



Press Release

Project Update: Submarine Power Cable Replacement Project for the communities of Haines and Skagway

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The communities of Skagway and Haines are connected to each other, and to AP&T generating stations, by a submarine power cable system. This system has distributed clean hydroelectric power from AP&T projects to neighboring communities since its installation in 1998.

In 2019, AP&T discovered damage along the system's northern section, which connects the Port of Skagway with the Kasidaya hydroelectric project. If this cable section were to fail then Haines and Skagway utility systems would become isolated, impacting energy costs, decreasing reliability, and increasing fossil fuel use.

To prevent this from happening, AP&T initiated a cable replacement project, beginning with a marine survey conducted in the summer of 2020. Based on survey findings, AP&T chose to proactively replace the power cable section. AP&T is moving the Skagway cable landing site to AP&T's existing fiber optic cable landing at Smugglers Cove, west of the Skagway River. The new route will avoid submarine hazards discovered along the existing cable route; minimize conflicts with port operations and expansion plans; and minimize marine vessel-related risks.

In October 2021, AP&T contracted Westpark Electric Ltd. To manage the replacement project. Westpark brings a wealth of experience installing similar power cable systems in southeast Alaska and British Columbia.

Cable manufacturing is underway with delivery to North America expected by August 2022.

AP&T filed for all necessary permits and easements to install the repair section. The Municipality of Skagway has issued an easement for Smugglers Cove. AP&T plans to install the section in the

third quarter of 2022, depending upon the timing of required permits and approvals. No outages are expected during the power cable replacement process. However, if outages are planned then AP&T will publish advanced notice.

AP&T appreciates all of the support it has received from community stakeholders, local and tribal governments, and permitting agencies. We look forward to making this project a success that helps ensure ongoing access to affordable, reliable, renewable energy for many years to come.