



## Manitoba Moves

This past winter Erickson won a powerline contract with Forbes Brothers Ltd. Powerline Construction in Manitoba Canada. The project goal is to strengthen the overall reliability of Manitoba's electricity supply and increase access to sell into the U.S. market.

Hydro-power is the energy source converted into electricity, and our job started in early December and will be fulfilled in phases throughout 2017. The powerline length consists of 700 miles of line running from Hudson Bay to Winnipeg and will connect with the Great Northern Transmission line at the Minnesota/Canadian border and continues south for 180 miles. Erickson will be constructing 1,800 towers; some will be flown as one unit and some will be split into two separate lifts.

Our crews have done an excellent job of overcoming the challenges that come with working in the dead of winter in Manitoba with temperatures reaching -32 degrees. Temperatures were forecast to drop to -30 C with -50 C temperatures expected directly under the aircraft's rotor wash directed to the load masters and rigging crew.

In temperatures like these, winter covers were installed each night to allow for the Wacker Neuson Indirect Fire HI 400 Heaters to warm the main gear box oil and fuel control units each morning. The project is on schedule.



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