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PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER ANNOUNCES CANADA'S INVESTMENT IN NORTHWEST TRANSMISSION LINE

Expected to Increase Renewable Energy Potential of Northern British Columbia

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Prime Minister Stephen Harper today announced funding for the construction of the Northwest Transmission Line in northern British Columbia, which could eventually connect with Alaska, reflecting Canada's commitment to clean energy.

“Our government is supporting environmentally sound infrastructure and initiatives that promote cleaner, greener energy,” said the Prime Minister. “The Northwest Transmission Line will facilitate the development of green energy and help provide British Columbia's northern and remote communities with more sustainable and affordable power.”

The project could advance a potential connection between southeast Alaska and the North American transmission grid via British Columbia.

In February 2009, Prime Minister Harper and President Obama launched the *Clean Energy Dialogue*. Today, they discussed a progress report on the *Dialogue* focusing on clean energy research and development, a more efficient energy grid, and carbon capture and storage. The Prime Minister also highlighted a number of new projects that demonstrate progress on these discussions.

“Our government is pursuing joint projects with President Obama and his Administration. Our government is taking action to promote cleaner energy use,” said the Prime Minister. “The British Columbia Northwest Transmission Line will build a more efficient electricity grid, increasing our use of clean and renewable sources of energy generation in the years to come.”

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