

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Color Country District has granted a temporary right-of-way to Rocky Mountain Power (Proponent) to conduct a geotechnical investigation along the alternative routes being studied in Sevier, Millard, Beaver, Iron, and Washington counties in Utah for the proposed Sigurd to Red Butte No.2 345kV Transmission Project. The investigation consists of drilling or geophysical surveys (e.g., refraction micro-tremor) at several locations along alternative routes, about one testing location every three miles, for the purpose of collecting hydrogeologic and geotechnical soil properties and geophysical data to support the design of foundations and structures for the proposed transmission line.

The Proponent submitted an application for a right-of-way grant in September 2009. Since that time, the BLM, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and state, county and municipal agencies, has completed an Environmental Assessment with a Finding on No Significant Impact, which is posted along with the Decision Record on the Environmental Notification Bulletin Board on the BLM website. Granting the right-of-way also was contingent upon the Proponent completing a Plan of Development providing detailed information on the geotechnical investigation program, including procedures that will be implemented during the geotechnical investigation activities and the stipulations, best management practices, and other measures to minimize potential impacts on resources and to ensure regulatory compliance.

The Proponent proposes to begin drilling the week of September 7, 2010.