

# Silver to Rosser tap transmission project

## Preferred route engagement on transmission line

**We're planning a new 230-kV transmission line that will connect an existing transmission line (S65R) located west of Highway 7 near Fraserwood, Manitoba, to Diageo Canada's Inc.'s distillery facility in Gimli. This project will allow the Diageo Gimli distillery to reduce natural gas usage and use more hydroelectricity to power its facility.**

### Preferred route for Silver to Rosser tap

Round 1 engagement on the transmission line started on February 22, 2024, where we presented different routing options for feedback. Data gathering, on the ground fieldwork, technical and environmental considerations, as well as input from landowners, First Nations, the Manitoba Métis Federation, interested parties, and the public, helped inform the evaluation of each alternative route segment and selection of a preferred route. The preferred route aims to balance different interests, local concerns and limit the overall effects of the transmission line. The map on the next page shows the preferred route.

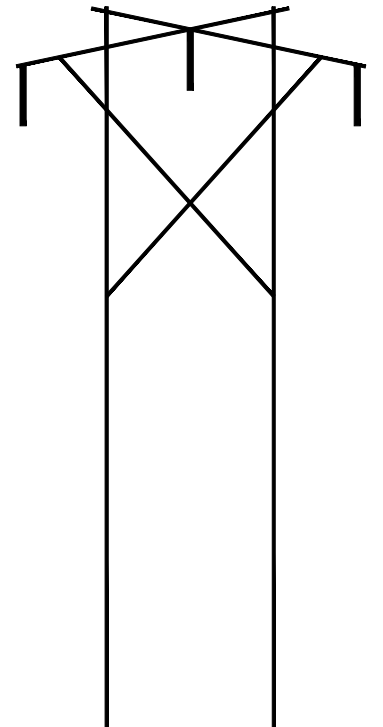
Read our **What we heard summary** at [www.hydro.mb.ca/silver-rosser-tap](http://www.hydro.mb.ca/silver-rosser-tap) to learn about the feedback collected in our engagement to-date and considered in the selection of the preferred route.

### Tower design

Most of the transmission line will use Gulfport style towers.

Tower designs are not yet finalized. The preliminary design includes:

- A right-of-way width of 40 meters (130 feet).
- Tower spacing of approximately 250 meters (820 feet) apart on average.
- Towers typically ranging from 17 to 30 meters (55 to 100 feet) in height.



### We want to hear from you on the preferred route

Our engagement on the preferred route is now underway. We welcome you to ask questions, voice your concerns, and provide feedback on the preferred route to help inform our final route and plans.

**Join us online on July 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for an information session on Microsoft Teams.**

To register, visit the project webpage at [www.hydro.mb.ca/silver-rosser-tap](http://www.hydro.mb.ca/silver-rosser-tap). If you need assistance registering or would prefer sharing feedback through email or phone, please contact [projects@hydro.mb.ca](mailto:projects@hydro.mb.ca) or 1-877-343-1631.

## What's next?

Round 2 engagement on the preferred route will conclude on July 19, 2024, and any final refinements necessary will be made to the preferred route. The final preferred route for the Silver to Rosser tap transmission line will be presented in an environmental assessment report submitted to Manitoba Environment and Climate Change for regulatory review and approval before construction begins. We plan to submit the environmental assessment in summer 2024.

Part of the regulatory review process will include a public review period for local residents, First Nations, the Manitoba Métis Federation, interested parties, and the public to share their concerns and ask questions about the report. Manitoba Hydro will continue to share information as this process progresses.

## When will the work happen?

The tentative schedule (subject to change) is:

- **Round 1 engagement:**  
February – March 2024 (completed);
- **Round 2 engagement:**  
June – July 2024;
- **File environmental assessment report for regulatory review:**  
summer 2024;
- **Anticipated licensing decision:**  
fall 2025;
- **If license is approved, construction start:**  
winter 2025/26;
- **Target in-service date:**  
spring 2026.

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