

# Okanagan Capacity Upgrade Project (OCU)

Telephone Town Hall Sessions

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# Your FortisBC Host

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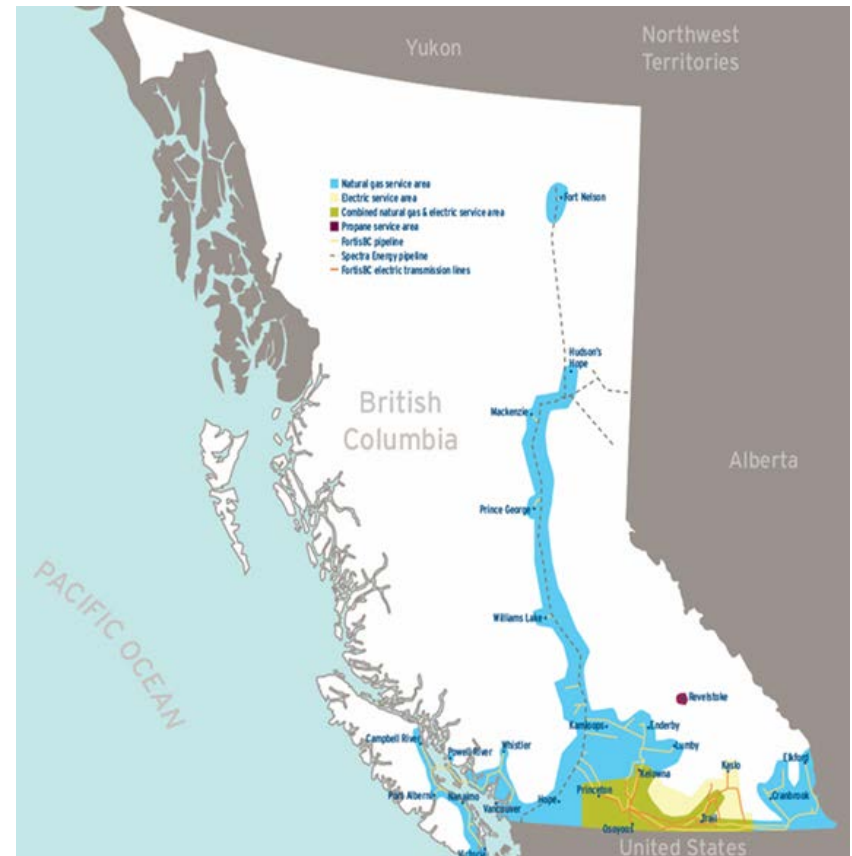


# Agenda

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# About FortisBC

- More than 2,400 employees serving about 1.2 million customers in 135 communities with electricity, natural gas, propane, or alternative energy.
- ~49,000 km of natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines
- ~7,260 km of electric transmission and distribution power lines



# Proposed Project Overview

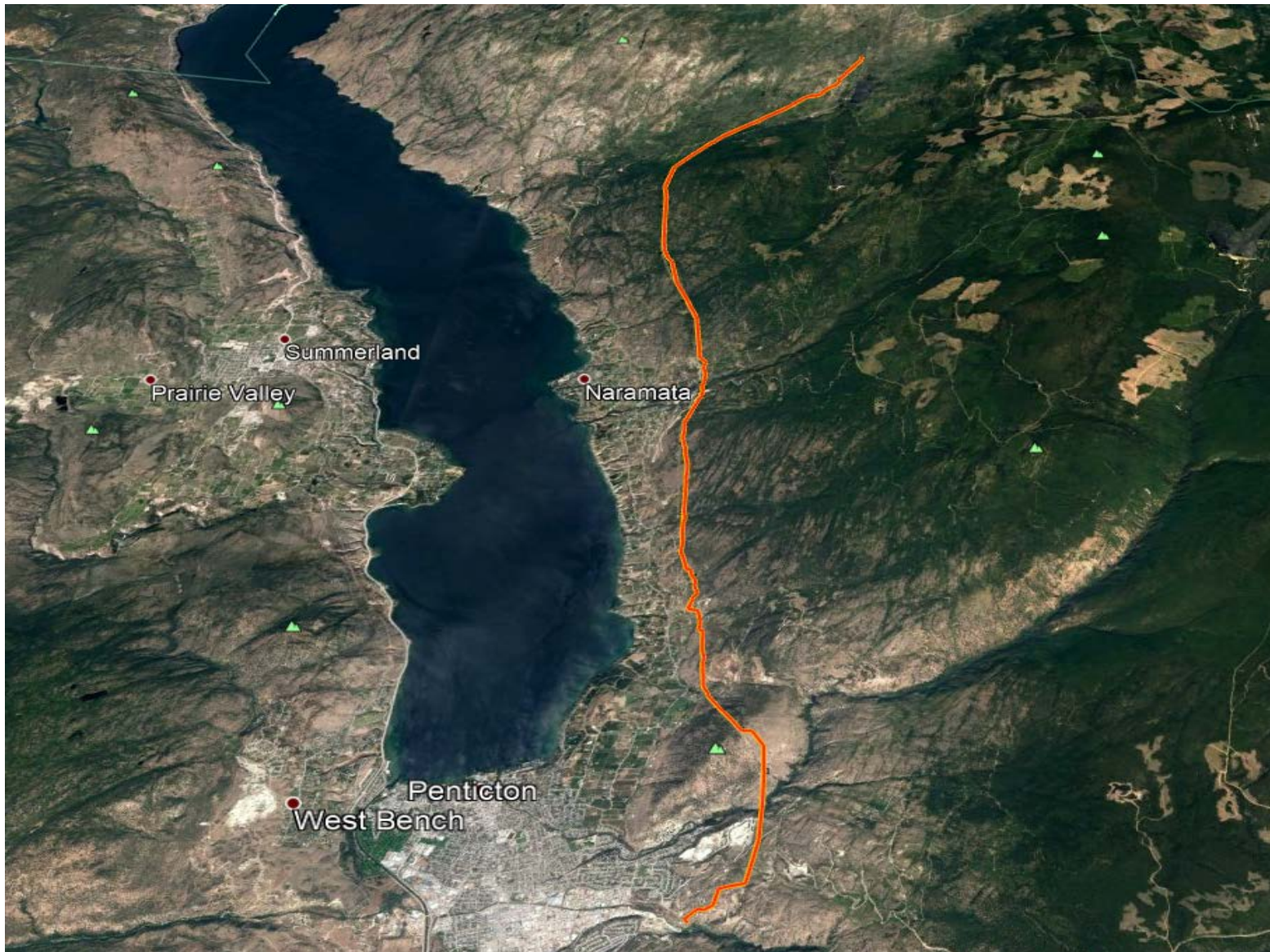
- Install 30km of new 16-inch gas line in the South Okanagan, connecting to our system along Penticton's eastern border and extending north just beyond Chute Lake
- If approved, the new gas line will be installed and commissioned by 2023
- File for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) - 2020



# The Need for the Project

- We are increasing our gas capacity in the Okanagan to serve the region and keep pace with growth
  - This project is driven by five year demand, based on forecasts of continued growth in the region as a whole
  - Some communities in the Okanagan are expected to grow by 40% in the next two decades
- This expansion will also allow us to meet long-term capacity requirements as the region continues to grow

# Proposed route



# Existing Right of Ways





# Engaging the Community

- Continue to work with local governments, Indigenous communities, landowners, and residents
- Community information sessions via telephone town halls
- Local media outreach and advertisements to the community
- Visit [talkingenergy.ca/okanagan](https://talkingenergy.ca/okanagan) to learn more about the project



# Thank you



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