



Powerline Construction

Erickson won a powerline contract in Manitoba Canada with the project goal 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 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 constructed 1,800 towers; some were flown as one unit and some were split into two separate lifts.

Erickson crews did an excellent job of overcoming the challenges of 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.



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