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\$5.3 million invested to improve Yukon's electrical transmission infrastructure

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon government is providing \$5.3 million to the Yukon Development Corporation (YDC) to improve transmission infrastructure in central Yukon, announced the Minister responsible for Yukon Development Corporation Scott Kent.

This project continues the Yukon government's commitment to invest in Yukon's electrical infrastructure.

"Access to affordable electricity is integral to the daily lives of Yukoners and the continued economic development of the territory," Kent said. "With the Yukon government providing funding for the project, it is ensured that system improvements can be made without any impact on electrical rates."

Designed to replace aging electrical infrastructure between Mayo and Keno, the project will also upgrade the line between Keno City and Stewart Crossing from 69 kV to 138 kV. Substation improvements related to the project will also be addressed.

"Line reliability is becoming a significant issue. Outages in remote locations consume many resources. A replacement of the line between Stewart Crossing and Keno City will allow for 138 kV, providing for future growth in the area while improving the reliability of the electrical grid as a whole," YDC Board Chair Joanne Fairlie said.

YDC will work with its wholly-owned subsidiary Yukon Energy Corporation to advance the project through permitting and preliminary engineering processes during the next several months. Additional funding may be identified once the project advances towards construction.

Initial work is expected to begin early in 2015.

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