Nova Gas Transmission Limited (Nova) meter station east of Cherry Grove, AB to the TransGas Limited (TransGas) meter station east of Beacon Hill, SK. Additionally, a new compressor station is proposed to be constructed near the west end of this pipeline, within Saskatchewan.

Residential, commercial, and industrial customer growth has increased demand for natural gas in Saskatchewan. Construction of the proposed project will support this growth by allowing for additional natural gas supply to be transported into Saskatchewan from Alberta through the Nova system to existing TransGas facilities in the area.

Keeping our stakeholders informed is an important aspect of all our major projects. Stakeholder engagement is achieved through landowner, public, Aboriginal, and community involvement. We continually invest in Saskatchewan and believe strongly in working together with these partners when projects are being planned and developed.

MIPL(C)L will submit an application to the National Energy Board (NEB) to seek the necessary approval for the proposed project. If you are unable to provide comments regarding the proposed project to MIPL(C)L, or prefer to do so directly to the NEB, you may do so by contacting:

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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why is this expansion needed?**

Residential, commercial, and industrial customer growth has increased demand for natural gas in Saskatchewan. At the same time, local production of natural gas has declined. The proposed project will allow for additional natural gas supply to be transported into the province from Alberta for use by Saskatchewan natural gas consumers. The compressor is needed to move the gas from the border to other existing facilities in the province.

### **How much will it cost?**

The project is currently budgeted for an estimated \$60 million. The final cost will be dependent on material prices over the next few months and labour costs in 2020.

### **How many landowners will be impacted?**

At approximately 29 kilometers in length, the pipeline will span around 36 quarter-sections, with an estimated 18 landowners and Crown land lessees directly affected during pipeline construction. Other landowners in the area may be engaged to secure temporary work space or access routes.

### **How will residents in the area be impacted?**

There should be minimal impact to area residents during construction. However, MIPL(C)L is committed to negotiating fairly with any landowners impacted by our activities.

The parcels of land being considered for the compressor station site are isolated from all homes and developments in the area, ensuring there will be minimal impact to residents. Designs for the compression equipment ensure a reduced impact to the environment through the use of low-emission compressor engine drivers and high-efficiency gas compressor packages.

Air quality and noise modelling for the operations phase of the project will be undertaken to meet recognized provincial and federal requirements.

### **How do you decide where to locate a compressor?**

From a land perspective, the site should be geologically sound, removed from occupied areas, easily accessible from an existing primary road, and away from environmentally sensitive areas. From a pipeline perspective, the compressor site should be on the west end of the pipeline to maximize hydraulic efficiency.

### **Are compressor units safe?**

Yes. SaskEnergy's wholly owned, provincially-regulated, subsidiary TransGas Limited safely manages over 30 compressor stations at a number of locations throughout Saskatchewan. These facilities are well maintained with an excellent history of safe operation; they are kept within a fenced, gated compound to ensure security is maintained at all times. The compressor site will be visited regularly by TransGas Operations staff, and monitored 24/7 through TransGas' Gas Control Centre.

**When will construction start and end?**

Construction is planned for the summer and fall of 2020. The project will require around five to six months of on-site preparation, construction, testing, and clean-up.

**What are the benefits of this project?**

The project increases natural gas supply to meet the growing needs of residential, commercial and industrial customers in Saskatchewan.

**Environmental Impact**

Environmental impact is one of the key considerations when selecting facility locations and pipeline routes. Where practical, locations and routes are selected to avoid impacting land use or areas that are environmentally sensitive. A stakeholder engagement process is in place to allow public input into our project during the planning process.

Other additional factors may be incorporated into planning, including: stakeholder knowledge of the area, avoiding known heritage sensitive areas, and ensuring technical feasibility.

The area around any proposed facility location or pipeline route will undergo an environmental screening and environmental baseline surveys (including assessments of land use, wetlands, soils, terrain, vegetation, and wildlife). This information will be incorporated into an application for submission to the National Energy Board (NEB) in 2019.

If a selected facility site and pipeline route cannot avoid all identified environmental sensitivities, mitigation measures are used in the construction and operation of the facility to reduce any adverse effects to the area. For example, if the facility is located within, or near, suitable natural habitat for migratory bird species, then potential mitigation may include changing the timing of construction in this area to avoid sensitive life cycle periods (e.g. nesting) and/or creating/enhancing other nearby habitat to offset habitat loss.

**Project Reviewers**

This project will come under the jurisdiction of the National Energy Board. The NEB may engage various other regulatory agencies to review the Project, including, but not limited to: Environment and Climate Change Canada; Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Ministry of Energy and Resource (Saskatchewan); and the Ministry of Environment (Saskatchewan).

## Emergency Response Planning

MIPL(C)L is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of the public, our employees and contractors, and the environment. Facility operation will be conducted in strict compliance with all applicable technical and safety standards and regulations. Our personnel are trained to recognize hazards and deal with emergency situations, so any situation that might arise can be quickly detected and corrected.

The new compressor station will be designed with advanced controls and communication systems which allow for 24/7 gas control, and continuous safety and security monitoring.

MIPL(C)L's Emergency Response Procedures will be updated to include this new compressor station. Stakeholders adjacent to the new infrastructure will be included in emergency response communications.

If you have additional questions, concerns, comments, or would like more information, please feel free to contact:

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