

## **NovaGold's Proposed Power Line**

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When the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office had almost completed its evaluation of NovaGold's open pit mine at Galore Creek, the mining corporation suddenly switched its proposal from 138kV technology to 287kV for the line that runs north from the town of Terrace to the junction on Highway 37 called Bob Quinn.

The NovaGold corporation is getting away without conducting an Environmental Assessment on the Terrace to Bob Quinn section of the power line. By letting the British Columbia Transmission Corporation extend the British Columbia Hydro grid to Bob Quinn, the Environmental Assessment will be done by British Columbia Hydro, a pro industry agency.

This piece meal approach to environmental assessment means that industrial mining projects at Galore Creek, Kutcho Creek, Red Chris, Fortune, Shell, Shaft Creek and others will get hydro power concurrently. Rather than the collective mining impact on the region, only the transmission line corridor impacts will be assessed by British Columbia Hydro.

The cumulative impacts caused by NovaGold's project calling for 287kV technology for a power line to serve the industrial exploitation of Tahltan Territory is the tipping point for a boom and bust of known Stikine mineral resources which represents cultural genocide for the Tahltan communities.

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