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I hope this update on upcoming work in our industry finds you and your families well.

As you may have heard, the Federal Government has postponed \$2.3 billon work in Alberta slated for this summer. Most of this work is TC Energy expansion loops.

The earliest that permits will be issued for this work will be Oct.19; therefore, it is unlikely work on these projects will proceed until sometime in the new year. That being said, we are expecting to draw large numbers of 488 members for work on the following projects.

- -Michaels Canada will be proceeding with approximately 150 km of pipeline for the Keystone XL project. This is an Alberta job with the majority of its work beginning in late August to early Sept. and will be a camp job.
- -SA Energy will be kicking off work on the Coastal Gas and TMX Pipelines in British Columbia, again, approximately August or early September. Although this work will be in BC's jurisdiction, they will be relying heavily on Local 488 members and other Travel Cards in order to fill the manpower requirements needed to complete these jobs.
- -PAPC (Pacific Atlantic Pipeline Constructors) Is a new signatory company to the UA and will also be providing opportunities for members on the Coastal Gas Link project as well. Same estimates to begin work are August/September. All BC. Spreads are approx. 100 km each.

As you are all aware, times and dates for these projects can change without warning. Please continue to monitor the 488 Website for any changes or details. Please also feel free to contact me anytime and I will do my best to update you on the latest information as I receive it. Also please take this time to ensure all your tickets are up to date and ready to go.

Each company will also have its own rules and Covid-19 response plans. Please be advised that these procedures and measures will be enforced to the letter and non-compliance will result in immediate removal from these projects. Please prepare to protect yourself and others as we navigate theses unprecedented times. If we can work together in this new environment, we will all continue to set the bar for the UA Standard for Excellence.

I would like to thank you all in advance for your patience and co-operation moving forward on these projects. As a friend of mine likes to say, 'One Team, One Dream'.

All the best to you and your loved ones, stay safe.

Fraternally,

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