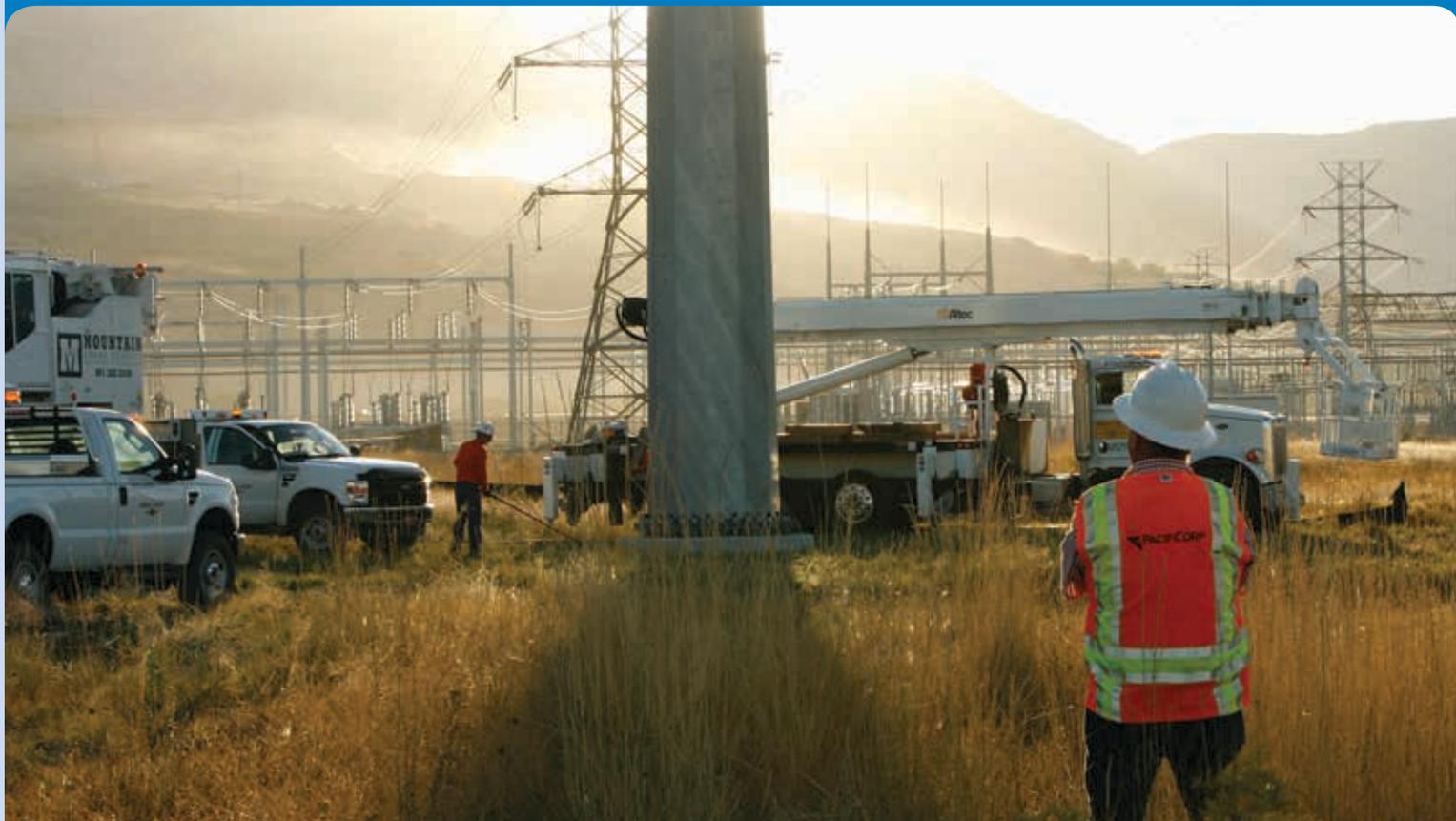


Gateway South

New transmission project to help meet growing need for electricity



Rocky Mountain Power, as part of PacifiCorp, is always working to provide safe, reliable electrical service to meet the growing needs of its customers. With energy use on the rise and electrical demand fast approaching the limits of the existing transmission system, new facilities are needed to meet the growing demand. Despite recent economic conditions, both new and existing customers have greater needs for energy than ever before – especially electricity. New infrastructure is needed to meet customers' needs, improve system reliability, reduce transmission system constraints, provide access to diverse generation resources, and improve the flow of electricity throughout PacifiCorp's multi-state service area.

Throughout the West, new transmission lines are needed to meet customers' long-term needs for reliable, safe and cost-effective electricity. These lines will reduce current constraints on the region's transmission system, meet current and future growth in electrical demand, allow increased access to diverse generation resources and improve the flow of electricity throughout PacifiCorp's multi-state service area. Given the long periods of time necessary to site, permit and construct major new transmission lines, these projects need to be planned well in advance and developed in time to meet customer need.



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Project description

The Gateway South project is a 500-kilovolt transmission line, approximately 400 miles in length (depending on the route that is selected), beginning at the planned Aeolus substation near Medicine Bow, Wyoming, and terminating at the Clover substation near Mona, Utah.

The proposed structures, made of dulled galvanized steel, would vary in type depending on the location. The height would range from approximately 140 feet to 190 feet and the average span between structures would be approximately 1,000 to 1,500 feet (four to five structures per mile). The line would be constructed on a 250-foot-wide right of way to accommodate the construction and operation of the transmission line.

Route selection process

Many location options are being considered for the transmission line and public involvement will play a key role in selecting a final preferred route. Public input will be gathered through open house meetings and ongoing consultation with landowners, agencies and local governments. The feedback will be accommodated to

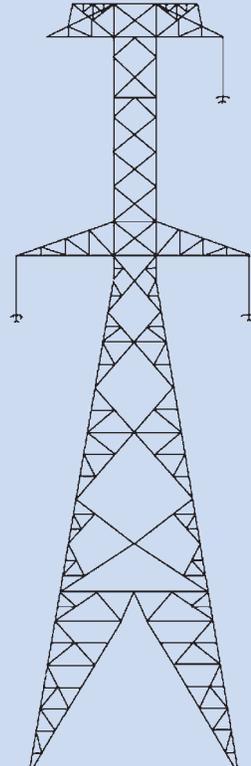
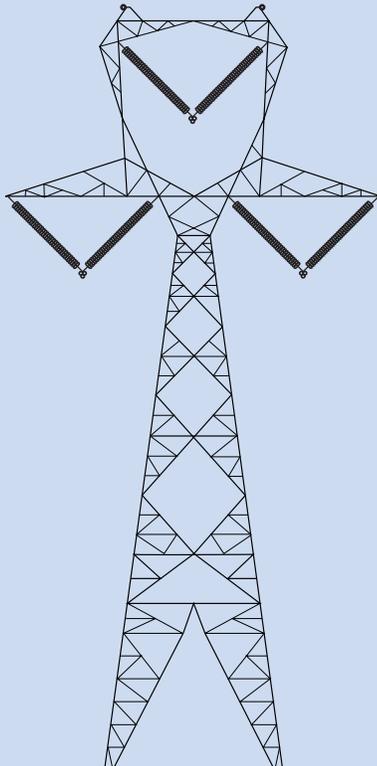
the greatest extent possible, even if all impacts cannot be eliminated.

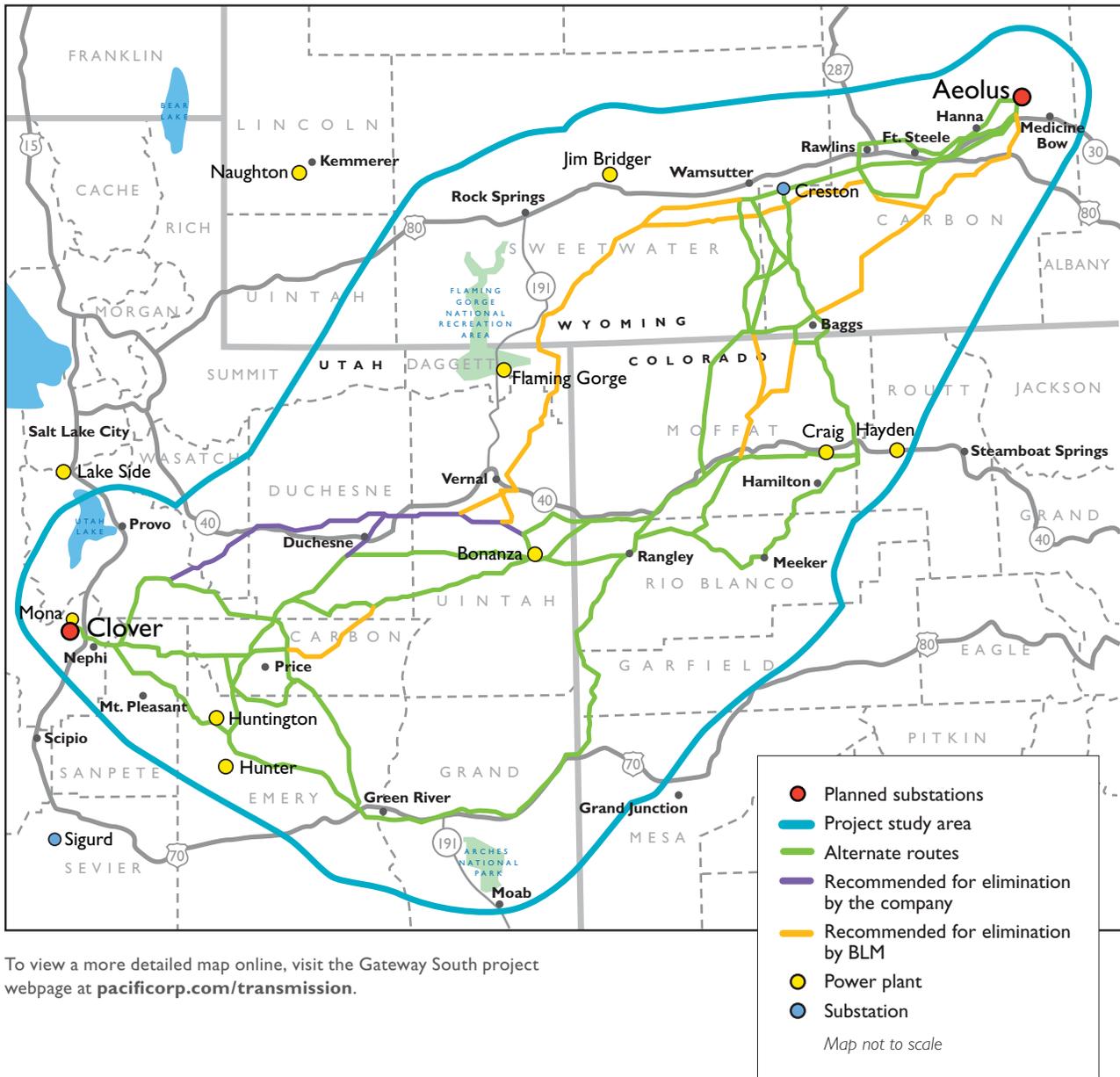
Criteria also considered in reviewing route alternatives include: electric service reliability, safety, technical feasibility, eventual cost to customers, land use, accessibility, geography, access to areas to be served, other utility locations, visual resources, historical and cultural sites, agriculture, vegetation, wildlife management areas, raptor nesting, economic development, parks and monuments, soil conditions and other factors.

Environmental review & permitting process

The company conducted a feasibility analysis for the project and identified preliminary routing alternatives prior to filing a right of way application with the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service in December 2008 for routes affecting federal lands in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. Many locations were considered during the feasibility analysis for the transmission line to ensure the additional capacity and improved reliability were sufficient to meet the current and future needs of customers.

Typical structure types





To view a more detailed map online, visit the Gateway South project webpage at pacificorp.com/transmission.

The BLM, as lead agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is required and is working with the Forest Service as well as other federal, state and local cooperating agencies on the EIS.

Public participation is encouraged throughout the development of the EIS. Detailed information regarding public meetings will be published in local newspapers, mailed to project-specific mailing lists and posted on

company and BLM websites. Several alternative routes are currently proposed. The final route will be determined through the EIS process.

Once the route has been selected, the company will continue to work directly with landowners to obtain rights of way. The company also will apply for all necessary permits and approvals from other federal and state agencies and local jurisdictions.

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Project timeline

- Public Scoping (conducted by BLM)
April 2011 – June 2011
- Environmental Impact Statement
December 2008 – 2015
- Informational meetings
2009 – project completion
- Estimated line in service for customers
2020 – 2024

Public information process

The company will continue to involve the public in all aspects in the planning and development of this project. As project planning continues, newsletters and other informational materials will continue to be posted online and distributed to landowners and interested citizens.

For more information, please contact us:

Because there are a number of projects underway, please specify that your request is regarding the Gateway South project.

Email:

ConstructionProjects@pacificorp.com

Message line:

801-220-4221

Web:

pacificorp.com/transmission

Information for this project can be found by clicking on "Transmission Projects" then "Gateway South".

To have your comments regarding the Gateway South project considered as part of the official record, please submit them directly to:

BLM Wyoming State Office
Attn: Gateway South Project
P.O. Box 21150
Cheyenne, WY 82003

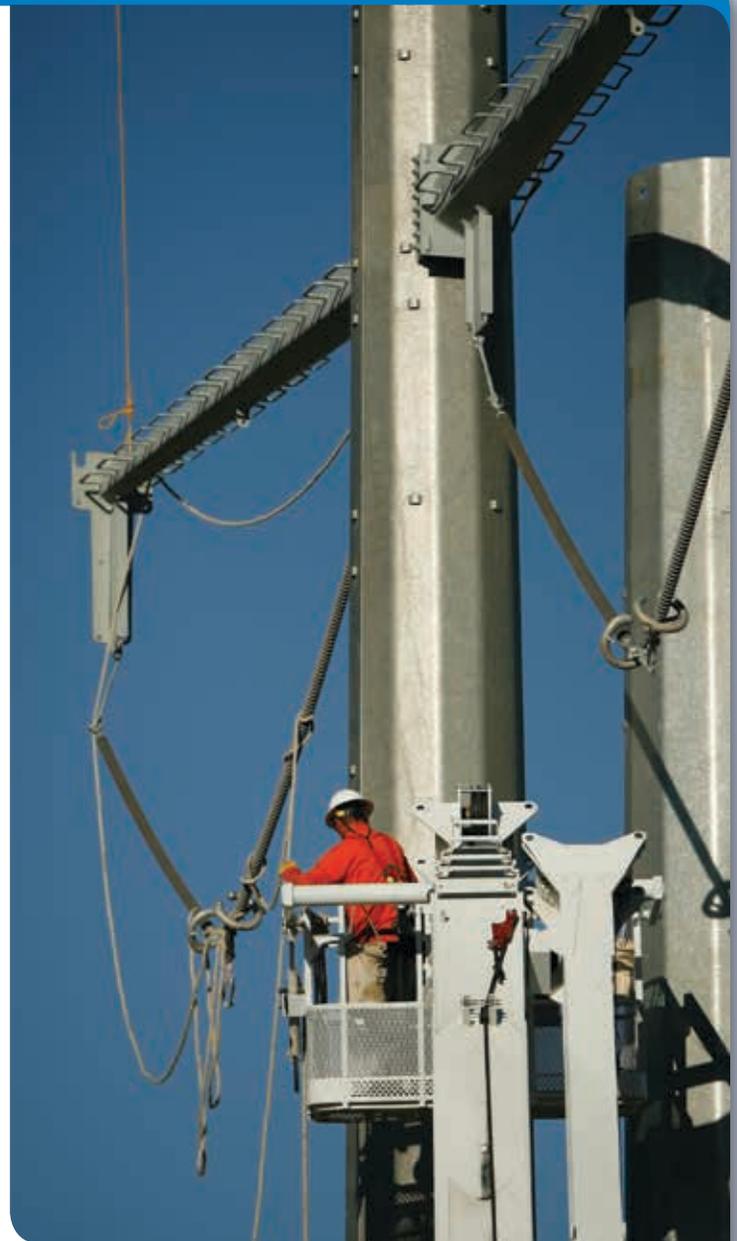
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Please send your comments to both the company and the BLM. Comments made directly to the BLM become part of the official record.



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