

PRELIMINARY REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION PLAN

The purpose of this study is to outline a proposed plan of real estate acquisition for that portion of the Haines to Fairbanks POL pipeline right-of-way located within the Dominion of Canada.

Subject right-of-way enters Canadian lands approximately 41 miles north-west of the proposed POL Terminal site located on Lutak Inlet near Haines, Alaska. It continues along the general route of the Haines Cut-Off Road in Canada to Haines Junction, at which point it follows the general route of the Alaska Highway to the International boundary between Alaska and Canada. The proposed pipeline right-of-way covers a distance of approximately 284 miles in Canada. Approximately 240 miles of the right-of-way are located in Yukon Territory and 44 miles are located in British Columbia. Reference is made to the map attached to this report entitled "Route of POL Pipeline, Canadian Section", on which the proposed pipeline is outlined in red.

Proposed width of pipeline right-of-way is 50 feet. Pumping stations will be located at Pipeline Mile 47 in British Columbia and at Pipeline Mile 155 and Pipeline Mile 238 in Yukon Territory. It is estimated that areas to be occupied by these stations will be 15 acres for the British Columbia site and 5 acres each for the Yukon Territory sites. A new communications line will also be constructed within the proposed pipeline right-of-way from Haines Junction in Canada to the International border near Haines, Alaska. Terrain along the Haines Cut-Off Road in the vicinity of the right-of-way is rolling to mountainous. This type of terrain continues along the Alaska Highway until the pipeline right-of-way drops down into the Kluane Lake basin. The proposed pipeline will pass under the lake for approximately 9 miles. The balance of the right-of-way to the Canadian-Alaska border passes over land varying from river bottom to undulating tablelands.

Final detailed surveys to show lines of private property are not yet available. However, preliminary review of the survey discloses that the following individually and agency controlled lands will be affected:

MP 119, Haines Cut-Off Road, r/w through small tract 200'x 200'. Catholic Episcopal Church of Whitehorse, Permit PTD 107.

MP 125, Haines Cut-Off Road, r/w approximately 6350 feet through private property (a portion of this will be in Haines Cut-Off Road r/w). Beloud's Dezadeash Camp Property.

Dezadeash River Crossing, Haines Cut-Off Road, 25-acre tract, r/w distance approximately 1100 feet. Northwest Highway System Camp Site.

MP 1023, Alaska Highway, tract 2850'x 2640', approximate r/w distance 2900 feet. McIntosh Lot 6, GR 803.

MP 1083, Alaska Highway Tract 780'x 780', r/w approximately 980 feet. Northwest Highway System Camp Site 1083.

MP 1164, Alaska Highway, tract 800'x 1000', r/w distance approximately 500 feet. Northwest Communication System Station (abandoned).

MP 1184, Alaska Highway, tract approximately 284'x 350', r/w distance approximately 375 feet. B.Y.N. Co.

MP 1184, Alaska Highway, tract 300'x 300', r/w distance approximately 350 feet. Alda M. Brooks.

No investigation to date reveals any interference with buildings or structures of any agency. Informal information has been received to the effect that the Northwest Highway System will not interpose objection to the pipeline right-of-way passing through its campsites. It is proposed that the line through developed areas be buried to protect such areas as well as to insure the pipe from possible damage. In addition to the above special interests, the right-of-way will enter the St. Elias Park Reserve at various points adjoining the Haines Cut-Off Road and the Alaska Highway from the Yukon Territory, British Columbia boundary, to Congdon Creek, Yukon Territory.

It is recommended that a formal request be made of the Canadian Government in the form of a note from the State Department to obtain the right-of-way for the pipeline within Canada and to facilitate its construction by special arrangements. The suggested estate to be acquired by the United States of America would be a special pipeline use permit issued by the local Canadian agency concerned, acting under the general authority granted by the United States - Canada agreement. The international agreement should further contain and quote reference to permit continued operation of the line, free of Canadian duties on the materials for subsequent maintenance of the line and products carried by the line. At the present time, descriptions of private ownerships involved and detailed location maps of the right-of-way desired are being prepared for the Alaska District Engineer. This office proposes to supply this information to the local Canadian agency, together with a request for specific use permits immediately following the international agreement.

It is recommended that the Canadian authorities perform acquisition of all private interests involved in Canada to insure the validity of such use permits.

It is also recommended that no consideration be reserved in use permits granted by the Canadian Government inasmuch as the use of the proposed pipeline will be for military purposes for the mutual defense of both the United States and Canada.