

R.M. of Big Arm No. 251

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Subject: 12102708/20560582 – RPU 1D39, 1D241, 1D44 Simpson-Imperial – RM of WOOD CREEK 281, WREFORD 280 & BIG ARM 251 Project Notification
Attachments: RUD FAQs.pdf; 20560582_ Overview Map _RPU 1D39, 1D241, 1D44 Simpson-Imperial_Rev0.pdf; 20560582_RUD landowner letter_ RPU 1D39, 1D241, 1D44 Simpson-Imperial.docx

Hello All,

My name is Johns Antony, and I am contacting you on behalf of SaskPower as we begin planning for **RPU 1D39, 1D241, 1D44 Simpson-Imperial** within the RM of WOOD CREEK 281, WREFORD 280 & BIG ARM 251. This email is to provide early notice of the project and upcoming surveying activities to establish the road allowance boundary along the planned route.

Project Details:

- **Notification/Order:** 12102708/20560582
- **Project Name:** RPU 1D39, 1D241, 1D44 Simpson-Imperial
- **Location/District:** Humboldt / RM of WOOD CREEK 281, WREFORD 280 & BIG ARM 251
- **Planned Construction Window:** October 2027 – June 2028
- **Project Type:** Underground RUD
- **Scope Summary:** Rebuilding approximately 17.5 km of 25 kV distribution line with new poles Installing 50.5km of underground cable

Why we're reaching out:

- To share a preliminary map of the planned route.
- To ask if there are any planned **road widenings, road construction, waterlines or other known projects in the project area** that we should be aware of during design.

Survey Activities:

- Survey crews will be working along road allowances to confirm boundaries and gather key information such as existing utilities, terrain conditions, and potential obstacles.

Attachment:

- Preliminary Design Drawing - design details may change as the project progresses.
- Letter sent to affected landowners
- Frequently Asked Questions:
 - RUD FAQ (RUD and RPU Projects)

Note: Once the design is complete, your office will receive an email from our File Management group with the final design details as part of SaskPower's normal permitting process.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to reach out.

2026 Rural Power Line Rebuilds

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

SaskPower is investing over \$100 million in 2026 to update aging rural power infrastructure across the province. This work includes building new power lines and replacing existing ones to improve reliability and meet growing power needs. Here's what you need to know:

1. WHY IS SASKPOWER UPGRADING POWER LINES IN MY AREA?

The existing lines are nearing the end of their useful life. Upgrading them will make your power more reliable and ensure we can support future growth.

2. WHAT WILL THE NEW POWER LINE(S) LOOK LIKE?

We're rebuilding parts of the province's rural distribution system – the network of power lines that delivers lower-voltage power directly to homes, farms, and businesses.

Depending on the needs of the area, the new lines may include:

- Single-phase overhead or underground lines for individual properties or areas with lower demand.
- Three-phase overhead lines for areas with higher demand.

Overhead lines are typically built in the road allowance with 40-to-45-foot wooden poles, spaced about 90 metres apart. Underground lines follow the shortest path between neighbouring customers, often across fields.



Single-phase power line



Three-phase power line



Transmission line

3. WHEN WILL THE WORK START AND HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

We follow a multi-step process to complete this work:

- Testing power lines to identify priority areas.
- Design and plan power line routes (this is where we're at right now).
- Securing necessary permits and land access over the next six to eight months.
- Beginning construction spring 2026.
- Completing final connections.

Once design and planning are complete, and we've secured all necessary permits, we expect construction to begin in spring of 2026. Depending on the scope of each job, construction could last anywhere from one to four months.

4. WILL THE NEW LINES BE BUILT IN THE SAME LOCATIONS?

Not always. To better serve the current and future needs of our rural customers, we are taking a more strategic approach.

Instead of simply replacing lines in the same locations, we're extending three-phase overhead lines into areas with higher demand. These lines are more efficient and will serve as the backbone for smaller power line routes in the area that will mostly be built underground using our new 30-30-300 design standard:

- Max length of power line route: 30 miles.
- Max customers per power line route: 30 customers.
- Max expected load: 300 kVA (enough to power 30 to 60 homes).

Using this new approach will help improve power reliability, reduce outage response times, and support future growth.

5. CAN YOU BURY THREE-PHASE POWER LINES?

It's not common or recommended in rural areas. Underground three-phase is more costly for SaskPower and our customers, and is far more complex, so outages take longer to find and fix. Overhead construction is much more practical in a rural setting.

6. WILL SASKPOWER BUILD THREE-PHASE LINES ON MY LAND?

We aim to build three-phase power lines within road allowances. If that's not possible, we may need access to private land and will work with landowners to secure easements before construction. Factors we consider when choosing which side of the road to use include:

- Road allowance width and location.
- Terrain like water bodies and trees.
- Existing services like water piping, communication cables, gas lines, pipelines, and other power lines.
- The number of road crossings required.

SaskPower is regulated to place poles half a metre, or about 18 inches, inside the edge of the road allowance, but the exact distance from the road edge can vary depending on how wide the allowance and road is.

7. WILL YOU NEED ACCESS TO MY LAND?

In most cases, yes, we will need access to your land to install or remove power lines. You will be notified well in advance of this work. We understand this can be disruptive, especially during growing season, and will do our best to prepare you for this work. If any damage occurs, we will repair or compensate accordingly. If you rent your land, please inform your tenant about our work. For questions, please contact land@saskpower.com.

8. WHAT IF MY CROP HAS BEEN DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF THIS WORK?

Please rest assured that if crop damage occurs, SaskPower will compensate you. Our crews will document the affected area and crop type, including photos, to ensure fair and accurate reimbursement.

9. HOW WILL YOU MANAGE CLUBROOT IN AFFECTED AREAS?

To reduce the risk of spreading clubroot:

- Equipment is visually inspected when entering, exiting, or moving between fields.
- Soil is removed using appropriate cleaning methods.
- All inspections and cleanings are documented.

10. WHAT KIND OF CONSTRUCTION METHODS WILL BE USED?

We use specialized equipment and crews to install overhead and underground power lines. For overhead lines, poles are assembled and lifted into place using trucks, then wires are strung and tensioned. For underground lines, cable plows are typically used to lay cable efficiently, with trenching or boring used in specific areas like road crossings.

11. WHAT IF I AM CONCERNED ABOUT HOW NEW POWER LINES WILL AFFECT ACCESS TO MY FARM OR USE OF THE ROAD ALLOWANCE?

We understand that today's farm equipment is larger and needs more space to operate safely. We will take care to place poles as far from the road as possible – while staying within the road allowance and avoiding private land.

We aim to place poles at least 15 metres, or 50 feet, from field approaches or bin yards to allow safe maneuvering, especially for augers and other long equipment.

12. HOW DOES SASKPOWER DECIDE WHAT POWER LINES NEEDS TO BE REBUILT OR REPLACED?

We rebuild power lines based on safety, risk reliability, and infrastructure condition. Lines that cause frequent outages or can't meet growing demand are prioritized. Our goal is to make upgrades where they'll have the greatest long-term benefit for both our customers and SaskPower.

13. WILL YOU NEED TO TRIM OR REMOVE TREES ON MY LAND OR ALONG THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY?

Possibly. If trees or other vegetation are too close to power lines, we may need to trim or remove them to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of power. If work is needed on your land, SaskPower will do its best to notify you in advance.

14. WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS WORK?

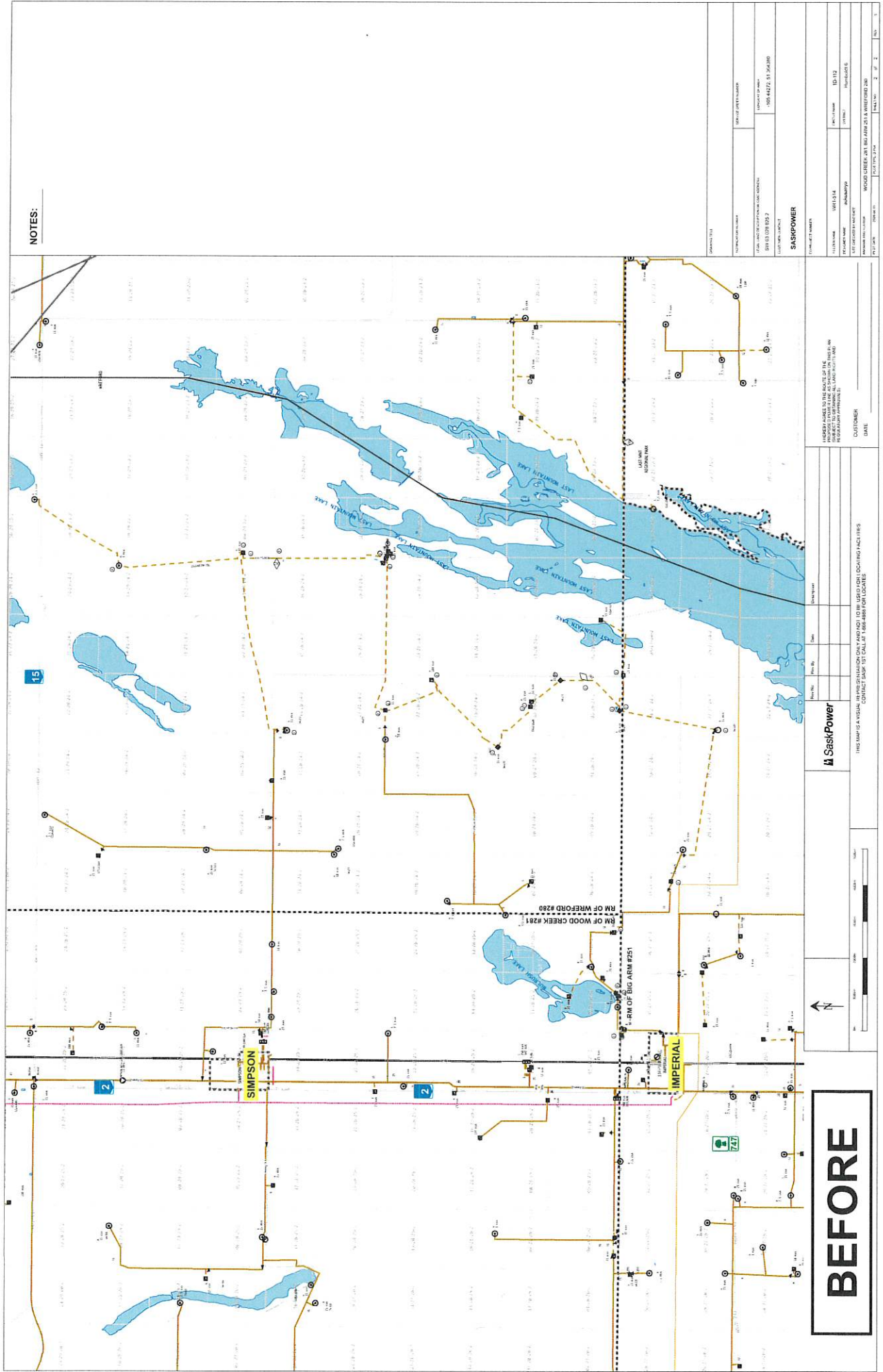
You can reach out to SaskPower's land department via email at land@saskpower.com.

15. DO POWER LINES INTERFERE WITH RADIO AND TELEVISION RECEPTION?

SaskPower complies with federal regulations to ensure our power lines don't produce signals that interfere with radio or television reception. Occasionally, loose hardware and other issues can cause interference. If this happens, SaskPower will address the problem. For assistance, please call 1-877-757-6937 or visit saskpower.com.

16. WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SEE A DOWNED POWER LINE?

If you see a downed or unsafe-looking power line, always stay at least 10 meters away from the power line and call SaskPower at 310-2220 or 911. Other electrical emergencies like an open power box, power outage, power disturbance, meter socket that's been pulled free, broken or missing meter seal and radio noise can also be reported by calling 310-2220.



NOTES:

BEFORE

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Scale: 1" = 100'

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THIS MAP IS A VISUAL REPRESENTATION ONLY AND NOT TO BE USED FOR LOCATING FACILITIES
CONTACT SASK POWER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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<Landowner Name>

<Landowner Company if Applicable>

Street Address

City, Province, Postal Code

Dear <Landowner Name>,

We are pleased to inform you about SaskPower's upcoming plans to rebuild some of the power infrastructure in your community. As the needs of rural Saskatchewan continue to evolve, so must we. Much of our system is nearing the end of its life and requires replacement to ensure reliable and affordable power for your area.

What's Happening:

To improve power reliability, maintain affordable rates, and meet growing demand, our plans may include:

- Relocating some existing infrastructure.
- Replacing some aging underground cables with new ones.
- Replacing some underground cables with three-phase overhead power lines.
- Salvaging old lines as part of the rebuild.

Enclosed, you will find a map of the draft rebuild plan for your reference. All services into yards will remain underground. For the most part, any new overhead power lines will be constructed within road allowances. If we need to obtain an easement, we will be in contact with you directly. We may also trim or remove trees and shrubs to reduce outages and fire risk.

In some cases, we may need to access your land due to the location of nearby power lines. We recognize this may be disruptive, especially since the work is scheduled during the growing season. Please rest assured that if any permanent crop damage occurs, SaskPower will compensate you. Our crews will document the affected area and crop type, including photos, to ensure fair and accurate reimbursement.

Customer Benefits:

- **Improved Power Reliability:** By replacing aging infrastructure, we aim to reduce outages and ensure more reliable power for your home and businesses.
- **Improved Safety:** Upgrading to modern equipment and maintaining underground services into yards will enhance safety and reduce the risk of fire and other hazards.
- **Cost Efficiency:** Investing in a modern, efficient power system now will prevent the need for more costly upgrades and replacements in the future, supporting growth in your area and helping keep rates affordable.

Connect with Us:

At this time, the project is in the early stages of development. We would like to offer the opportunity to make any changes to your service location or increase the capacity of your existing service. If you are interested, please call us at 1-888-757-6937 to discuss your needs.

If you have any other project questions, feel free to contact us. As we continue planning for this project, we ask that you reach out by email to land@saskpower.com or phone 306-566-2397 within 30 days of receiving this letter.

Please keep this letter for your records and notify any renters of the upcoming work. Your reference number is [12102708](#).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Johns Antony
Electrical Design Technologist

Enclosure(s)

Cc: SaskPower File Management

SaskPower File Numbers: [12102708](#) / [20560582](#)

Landowner Parcel Number: [<Landowner Parcel Number>](#)

Landowner Land Location: [<Land Locations>](#)