# Okanagan Capacity Upgrade Project (OCU)

Telephone Town Hall Sessions

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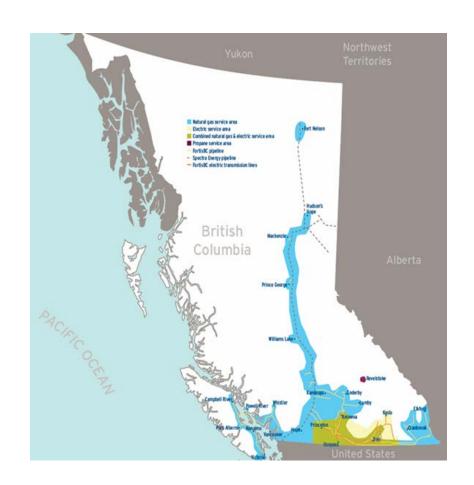


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#### About FortisBC

- 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

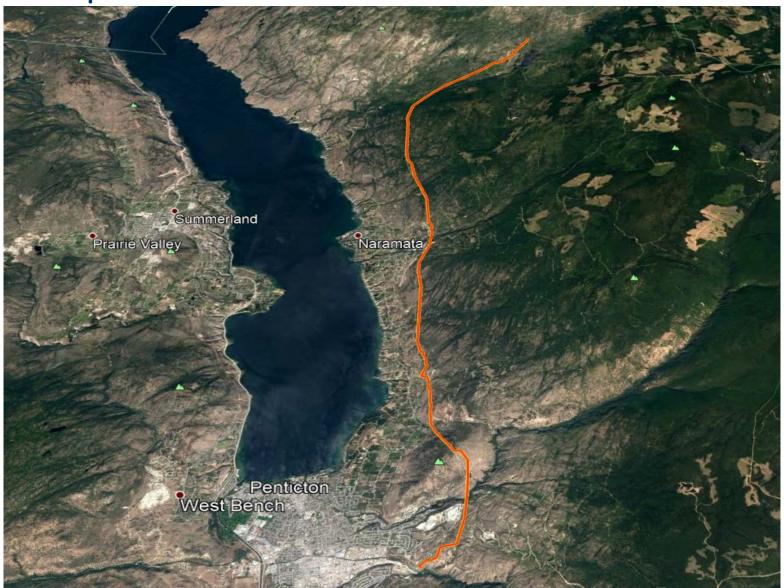
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## The Need for the Project

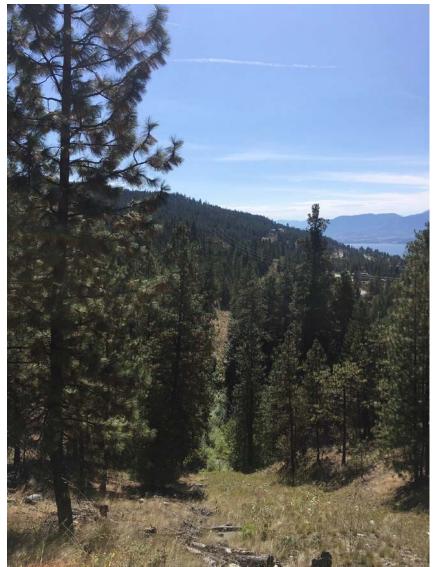
- We are increasing our gas capacity in the Okanagan to serve the region and keep pace with growth
  - o This project is driven by five year demand, based on forecasts of continued growth in the region as a whole
  - o Some communities in the Okanagan are expected to grow by 40% in the next two decades
- 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 to learn more about the

project



#### Thank you



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