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Would early retirement of Bridger Units 3 and 4 enable the deferral or avoidance of any of the Gateway transmission links? If so, please identify which links and over what period of time. If not, please explain all reasons why not.

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Retirement of Jim Bridger 3 and 4 would reduce the need to transport thermal resources westward between the proposed Anticline substation and existing Populus substations from Wyoming to the Company's load centers but, it would not avoid the need for more transmission capacity out of Wyoming. The Company's existing transmission system in Wyoming is highly constrained east of Bridger and limits the Company's ability to reliably transport low cost energy including existing and future thermal and renewable energy sources therein. Retirement of Bridger Units 3 and 4 would not avoid the need for Gateway West in that regard.