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Good afternoon,

Professional Surveyors Canada has reviewed the Damage Prevention Framework for Federally Regulated Power Lines and provides the following response:

Question 1: Is a prescribed area of 30 metres on either side of the federally regulated powerline adequate to maintain safety and prevent damage to the power line?

Federally regulated powerlines are regularly closer than 30 metres to the boundary of the right-of-way for that powerline. This means that adjacent landowners are subjected to ground disturbance regulations and potentially crossing agreements with the owners of federally regulated powerlines. There is currently no transparent notification system for adjacent land owners for the prescribed area. Therefore if a federally regulated power line is adjacent to First Nation Lands or other private lands, there is a gap in the notification process. The right-of-way acquisition process does not currently deal with the prescribed area. There is a need for definition of the prescribed area to match the encumbrance created on adjacent land owners, including those under First Nation lands which are not held under provincial title. PSC has proposals to alleviate this issue.

Question 2: Are the proposed safety measures adequate to maintain safety and prevent damage to the power line?

The proposed safety measures are in excess of what is required for protection of the power line. The 30-metre prescribed area imposes restrictions on adjacent landowners without notification, consultation, or compensation. The prescribed area would sufficiently protect the powerline asset when limited to the registered right-of-way. In cases where extra area is required for the prescribed area, a caveat affecting that area needs to be registered on the deed or title affected, adequately defining the area affected.

Professional Surveyors Canada has proposed amendments to Bill C-69 regarding the prescribed area. A brief of the amendments can be found on our website.

English: https://www.psc-gpc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Professional-Surveyors-Canada-Bill-C69_onepage-Rev.pdf

Français: https://www.psc-gpc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/PSC-Professional-Surveyors-Canada-Bill-C69_onepage-FR-Rev.pdf

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed Regulation.

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