

Walla Walla to McNary

230kV transmission line project

Project overview

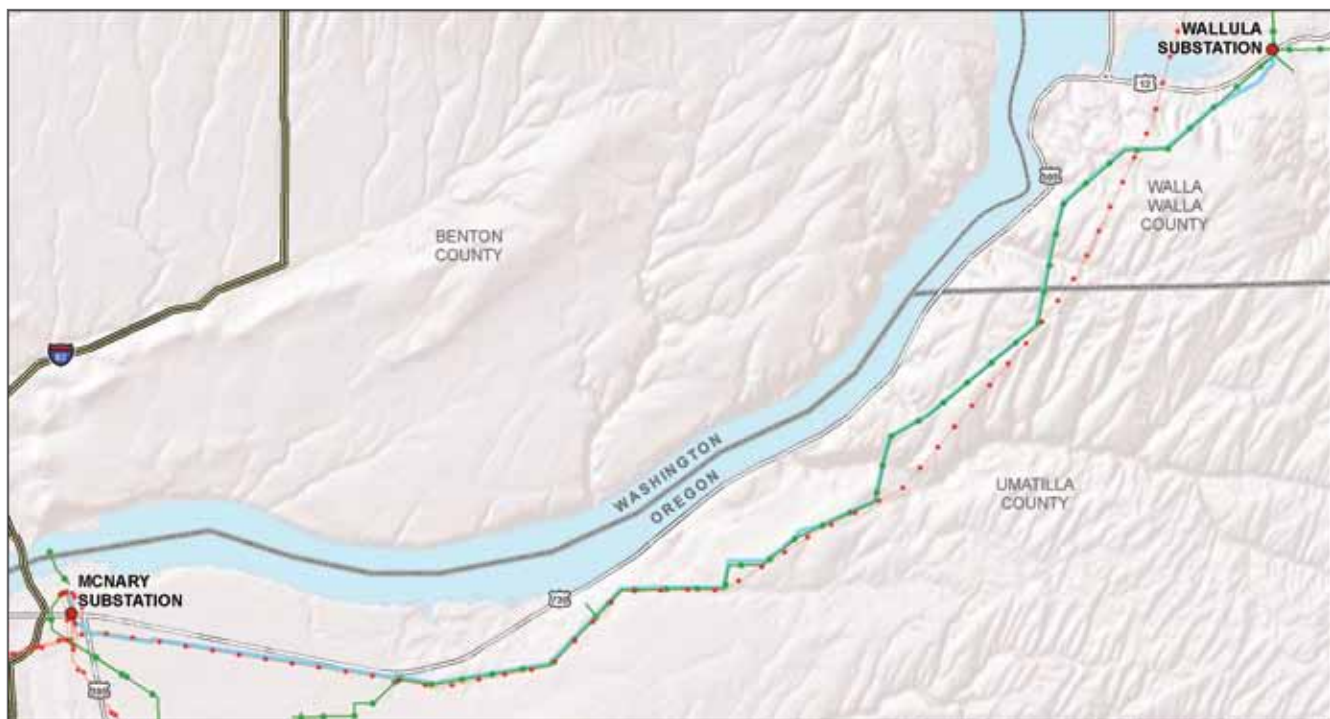
In order to continue to provide reliable, safe and cost-effective energy to our customers and support new renewable energy development, Pacific Power will soon be constructing a new transmission line between Wallula, Washington and Umatilla, Oregon. Pacific Power continues to work with property owners to obtain rights of way for this 30-mile, 230-kilovolt transmission line, which will be built on a 125-foot-wide right of way and connect existing power substations (Wallula and the McNary substation at Umatilla). We anticipate beginning construction in 2012-2013, with a target to have the line in service in the 2012-2013 timeframe.

Pacific Power originally announced plans in 2008 to build a new transmission line between Walla Walla, Washington, and Umatilla. Pacific Power sought input from landowners, residents, agencies, tribes and local governments regarding transmission line

siting, and received local permits for the route in 2009. In 2009, Pacific Power announced that, based upon transmission service requests from energy developers, the company would move forward to build just the 30-mile portion of the original proposed line from Wallula to Umatilla. The remaining 25-mile section, from Wallula to Walla Walla, is not scheduled to proceed but will remain under review for future consideration.

Throughout this process, Pacific Power has and will continue to minimize impacts to the community and local environment from project development, construction and maintenance, and will regularly update and inform customers and the public.

The transmission line is part of PacifiCorp's ongoing investment program to ensure strong regional electrical infrastructure to cost-effectively meet the needs of our customers and the region.



The blue line shows the route for the portion of the new transmission line that will begin construction in 2012. Pacific Power is adding this transmission line to better serve customers and support new renewable energy development. The red and green lines show existing transmission lines.

Customer benefits

- Increases ability of Pacific Power to draw on the most affordable sources of electricity to serve customers.
- Improves reliability provided by a stronger transmission grid.
- Provides access to more energy options, including renewable energy (specifically, local wind energy).
- Supports local community economic development.
- Addresses future energy demand growth.
- Provides more efficient use of existing energy sources.
- Supports the region's renewable energy goals, customer expectations and environmental priorities.

Public information process

- **Public involvement:** Pacific Power will continue to involve the public in the development of this transmission line. This includes continued outreach to landowners, community leaders, local and state agencies, tribes and others.
- **Public input:** Pacific Power gathered public input on transmission line routing through public open houses and ongoing consultation with landowners, agencies, tribes and local governments. Additionally, as part of local permitting processes and the state of Oregon Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity process, governments and agencies held public meetings and comment periods to seek input on the proposed transmission line. We continue to welcome questions and comments about the project.



A typical wood pole 230kV structure that will be used in the new transmission line project.

- **Public information:** We pledge to keep the public informed throughout the process of building this line. As the project continues, we will continue to post newsletters and other informational materials online and distribute them to landowners and interested citizens.
- **Project website:** For more information please visit pacificpower.net/energygateway – look for Segment A – Walla Walla to McNary under Energy Gateway.

Pacific Power incorporated community input in determining final route

- To minimize impact from environmental, land use, social, cost and technical factors, this transmission line route was selected as the preferred option.
- This selected route addresses the siting preferences of landowners, stakeholders, tribes and local government entities.

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Project timeline

2008-2012

- Secure needed permits

2010-2013

- Obtaining rights of way

2012-2013

- Construction

2012-2013

- Estimated line in service for customers

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pacificpower.net/energygateway



Let's turn the answers on.