

Valued Components

Employment, Business Opportunities and the Economy

and the Manitoba–Minnesota Transmission Project

Why do we assess employment, business opportunities and economy?

Employment, business opportunities and economy are important to the lives and livelihood of local and provincial residents and business owners. People have expressed an interest in the effects on employment, business opportunities and economy related to the Project and past projects in the area.

How will we determine potential effects on employment, business opportunities and economy?

Data will be gathered primarily through desktop review and an economic impact assessment that will be filed as part of the environmental impact statement (EIS).

What assessment activities are underway?

As part of the EIS, an economic impact assessment will be undertaken and will provide an estimate of the total employment impacts and potential spinoff effects of the project. Examples of spinoff effects include increase in use of local accommodations and restaurants.



Construction of the Manitoba–Minnesota Transmission Project could result in short-term business opportunities and local employment.

What are some the potential effects on employment, business opportunities and economy?

Potential effects on employment, business opportunities and the economy that will be reviewed as part of the EIS, related to the construction and operation of the transmission line, could include but are not limited to:

- local resident employment;
- business opportunities;
- labour income;
- gross domestic product;
- tax revenue.

What are some potential positive effects on employment, business opportunities and economy?

Some short-term employment opportunities could be available and local contractors are used whenever possible. There could also be a short-term increase in the purchases of local goods and services.

Valued components (VCs) are components of the natural and human environment that are considered by the proponent, public, First Nations groups, Metis, scientists and other technical specialists and government agencies involved in the assessment process to have scientific, ecological, economic, social, cultural, archaeological, historical, or other importance.

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