Transmission line will satisfy increased demand and ensure reliability

Utah grows – Rocky Mountain Power invests to keep pace

Rocky Mountain Power is always working to provide safe, reliable and efficient electrical service to our customers. During the past decade, Utah has had one of the fastest-growing economies in the nation. This economic growth has led to a significant increase in the demand for energy, especially electricity. In order to serve the growing needs of our customers, we are engaged in a regional effort to modernize and increase the capacity of our transmission systems.

The Mona to Oquirrh transmission line, currently proposed in central Utah, is required to ensure that customers now and in the future have access to safe, reliable electricity. This new high-voltage transmission line will run about 100 miles from Mona substation near Mona in Juab County, to a location in Tooele County where two separate lines will be built to the Oquirrh substation in West Jordan and the Terminal substation in Salt Lake City. The Mona to Oquirrh transmission line is part of an ambitious investment in transmission that will increase reliability, support the increased needs of customers and ensure delivery of electricity from new and existing generating facilities, including renewable generating sources.

Project development

Although the exact placement of the line has not yet been determined, the proposed Mona to Oquirrh project will be located in or near the communities of Mona, Nephi, Eureka, Goshen, Stockton, Tooele, Grantsville, Stansbury Park, West Jordan, South Jordan, Magna and Salt Lake City.

Rocky Mountain Power has applied for a right-of-way grant from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to build portions of the proposed transmission lines on federal property. Once a permit is received from the BLM, we will apply for all necessary permits and approvals from other federal agencies, state agencies, counties and cities, as well as work with private property owners from whom we will seek right-of-way or easement for the project.

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The National Environmental Policy Act requires the BLM, working with Rocky Mountain Power, to develop an environmental impact statement detailing an analysis of potential environmental impacts of a proposed range of reasonable alternatives. As the environmental impact statement is developed, the public will have the opportunity to learn about Rocky Mountain Power’s proposal in order to provide information and comments to the BLM.

Following the November 2007 initial scoping meetings held in Nephi, West Jordan and Tooele, potential transmission line corridors and substation siting areas were refined by the Bureau of Land Management. These refined alternative transmission routes and substation sites will be presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that is expected to be published in May 2009.

Once the draft statement is published, there will be a 90-day public comment period during which the BLM will hold three public meetings. These meetings will be publicized and held in Nephi, West Jordan and Tooele. Interested parties are encouraged to attend these meetings to learn more about the project, the specific proposed and alternative line routes, and to provide comments.

**Public meeting dates**

**June 9, 2009**
Tooele Junior High School
411 West Vine, Tooele

**June 10, 2009**
Juab High School
802 North 650 East, Nephi

**June 11, 2009**
Sunset Ridge Middle School
6881 West 8200 South, West Jordan

**Construction timeline**

- **May 2009**
  - Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- **Summer 2009**
  - Right-of-Way acquisition starts
- **Summer 2009 – Early 2010**
  - Local permits and approvals
- **Early 2010**
  - Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision
- **2010-2012**
  - Construction