

# MONA TO OQUIRRH TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR PROJECT

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This is the second newsletter to inform you about the status of the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project. The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to publish a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that describes the effects of granting Rocky Mountain Power a right-of-way for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project. The proposed project would establish a new 500/345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Mona Substation near Mona, in Juab County, to the Oquirrh Substation, located in West Jordan, and the Terminal Substation, located in Salt Lake City. This project also includes the siting of two new future substations and would result in an amendment to the BLM Salt Lake Field Office's Pony Express Resource Management Plan to establish utility corridors. This project may affect the areas around the communities of Mona, Nephi, Eureka, Goshen, Stockton, Tooele, Grantsville, Stansbury Park, West Jordan, South Jordan, Magna, and Salt Lake City.

## PROJECT UPDATE

The potential transmission line corridors and substation siting areas, which were presented at public meetings in November 2007, have been refined based on comments received from agencies and the public. These refined alternative transmission line routes and substation sites identified by BLM will be presented in the DEIS, scheduled for publication in April 2009. A third newsletter will be mailed to announce the availability of the DEIS, the 90-day period for public review and comment, and the schedule for the public hearings on the DEIS that will take place during the 90-day period. The DEIS analyzes the potential effects of the project on environmental resources and land uses listed below, and addresses the issues identified through public scoping early in the preparation of the DEIS.

- Biological resources
- Floodplains and wetlands
- Cultural or historic resources and tribal values
- Human health and safety
- Air, soil, and water resources
- Visual resources
- Land use, including agricultural operations, recreation, and transportation

## PROJECT TIMELINE

The anticipated timeline for the project is:

- Draft EIS: April 2009
- Final EIS and Record of Decision: Early 2010
- Right-of-Way Acquisition: Spring 2010
- Construction: 2010-2012

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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## SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE DEIS

Once the DEIS is completed in April 2009, the document will be available at the BLM Office, public libraries and on CD-ROM. A copy of the document will also be posted on the project website listed above.

**To receive a copy of the DEIS, please check the box:**  Send me an electronic copy on CD-ROM

**To remain on the mailing list, please check the box:**  I wish to remain on the mailing list.

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