

Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Report

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

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|-------|--|
| BLM | Bureau of Land Management |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CWG | Community Working Group |
| DEIS | Draft Environmental Impact Statement |
| EIS | Environmental Impact Statement |
| ENBB | Environmental Notification Bulletin Board |
| ESA | Endangered Species Act |
| FEIS | Final Environmental Impact Statement |
| FFO | Fillmore Field Office |
| kV | kilovolt |
| NEPA | National Environmental Policy Act |
| NOI | Notice of Intent |
| PLPCO | Utah Public Lands Policy Coordination Office |
| RMP | Rocky Mountain Power |
| SLFO | Salt Lake Field Office |
| UDWR | Utah Division of Wildlife Resources |
| USFS | U.S. Forest Service |
| USFWS | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |

INTRODUCTION

Scoping is a process required in the early stages of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Resource Management Plan Amendment to encourage public participation and solicit public input on the scope and significance of the proposed action (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1501.7). This scoping report documents the scoping process and provides a description of the scoping activities, a summary of the issues identified in scoping, the draft planning criteria, available data and data gaps, and a summary of the future steps in the planning process.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) proposes to establish a new, double-circuit 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. As part of long-range planning, this project would also include the identification of a corridor for a future double-circuit 500/345kV line, the siting of two new future substations, and a Pony Express Resource Management Plan Amendment for utility corridors. The project may affect the areas around the communities of Mona, Eureka, Cedar Fort, Stockton, Tooele, Grantsville, West Jordan, South Jordan, and Salt Lake City.

PROJECT NEED

As a public electric utility, RMP is required to provide safe, reliable, and cost-effective electric transmission service to its retail customers and other users of the transmission system. In order to meet this need, RMP is obligated per the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission requirements (Orders 888 and 889) to expand or upgrade its transmission system pursuant to the Open Access Transmission Tariff to accommodate requests (internal and external) for transmission services. Through the course of meeting its business and regulatory obligations, RMP has substantiated the need for the Proposed Action.

Northern Utah represents the fastest growing area within the state of Utah and constitutes one of the major growth areas within the region. Demand for electrical power is increasing at an approximate rate of 200 to 250 megawatts each year due to rapid population growth and additional electricity use of existing customers. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to address the electrical shortfall projected in the Wasatch Front of Utah within the next five to ten years, while improving the reliability and operational flexibility of service to the Wasatch Front, and allowing increased economical power transfers, sales, and purchases into and throughout Utah in the short and long term. The existing transmission system is not adequate for transmitting energy to the established interstate marketplace, and it is anticipated that a new 500kV transmission line interconnection will be needed between the Mona and Oquirrh substations and Terminal Substation by 2012. The Proposed Action addresses this problem with a new 500/345kV overhead transmission line and two new 500/345kV substations.

STUDY AREA

The study area contains portions of Salt Lake, Tooele, Utah, and Juab counties in Utah (Figure 1). Approximately 1,782 square miles in size, the study area contains a variety of landscape types, urban and rural development, and a variety of federal, state, and local land management agencies. There are approximately 19 incorporated cities and towns and approximately 5 unincorporated communities. Land management agencies include the following:

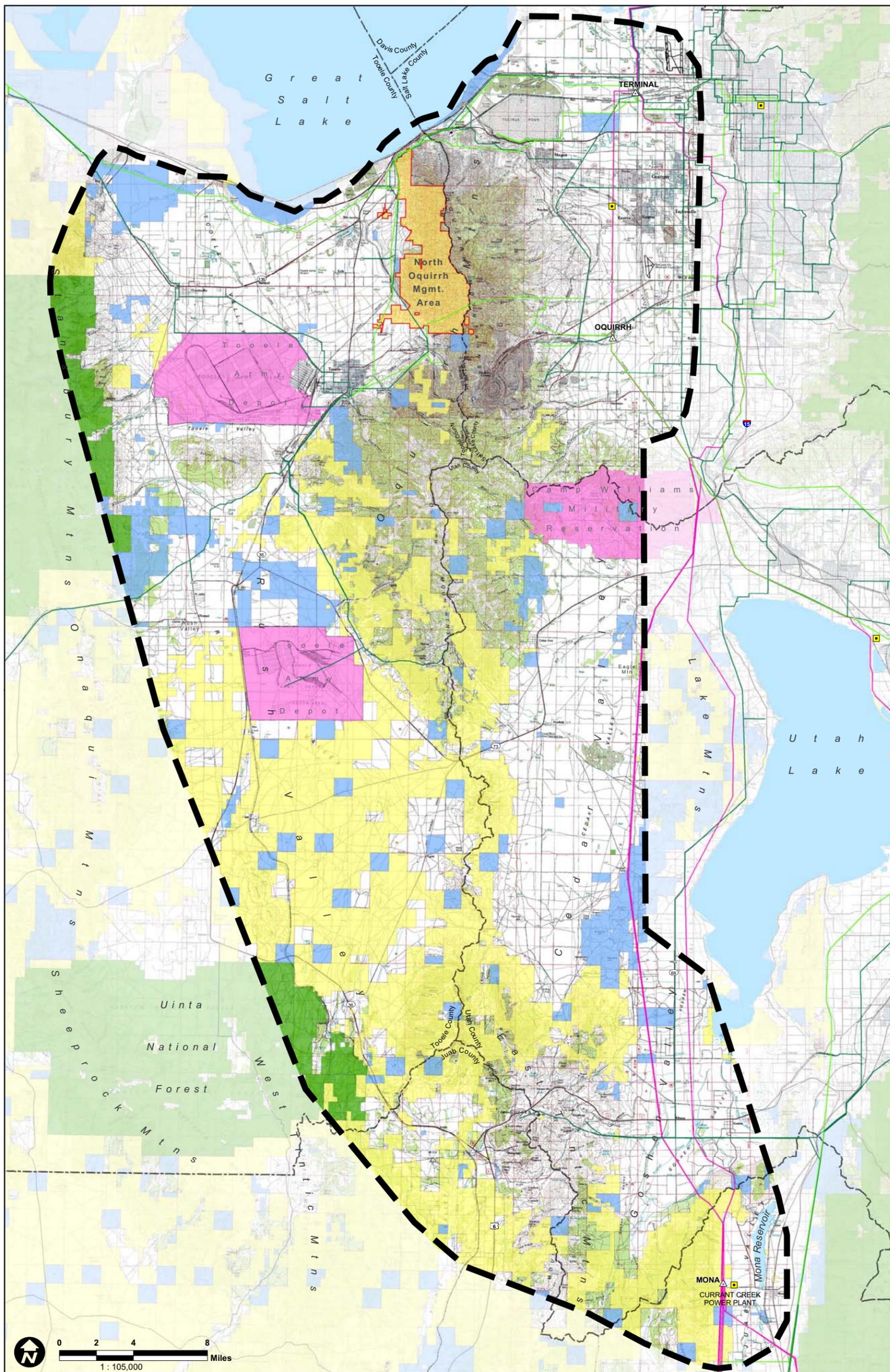
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Salt Lake Field Office (SLFO), Fillmore Field Office (FFO)
- Department of Defense – Tooele Army Depot, Camp Williams Military Reservation
- Uinta National Forest – Spanish Fork Ranger District
- Utah State Parks
- Utah Trust Lands Administration
- Utah Department of Wildlife Resources

The northeastern portion of the study area in Salt Lake County can be characterized as urbanized in nature. Several other communities, including Tooele City in Tooele County and Eagle Mountain in Utah County, are suburban communities. The remainder of the towns found throughout the study area are dispersed and rural in character.

SCOPING PROCESS

The purpose of the scoping effort is to establish an early process to identify the scope and significance of the project and potential issues related to the construction, operation, and maintenance of project facilities. It is an open process intended to incorporate the views and concerns of federal, state, and local agencies and the public regarding the scope of issues to be analyzed in the EIS. Other objectives of scoping include:

- Inviting agencies, in addition to the lead agency(s), to participate
- Determining the range of alternatives to be evaluated
- Identifying and evaluating significant issues
- Allocating EIS assignments among agencies
- Identifying other environmental review and consultation requirements
- Developing the environmental analysis process to address scoping issues



Legend

- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- Department of Defense
- State Land
- Private
- North Oquirrh Management Area

General Reference Features

- Project Study Area
- 345kV Transmission Line
- 138kV Transmission Line
- 46kV Subtransmission Line
- Power Plant
- Substation
- Railroad
- Major Road
- Kern River Pipeline
- County Boundary

Figure 1

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SOURCES: Land Ownership, UTBLM 2007 ; Transmission Lines and Substations, PacifiCorp

Project Study Area

MONA TO OQUIRRH TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR PROJECT EIS

APPROACH

The range of issues summarized in this report are based on an ongoing public involvement and scoping process. The activities listed below assisted in identifying the issues and concerns related to the project.

- Agency, interagency, and stakeholder meetings (listed in Appendix A)
- The development of a Community Working Group (CWG) representing a variety of interests and backgrounds within the project area; the CWG met periodically at key points throughout the process
- Formal public meetings in November 2007
- A newsletter was distributed to members of the project mailing list, which included local, state, and federal agency contacts, special interest groups, and individuals on the BLM SLFO and FFO mailing lists
- Telephone voice message information line (801) 573-6814
- Project website (<http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en.html>) with a link to submit comments via email (UT_M2OTL_EIS@blm.gov)
- Posting on the BLM Environmental Notification Bulletin Board (ENBB) (<https://www.blm.gov/ut/enbb/index.php>)

Notification

A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the *Federal Register* on October 16, 2007, announcing the anticipated preparation of an EIS for the proposed project and the opportunity for public input. The publication of the NOI initiated the formal 30-day public scoping period (October 16 – November 14, 2007). An addendum to the NOI was published in the *Federal Register* on November 5, 2007. A copy of the NOI, addendum, and other notices are provided in Appendix B.

Newsletters were mailed on October 23, 2007 to approximately 375 individuals, agencies, and interested organizations on the mailing list and emailed to the BLM list of hunting/sportsman's organizations. Advertisements and legal notices were placed in local newspapers, including the *Salt Lake Tribune*, *Deseret News*, *Daily Herald*, *Tooele Transcript Bulletin*, and *Nephi Times* (Table 1). A copy of the newsletter, advertisement, and legal notice are provided in Appendix B. In addition, a notice was posted on the ENBB, and announcements for the public scoping meetings were posted on several online radio station community event calendars (Table 2).

| TABLE 1 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS AND LEGAL NOTICES | | |
|---|--|---|
| Newspaper | Advertisement Publication Dates | Legal Notice Publication Dates |
| <i>Salt Lake Tribune</i> | October 25 and November 6, 2007 | October 25, 2007 |
| <i>Deseret News</i> | October 25 and November 6, 2007 | October 25, 2007 |
| <i>Provo Daily Herald</i> | October 25 and November 6, 2007 | October 25, 2007 |
| <i>Tooele Transcript Bulletin</i> | October 25 and November 6, 2007 | October 25, 2007 |
| <i>Nephi Times</i> | October 25 and November 6, 2007 | October 24, 2007 |

| TABLE 2 MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTED ON ONLINE RADIO STATION EVENT CALENDARS | |
|---|--------------------|
| Radio Station | Location |
| KNAK | Delta, UT |
| KLGL | Manti, UT |
| KMGR | Manti, UT |
| KMTI | Manti, UT |
| KCYQ | Richfield, UT |
| KSVC | Richfield, UT |
| KCPW | Salt Lake City, UT |
| KRCL | Salt Lake City, UT |
| KSL | Salt Lake City, UT |
| KUED | Salt Lake City, UT |
| KUER | Salt Lake City, UT |

Public and Agency Meetings

Public scoping meetings were held in November 2007 to provide information about the proposed project and the EIS process to the general public and gather public input on the scope of the project and potential issues. An open house format was used for the meetings, and information was presented on the project need, description, and planning and permitting process. BLM, RMP, and EPG personnel were in attendance to explain the displays and answer questions. A total of nine members of the public attended the scoping meetings, three at each meeting. Copies of the public scoping meeting materials are provided in Appendix C, including sign-in sheets and an example comment form.

Three public scoping meetings were held at the locations and dates listed below:

West Jordan, Utah
 Thursday, November 8, 2007
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Sunset Ridge Middle School

Tooele, Utah
 Tuesday, November 13, 2007
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Tooele County Courthouse

Nephi, Utah
 Wednesday, November 14, 2007
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Juab High School

In addition to the public meetings, numerous agency and stakeholder meetings were held from June to November 2007 (Appendix A). Formal agency meetings included:

- A BLM Interdisciplinary Team meeting (June 12, 2007)
- A biological resources interagency meeting (July 6, 2007)
- A cultural resources interagency meeting (June 19, 2007)
- A CWG meeting (November 9, 2007), which included representatives from cities, counties, and stakeholders in the northern portion of the study area. The purpose of the meeting was to (1) introduce the proposed project, (2) gather input regarding the scope of the project and the EIS process, and (3) identify key issues.

The meeting minutes for the formal agency and CWG meetings are included in Appendix D.

Comments

Verbal comments during agency scoping were documented in meeting minutes. Written public comments were accepted at the public scoping meetings, via email, and via U.S. mail at the SLFO and FFO. All issues and concerns raised during the scoping process are summarized in the issue summary section of the report.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

To date, the BLM has invited the following organizations to participate in the process as cooperating agencies in a letter mailed November 2, 2007:

- Department of Defense - Camp Williams Military Reservation and Tooele Army Depot
- Utah Public Lands Policy Coordination Office (PLPCO)
- Juab, Tooele, Salt Lake, and Utah counties

PLPCO will be a cooperating agency on the project. At the date of this report, no other agencies have formally requested to be cooperating agencies.

COLLABORATION AND CONSULTATION WITH TRIBES

In November 2007, the BLM-Salt Lake Field Office initiated consultation with five tribes. An initial consultation letter and map were sent certified mail followed by a second notification letter requesting participation in the preparation of the final draft Programmatic Agreement. The five tribes contacted were the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Kanosh Band of Paiutes, Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians, Confederated Tribes of Goshute Reservation, and the Uintah-Ouray Ute Indian Tribe. To date, telephone contact has been made with four of the five tribes.

- The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah has received both of the certified letters but has not indicated whether or not it will consult.
- The Kanosh Band of Paiute indicated it did not receive the project information and requested another set of information. The Kanosh Band will probably consult on the project.
- The Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians indicated it did not receive any of the project information and requested another set of project materials.
- A message was left for Confederated Tribes of Goshute Reservation.
- Contact has not been made with the Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Tribe beyond the mailing of the package.

Additional copies of the project letter will be sent to the Kanosh Band of Paiute and Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians. Efforts will continue to contact the Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Tribe.

ISSUE SUMMARY

During scoping, comments were solicited from relevant agencies, organizations, and the public. All of the comments were compiled, reviewed, and sorted by topic to identify the issues that will be addressed in the EIS. The remainder of this section summarizes the comments received and describes the issues that were identified.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seven public comments were submitted during the public scoping period and are summarized below. The full written comments are provided in Appendix E.

- One citizen commented on the potential visual and environmental impacts of the project and suggested that the route be located away from the planned Kennecott development on the east side of the Oquirrh Mountains.
- Another expressed concern about potential property damage during construction and would prefer the transmission lines not be located on the east side of the existing 345kV transmission lines that head north from the Mona Substation.
- Two comments were submitted by one person who was concerned about the transmission line crossing his property near Tintic Junction. He suggested that the existing utility corridor on the west side of Utah Lake be considered as an alternative.
- One citizen stated that the project should coordinate with the Mid-Valley Highway project and consider alternatives that do not impact the rural quality of the area.
- The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance stated that it is strongly against routes within or affecting areas with wilderness characteristics.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency suggested that the EIS evaluate the proposed use of SF₆ equipment and develop an option that eliminates the need for using SF₆ equipment.

ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING SCOPING

Agency Scoping

During agency scoping, issues and concerns related to land use, recreation, socioeconomics, biological, visual, cultural, earth, and water resources were identified.

Land Use and Recreation

Issues associated with the potential impacts to land use and recreation resources of the project were identified by the BLM, state agencies, and local municipalities and include:

- Conflicts with current land uses, including residential, commercial, industrial, parks, agriculture, prior existing rights-of-way, and other authorized land uses
- Conflicts with planned future developments, particularly in the Tooele Valley, the west bench of the Oquirrh Mountains in Salt Lake County, and west of Stockton
- Impacts to future transportation plans and road expansions
- Impacts to management objectives in the North Oquirrh Management Area
- Impacts to recreation areas: Five-Mile Pass Recreation Area and the Larry Miller Motorsports Park and Deseret Peak Complex in Tooele County
- An increase in recreational use (particularly OHV use) along temporary or construction access roads, potentially resulting in negative impacts to biological and earth resources and an increase in fire frequency
- Conformance with municipal/county general plans and master plans
- Impacts to grazing due to the removal of vegetation
- Impacts to rangeland infrastructure, such as fences and cattle guards

Biological Resources

Plant and animal species and habitats of concern were identified by the BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS), and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) and include:

- Wildlife of concern:
 - Raptors including Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, Swainson's Hawk
 - Big game habitat including wintering habitat for Deer and Pronghorn
 - Avian species habitat including Sage Grouse, Ferruginous Hawk, Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo, and Burrowing Owl
 - Kit Fox
 - Pygmy Rabbit (marginal habitat)

Concerns also were expressed for migratory and wetland bird species, Rush Lake, the inland Sea Shorebird Reserve, James Walter Fitzgerald Wildlife Management Area, and the wild horse population housed by the BLM at Butterfield Canyon.

- Native plants/communities of concern:
 - Endangered Species Act (ESA) threatened Ute's Ladies'-Tresses
 - ESA candidate Slender Moonwort
 - Other BLM sensitive plants
 - Other state listed species
 - Hybrid Oak community in north Oquirrh Mountains
 - Wetlands

- Invasive, noxious weed species:
 - Spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*)
 - Cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*)
 - Russian knapweed (*Centaurea repens*)
 - Squarrose knapweed (*Centaurea squarrosa*)
 - Scotch thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*)
 - Johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*)
 - Hoary cress (*Cardaria draba*)
 - Dalmation toadflax (*Linaria genistifolia* ssp. *dalmatica*)
 - Starthistle (*Centaurea* spp)
 - Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)
 - Tamarisk (*Tamarix* sp)

Issues associated with potential impacts on biological resources within the study area include:

- Loss of habitat due to clearing of temporary or construction access roads, span roads, tensioning and pulling sites, and/or tower sites.
 - Direct resource loss, including nesting and foraging habitat for sensitive birds, particularly the Sage Grouse and Ferruginous Hawk
 - Fragmentation of habitat
- Loss of individuals due to right-of-way clearing
 - Direct loss of ground-nesting and burrowing animals
- Creation of wildlife hazards not currently present in the environment
 - Potential collision hazard created by the presence of overhead transmission lines that could affect ducks, geese, Bald Eagles, Golden Eagles, and other birds
 - Temporary or construction access roads could increase potential for disturbances of all wildlife and their habitats by increasing public access to those areas
- Creation of obstacles to wildlife management goals and objectives
 - Presence of a transmission line and a temporary or construction access road in game animal habitats could interfere with foraging/grazing/natural movement of animals such as Pronghorn and Mule Deer

Visual Resources

Areas of concern with regards to the potential impacts to visual resources were identified by the BLM and local agencies and include:

- Sensitive viewing areas
 - Travel routes – highways and roads used by travelers, designated scenic or historic byways, and recreation roads (off-highway vehicles, U.S. Forest Service (USFS) roads, etc.)
 - Recreation areas – existing recreation sites used for picnicking, camping, hiking, scenic overlooks, rest areas, parks, or other recreational areas
 - Residences – single-family detached structures, apartments, and permanent mobile homes or mobile home parks

- Aesthetic values in Tooele Valley, particularly on the east side of the valley
- Areas of scenic quality
 - BLM Visual Resource Management Class II and III
 - USFS Visual Quality Objective – Partial Retention

Cultural Resources

Issues associated with the potential impacts to cultural resources of the project were identified by the BLM and participants of the interagency cultural resources meeting and include:

- Prehistoric and historic sites
- Historic structures
- Cemeteries
- Donner, Clymen, Stansbury, Pony Express Historic trails
- Camp Floyd/Stage Coach Inn State Park
- Tribal values - Traditional Cultural Properties
- National Register Historic Mining District in Tintic Mountains

Earth Resources

Issues associated with the potential impacts to earth resources of the project were identified by the BLM and include:

- Engineering/construction constraints
 - liquefaction soils surrounding the Great Salt Lake
 - slope restrictions
 - potentially active faults and geologic structures
- Disturbance of soil resources due to construction and temporary or construction access roads
 - areas prone to slope failure or instability, or with high erosion potential
 - areas of prime and unique soils
- Ground disturbance in hazardous waste sites
 - superfund sites – Jacobs Smelter, Bauer Tailings, Eureka Mills, and International Smelting and Refining, Stockton Bar
 - Manning Canyon hazardous waste site
- Disturbance of active mining sites in the Oquirrh and East Tintic mountains

Water Resources

Issues associated with the potential impacts to water resources of the project were identified by the BLM and include:

- Ground disturbance and erosion in watersheds and riparian areas
 - The west side of the North Oquirrh Mountains, which is a municipal watershed
 - Riparian areas and wetlands – East Tintic Mountains (including Kimball and Tanner creeks), North Oquirrh Mountains, Rush Lake, and Great Salt Lake

Socioeconomics

Issues associated with the potential impacts to socioeconomics were identified by the BLM and local agencies, and include:

- Potential adverse impacts to planned future developments and property values and the cumulative effects of the proposed project in conjunction with other major future projects
- The potential to disproportionately impact low-income communities and Tribes in the study area

Public Scoping

Issues and concerns identified in the public comments are summarized below.

Land Use and Visual Resources

- Land use and visual impacts on the east side of the Oquirrh Mountains and in the Tooele Valley
- Impacts and potential damage (during construction) to private property north of the Mona Substation and in the Tintic Junction area

Biological Resources

- Impacts to environmentally sensitive areas on the east side of the Oquirrh Mountains
- The effect of SF₆ equipment on the environment

ANTICIPATED DECISIONS TO BE MADE

The alternative routes and substation sites will be refined based on issues and concerns identified during scoping. After the alternatives are analyzed in the Draft EIS (DEIS), the preferred agency alternative will be identified, along with a project proponent's preferred alternative. The BLM and cooperating agencies will select and document the final preferred alternative in the Record of Decision. The BLM will decide whether or not to grant RMP right-of-way and amend the Pony Express Resource Management Plan for new utility corridors.

VALID EXISTING MANAGEMENT TO BE CARRIED FORWARD

Valid existing management objectives and guidelines may remain unchanged and be incorporated into the land use plan amendment. The plan amendment may address the designation of new utility corridors and potentially alter the management objectives in those corridors. Other aspects of the current land use plan will be carried forward.

DRAFT PLANNING CRITERIA

An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the EIS in order to consider a variety of resource issues and concerns identified. The amendment to the governing Pony Express Resource Management Plan and use plan would be based upon the following draft planning criteria, which were published in the NOI:

- The amendment will be completed in compliance with Federal Land Policy and Management Act, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and all other relevant federal laws, executive orders, and BLM management policies.
- Where existing planning decisions are still valid, those decisions may remain unchanged and will be incorporated into the new amendment.
- The amendment will recognize valid existing rights.

DATA SUMMARY/DATA GAPS

Preparation of the EIS and Resource Management Plan Amendment will rely primarily on existing information that is currently available. Table 3 displays the various resource areas that will be studied and associated data sources. This list is not all inclusive and will be expanded as necessary throughout the project. Additional observation data from the Raptor Inventory Nest Survey may be available. Also, fieldwork will be conducted to verify existing data. No substantial data gaps were identified during scoping.

| TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF DATA SOURCES | |
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| Resource | Data Source |
| Wildlife (including threatened, endangered, and sensitive species) | BLM – RINs Data UDWR USFWS |
| Vegetation | BLM UDWR Rangeland health assessments Ecosystem site inventories |
| Cultural Resources | BLM Utah History Research Center Utah State Historic Preservation Office |
| Land Use and Visual Resources | Federal, state, and local resource management plans |
| Earth and Water Resources | U.S. Geological Survey |
| Socioeconomics | U.S. Census Bureau Utah State agencies |

A more detailed list of data sources can be found in the Resource Study Methodology Memo developed in 2007 as part of the EIS Preparation Plan. (This information is available upon request.)

SUMMARY OF FUTURE STEPS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

The overall study approach, including the EIS process and timeline, is displayed in Figure 2. The EIS process is scheduled for completion by late 2009 and consists of the following steps:

- Public Scoping
- Detailed corridor and route refinement
 - Environmental resource data collection and mapping
 - Management situation analysis
 - Formulation of alternatives
- Impact assessment and mitigation planning
- Alternatives comparison and identification of the agency preferred alternative
- Draft EIS
 - 90-day public comment period
 - Federal hearings
- Final EIS/Record of Decision
 - Selection of the preferred alternative
 - Selection of the plan amendment

Currently, the public scoping phase is completed and the detailed corridor and route refinement is underway.

The comments and issues identified through scoping and subsequent discussions will assist in determining the scope of the studies to be completed and addressed in the EIS. An inventory of resource information will be compiled by gathering data representing the existing condition of the human, natural, and cultural environment within the study area. Using the issues identified during the initial scoping phase and data collected, a range of reasonable alternatives will be developed.

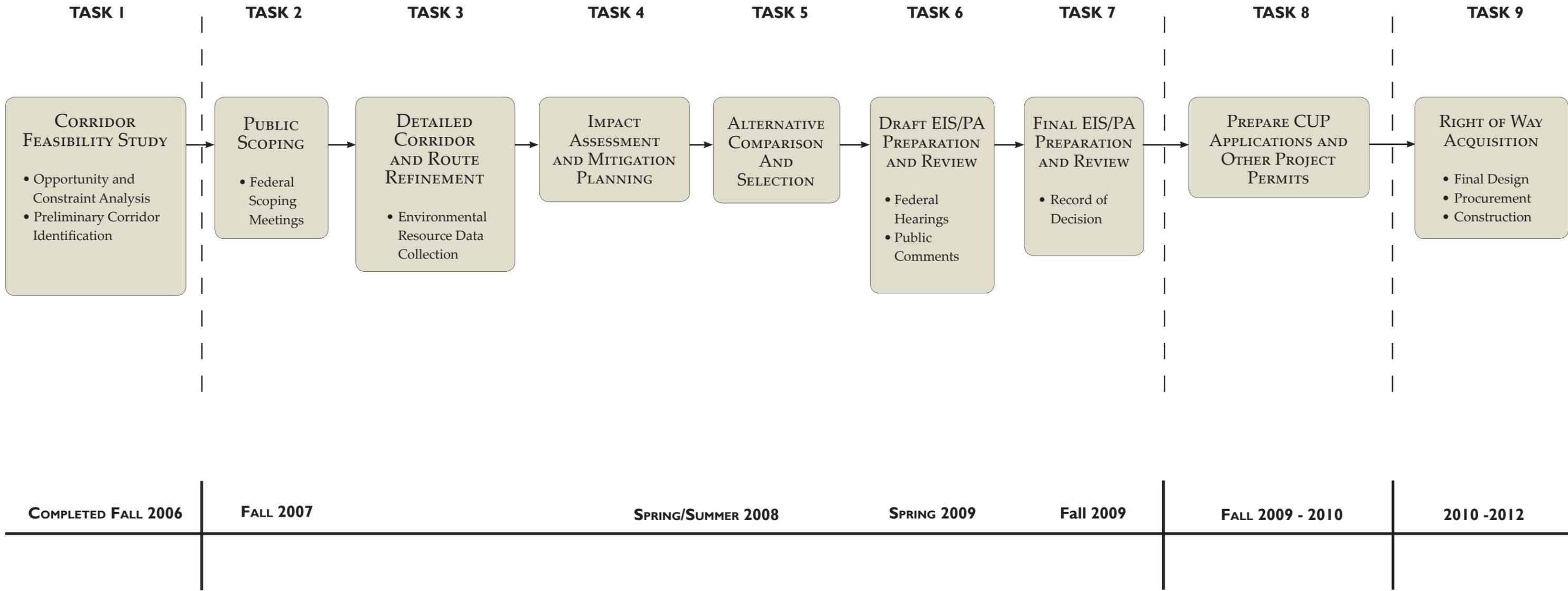
The alternatives, including an alternative considering no action, as required by NEPA, will be analyzed in the EIS. Potential impacts of the alternatives will be assessed and results of the analysis will be documented in the DEIS. Agencies and the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the DEIS during the 90-day public comment period, which is scheduled for late 2008/early 2009. Agency and public comments on the DEIS will be considered and incorporated into the Final EIS (FEIS), which is scheduled for completion in summer 2009. After a Governor's Consistency Review and public protest period, the BLM will issue a Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan Amendment, scheduled for late 2009.

The BLM will continue to consider public comments throughout the EIS process. Newsletters will be sent to those on the mailing list to announce the availability of the DEIS and the FEIS. Information about the progress of the EIS will be available on the project website (<http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en.html>), which is periodically updated. Further information may be obtained by contacting Mike Nelson or Pam Schuller of the BLM SLFO at (801) 977-4300.

**CORRIDOR
FEASIBILITY
STUDY**

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT / PLAN AMENDMENT

**STATE AND
LOCAL
PERMITS**



OVERALL STUDY APPROACH CHART
MONA TO OQUIRRH TRANSMISSION
CORRIDOR PROJECT EIS

APPENDIX A – AGENCY AND STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

The following agency and stakeholder meetings were held from June to November 2007.

| Meeting Date | Attendees |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| FEDERAL AGENCIES | |
| 6/12/2007 | BLM Interdisciplinary (ID) Team Meeting: BLM SLFO and FFO, RMP, EPG |
| 6/15/2007 | BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) |
| INTERAGENCY | |
| 6/19/2007 | Cultural Resources Interagency Meeting: BLM SLFO and FFO, Bighorn Archaeology, Utah Department of Transportation, Uinta National Forest, Hill Air Force Base – Utah Test and Training Range, U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah Public Lands Policy Coordination Office, State Historic Preservation Office, RMP, EPG |
| 7/6/2007 | Biological Resources Interagency Meeting: BLM SLFO, USFWS (Utah Field Office), UDWR (Central Region), RMP, EPG |
| LOCAL AGENCIES | |
| 8/3/2007 | Tooele City, RMP, EPG |
| 8/7/2007 | Tooele County, Town of Stockton, RMP, EPG |
| 8/7/2007 | West Jordan City, RMP, EPG |
| 8/17/2007 | Town of Mona, RMP, EPG |
| 8/17/2007 | Eureka City, RMP, EPG |
| 8/17/2007 | Town of Goshen, RMP, EPG |
| 8/17/2007 | Juab County, RMP, EPG |
| 8/24/2007 | Utah County, RMP, EPG |
| 8/28/2007 | Salt Lake City, RMP, EPG |
| 9/10/2007 | Salt Lake County, RMP, EPG |
| 9/11/2007 | Cedar Fort, RMP, EPG |
| 10/3/2007 | South Jordan, RMP, EPG |
| ORGANIZATIONS/STAKEHOLDERS | |
| 6/19/2007 | BLM SLFO, Raptor Inventory Nest Survey |
| 7/12/2007 | Kennecott Land, RMP, EPG |
| 9/18/2007 | Kennecott Copper, RMP, EPG |
| COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP | |
| 11/9/2007 | Community Working Group meeting #1: BLM, Tooele County, Salt Lake County, Tooele City, Town of Stockton, Salt Lake City, West Jordan City, South Jordan City, Kennecott Copper, Kennecott Land, RMP, EPG |

APPENDIX B – NOTIFICATIONS

This section of the report includes the notifications of the project and the scoping meetings, including:

- Notice of Intent, October 16, 2007
- Notice of Intent Addendum, November 5, 2007
- Environmental Notification Bulletin Board, October 19, 2007
- Newsletter No.1, October 2007
- Newspaper Advertisement (see Table 1 for newspapers and publication dates)
- Legal Notice (see Table 1 for newspapers and publication dates)
- Cooperating Agency Letter, November 2, 2007
- Tribal Consultation Letter, October 25, 2007

Title: BIE Higher Education Grant Program Annual Report Form.

Brief Description of Collection:

Respondents who receive a grant are required to submit an annual report. Submission of an annual report is mandatory for receiving a benefit.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Respondents: Tribal higher education program directors.

Number of Respondents: 125.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Total Annual Burden to Respondents: 375 hours.

OMB Approval Number: 1076-0101.

Title: BIE Higher Education Grant Program Application.

Brief Description of Collection:

Respondents receiving a benefit must annually complete the form to demonstrate unmet financial need for consideration of a grant.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Respondents: Students through the tribally controlled institutions of higher education. Submission of an annual application is required for consideration in receiving a benefit.

Number of Respondents: 14,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Total Annual Burden to Respondents: 14,000 hours.

Dated: October 3, 2007.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

[FR Doc. E7-20283 Filed 10-15-07; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-020-5101-ER-J217]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement To Analyze PacifiCorp's Mona to Oquirrh Double-Circuit 500/345 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line, UT-82829, and Amend the Pony Express Resource Management Plan for the Salt Lake Field Office, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) subparts 1500-1508, and 43 CFR subpart 2800 (Right-of-Way), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salt Lake Field Office (SLFO) and Fillmore Field Office

(FFO) will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to amend the Pony Express Resource Management Plan to consider a right-of-way application for the Mona to Oquirrh Double-Circuit 500/345 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line, located on public lands in Juab, Tooele, Utah and Salt Lake Counties, Utah. This notice initiates the public scoping period and announces public scoping meetings.

DATES: The public will be notified of scoping meetings through the local news media at least 15 days prior to the first meeting. It is anticipated at least five scoping meetings (Copperton, Tooele, Cedar Fort, Eureka and Nephi, Utah) will be held during this scoping period. The BLM will announce public scoping meetings to identify relevant issues through local newspapers, newsletters, and the PacifiCorp Web site: <http://www.pacifiCorp.com>. The project status, including meeting dates/times, will also be available on the BLM's Electronic Notification Bulletin Board (<https://www.ut.blm.gov/enbb/index.php>).

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS should be post-marked or hand delivered to the BLM Salt Lake Field Office or Fillmore Field Office by 4:30 p.m., no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** to ensure full consideration. Written scoping comments should be sent to BLM, Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119, ATTN: Mike Nelson; or Fillmore Field Office, 35 East 500 North, Fillmore, Utah 84631, ATTN: Clara Stevens. Comments may also be submitted in writing to the BLM at one of the scoping meetings or via e-mail at: UT_M2OTL_EIS@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information contact Mike Nelson (Project Lead) Realty Specialist at the BLM Salt Lake Field Office, at (801) 977-4300; or Clara Stevens, Realty Specialist at the BLM Fillmore Field Office, at (435) 743-3100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PacifiCorp proposes to establish a new double-circuit 500/345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Mona Substation near Mona in Juab County, Utah to new expanded facilities at the existing Oquirrh Substation located in West Jordan and the Terminal Substation located in Salt Lake City, in Salt Lake County, Utah.

As part of long-range planning, this project will also include the identification of a right-of-way for a double-circuit 500/345kV line and the

siting of two 500/345kV substations. Corridors, large enough to allow for a 1-mile separation between the proposed double-circuit 500/345kV line and the future double-circuit 500/345kV line would be considered.

The estimated lengths of the proposed transmission line route and future line would be determined through the environmental studies but could range from 60 to 120 miles. A right-of-way of up to 250 feet in width and a right-of-way grant for 50 years would be required to construct, operate, and maintain the transmission line and structures. Specific acreages of access roads and temporary work areas would be determined through the environmental studies. The proposed project would take approximately eighteen months to construct, with an in-service date of June 2012. Once constructed, the project would be in operation year round transporting electrical power to the Wasatch Front.

The preliminary plan of development will be presented to the public during scoping meetings and newsletters mailed to interested parties. It will be available for public review at BLM's Salt Lake and Fillmore Field Offices and the EPG Web site. The BLM invites public comment on the scope of the analysis, including issues to consider and alternatives to the proposed action. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives—in addition to the proposed action, the BLM will explore and evaluate all reasonable alternatives, including the no action alternative, pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations 1502.14(a) and 1502.14(d). The issues and alternatives will also guide the plan amendment process.

An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the EIS, in order to consider a variety of resource issues and concerns identified. The amendment to the governing land use plan would be based upon the following planning criteria:

- The amendment will be completed in compliance with FLPMA, NEPA and all other relevant Federal Law, Executive Orders and management policies of the BLM;
- Where existing planning decisions are still valid, those decisions may remain unchanged and be incorporated into the new amendment; and
- The amendment will recognize valid existing rights.

Potential significant direct, indirect, residual, and cumulative impacts from the proposed action and alternatives

will be analyzed. Important issues to be addressed in the EIS could include land uses, wildlife, transportation, visual resources and socioeconomics.

Additional issues may be identified during the scoping process. BLM personnel will be present at the scoping meetings to explain the environmental review process, the right-of-way regulations, and other requirements for processing the proposed transmission line and the associated EIS. Representatives from PacifiCorp will also be available to describe their proposal.

Comments and information submitted on the EIS, including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address. The BLM will not accept anonymous comments. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Formal scoping comments must be submitted within 30 days after the last public meeting. Comments received and a list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be made available for public inspection and open for 30 days following each meeting for any participant(s) who wish to clarify their views. Comments and documents pertinent to this proposal, including names and street addresses of respondents, may be examined at the Salt Lake or Fillmore Field Offices during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays). Comments may be published as part of the EIS.

Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by the BLM's decision on this project are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

Dated: October 9, 2007.

Selma Sierra,

Utah State Director.

[FR Doc. E7–20426 Filed 10–15–07; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[(NM–921–1301–FI–08); (OKNM 113435)]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease OKNM 113435

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reinstatement of terminated oil and gas lease.

SUMMARY: Under the Class II provisions of Title IV, Public Law 97–451, and 43 CFR 3108.2–3, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of Competitive oil and gas lease OKNM 113435 from the lessee, Greenwood Energy, Inc., for lands in Woods County, Oklahoma. The petition was filed on time and it was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernadine T. Martinez, BLM, New Mexico State Office, at (505) 438–7530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: No valid lease has been issued that affect the lands. The lessee agrees to new lease terms for rentals and royalties of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year, and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee paid the required \$500.00 administrative fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$166.00 cost for publishing this Notice in the **Federal Register**. The lessee met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). We are proposing the reinstate lease OKNM 113435, effective the date of termination, March 1, 2007, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: October 15, 2007.

Bernadine T. Martinez,

Land Law Examiner.

[FR Doc. 07–5075 Filed 11–15–07; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

(NV–056–5853–ES; N–80113–01; 7–08807)

Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes in Clark County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act request for lease and subsequent conveyance of approximately 41.48 acres of public land in Clark County, Nevada. The City of North Las Vegas proposes to use the land for a public park and a police substation.

DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance of the lands until November 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to BLM Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130–2301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frederick Marcell, (702) 515–5164.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described public lands in North Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada have been examined and found suitable for lease and subsequent conveyance under the provision of the R&PP Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The City of North Las Vegas proposes to use 41.48 acres of land for a public park and a police substation. The park amenities will include indoor/outdoor swimming pools, multi-generational center, gymnasiums, dance/aerobics rooms, dog park, parking areas, baseball fields, basketball court, playground areas, walking trails, and barbeque areas. The park and police substation facility will serve citizens in the northeast sector of North Las Vegas where rapid growth has occurred. The parcel of land is located north of Centennial Parkway and south of Rome Boulevard, and is legally described as:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada,

T. 19 S., R. 61 E.,
Section 24, lot 12.

The area described contains 41.48 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The proposed action is in conformance with the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan approved on October 5, 1998, and would be in the public interest. The Plan of Development has been reviewed and it has been determined the proposed

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[UT-020-5101-ER7-J217]

Correction to Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to Analyze PacifiCorp's Mona to Oquirrh Double-Circuit 50/345 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line, UT-82829, and Amend the Pony Express Resource Management Plan for the Salt Lake Field Office, Utah. (Federal Register; October 16, 2007, Volume 72, Number 199, Page 58681-58682)**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Correction notice.**SUMMARY:** The following corrections are made: Three scoping meetings (West Jordan, Tooele, and Nephi, Utah) will be held during the scoping period. The Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Line project Web site is <http://www.monatransmission.com>.

All other information within the Notice of Intent (10/16/07) remains unchanged.

Dated: October 30, 2007.

Kent Hoffman,*Acting Utah State Director.*

[FR Doc. 07-5469 Filed 11-2-07; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 5101--\$-M**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****60-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment****AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, National Park Service.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on a proposed new collection of information (1024-xxxx).**DATES:** Public comments on the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted on or before January 4, 2007.**ADDRESSES:** *Send Comments to:* Dr. Jane Swanson, Protected Area Social Research Unit, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195; via phone at 206/685-9150; via fax at 206/685-0790, or via e-mail at swansonj@u.washington.edu. Also, youmay send comments to Leonard Stowe, NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 1849 C St., NW., (2605), Washington, DC 20240, or by e-mail at Leonard_Stowe@nps.gov. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.*To Request a Draft of Proposed Collection of Information Contact:* Dr. Jane Swanson, Protected Area Social Research Unit, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195; via phone at 206/685-9150; or via e-mail at swansonj@u.washington.edu.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. James Gramann, National Park Service Social Science Program, 1201 "Eye" St., Washington, DC 20005; via phone 202-513-7189; or via e-mail at James_Gramann@partner.nps.gov. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free of charge.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* Research Assessing Current and Potential Impacts of Cruise Ships on Visitor Experiences in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve.*Bureau Form Number(s):* None.*OMB Number:* To be requested.*Expiration Date:* To be requested.*Type of Request:* New collection.*Description of Need:* The proposed study would provide information to be used in deciding cruise ship use levels in Glacier Bay National Park. The purpose of this research is to provide Park managers with information about current impacts of cruise ships, if any, on the quality of visitor experience and to estimate potential impacts on the quality of visitor experience for cruise ship use levels specified in the Record of Decision (Record of Decision for Vessel Quotas and Operating Requirements in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, 2003).

The Final Environmental Impact Statement for Vessel Quotas and Operating Requirements, and the resulting Record of Decision signed November 21, 2003, currently guide vessel management in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve (GLBA). The Record of Decision (Record of Decision for Vessel Quotas and Operating Requirements in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, 2003) adopted an alternative that maintains the current daily maximum of two cruise ships in the park and sets seasonal use days for the June-August season at 139 ships. The Record of Decision also provides for possible increases in cruise ship use. Specifically, use in the June-August

season could be increased to two ships per day, every day for a seasonal use total of 184 ships. The Record of Decision for Vessel Quotas and Operating Requirements in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve (2003) provided the following direction for the role of research in the process of changing quotas for cruise ships.

The determination of whether to increase seasonal-use day quotas for cruise ships will rely on criteria that define the environmental and social conditions to be met before any additional seasonal-use days are approved. These criteria will be based on the results of and guidance provided through studies that examine the effects of vessels on all park resources and visitor experience. (p.18).

The Record of Decision also specified that the studies examining the effects of cruise ships would be identified with the assistance of a Glacier Bay Vessel Management Science Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB was established and a final report of their findings and recommendations was published in September 2005 (*Glacier Bay National Park Science Advisory Board: Final Report, 2005*). The SAB recommended a comprehensive research program that was presented in general terms with no prioritization or cost estimates. Because the research program outlined in the SAB could not be performed within the time and budget limitations facing park managers, the SAB recommended (and park managers agreed to fund) a social research problem analysis. Upon review of the final Program Analysis, park staff decided on a research program that would focus primarily on measuring impacts of cruise ships, if any, on the quality of visitor experience and secondarily on understanding the context in which cruise ship impacts occur and how these impacts arise. To accomplish these objectives, this proposed research includes the following components. (1) Assessment of cruise ship impacts, if any, on the quality of visitor experience. (2) The role of experience gatekeepers in visitor encounters with cruise ships.*1. Assessing impacts of cruise ships, if any, on the quality of visitor experiences in Glacier Bay proper.*

The purpose of the proposed study is to provide park managers with information about a variety of potential impacts of cruise ships on all visitor groups that have potential to encounter a cruise ship in Glacier Bay proper. Information about impacts of other mechanized transport, if any, on the quality of visitor experience will also be collected (1) to provide a context for understanding the role of cruise ships on the quality of visitor experience and (2) to examine aggregate effects of

Environmental Notification Bulletin Board

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTIFICATION BULLETIN BOARD

Project Name: Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project
NEPA Log Number: UT-020-2008-009
Field Office/Code: Salt Lake Field Office-UT020
Contact: Pam Schuller
Phone Number: (801)977-4300
File/Serial Number:

Document Type: Environmental Impact Statement

Primary Program:

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| Cultural: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Watershed: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fire / Fuel: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wild Horses: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lands & Realty: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Wildlife: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minerals: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Planning: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Range: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Paleontology: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Project Description:

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Legal Description:

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| Meridian: | Salt Lake |
| Township: | 1 S - 12 S |
| Range: | 1 W - 6 W |
| Section: | Various |

General Location and Other Between the areas known as Mona/Currant Creek Power

Remarks: Plant, Cedar Fort, Camp Williams, Tooele City, Tooele Army Depot and Salt Lake City.

County(s): Juab **Other:** Tooele, Salt Lake, & Utah

Special Interests:

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| ACEC: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Special Status Species: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Critical Habitat: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Visual Resources: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Cultural: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Designated Wilderness / WSA: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fire Rehabilitation: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wild & Scenic Rivers: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Riparian: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Areas with Wilderness Characteristics: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| None: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Native American Concerns: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other: | Pony Express Trail | | |

Status and Date of Action: NOI published in Federal Register 10/16/07.
NOI Public Comment Period 10/16/07 through 11/14/07.
Newsletter #1 Mailed 10/23/07.
Comment Form Added 10/30/07.

Comment Period Provided: Yes

Files: [Comment Form](#)
[Newsletter #1](#)

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MONA TO OQUIRRH TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR PROJECT

October 2007 - Newsletter No. 1

This is the first newsletter regarding the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project. The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Rocky Mountain Power/PacifiCorp's right-of-way application for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project. The proposed project would establish a new, double circuit 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. As part of long range planning, this project would also include the identification of a corridor for a future double circuit 500/345kV line, the siting of two new future substations, and a land use plan amendment for utility corridors. This project may affect the areas around the communities of Mona, Eureka, Cedar Fort, Stockton, Tooele, Grantsville, West Jordan, South Jordan, and Salt Lake City.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

Northern Utah represents the fastest growing area within the State of Utah and constitutes one of the major growth areas within the region. The development of new transmission lines and substations is required to provide the additional capacity necessary to serve the growing electrical demand and improve reliability and operational flexibility in conjunction with future generation resources.

PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The EIS would address the construction, operation, and maintenance of 60-120 miles of new high-voltage transmission lines, access roads and related facilities, and the construction of two new substations. The potential environmental issues already identified for analysis include impacts to:

- Protected, threatened, endangered or sensitive species of plants or animals or their critical habitats
- Other biological resources
- Land use, including agricultural operations, recreation, and transportation
- Floodplains and wetlands
- Cultural or historic resources and tribal values
- Human health and safety
- Air, soil, and water resources (including air quality and surface and ground water)
- Visual resources

The BLM invites you to suggest specific issues and concerns within these general categories, or to suggest other issues that should be evaluated in the EIS.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

NEPA is a federal law that serves as the nation's basic charter for environmental protection. For major federal actions that may significantly affect the quality of the human environment, NEPA requires an EIS be prepared. An EIS provides a detailed analysis of the potential environmental impacts of a proposed action and the range of reasonable alternatives. The BLM will prepare an EIS for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project. Through the NEPA process, the public has the opportunity to learn about an agency's proposed action and to provide information and comments to the agency.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Below is the anticipated timeline for the project:

- Public Scoping: Fall 2007
- Draft EIS: Early Spring 2009
- Final EIS and Record of Decision: Fall 2009
- Right-of-Way Acquisition: Spring 2010
- Construction: 2010-2012

PROJECT MAILING LIST AND NEWSLETTER

Throughout the course of the project, updates will be sent to individuals who request to be placed on the mailing list. To receive newsletters or to request to be placed on the mailing list, contact Rhianna Riggs-EPG Public Involvement Coordinator, rriggs@epgaz.com or 801-573-6814.



COMMENT SUBMITTAL

Written public comments may be submitted during the 30-day Public Scoping Period (October 16 - November 14, 2007) by the following methods:

- Attend a public scoping meeting
- Email comments to UT_M2OTL_EIS@blm.gov
- Send comments to the BLM: Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119, ATTN: Pam Schuller

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Mike Nelson or Pam Schuller of the BLM Salt Lake Field Office at (801) 977-4300, or visit the project website: <http://www.monatransmission.com>

ATTENTION: PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS IN YOUR AREA

Sunset Ridge Middle School
6881 West 8200 South
West Jordan, UT
Thursday, November 8th
5:00-8:00p.m.

Tooele County Courthouse
47 South Main
Tooele, UT
Tuesday, November 13th
5:00-8:00p.m.

Juab High School
802 North 650 East
Nephi, UT
Wednesday, November 14th
5:00-8:00pm

Public scoping meetings to gather your input will be held regarding a new transmission line corridor project. The project may affect parts of Salt Lake, Tooele, Utah, and Juab Counties.



BLM Salt Lake Field Office
2370 South 2300 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84119
ATTN: Pam Schuller



PUBLIC NOTICE

Please join us for Public Scoping Meetings to discuss new substations & transmission lines.

The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on Rocky Mountain Power's right-of-way application for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project. The proposed project will establish a new, double circuit 500/345 kilovolt 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 may affect the areas around the communities of Mona, Eureka, Cedar Fort, Stockton, Tooele, Grantsville, West Jordan, South Jordan and Salt Lake City. Three public scoping meetings will be held to provide information and solicit public comments on the proposed project, alternative corridors, and resource issues.

Please join us at any of the following Public Scoping Meetings from 5:00-8:00p.m. to discuss the proposed project:

Thursday, November 8th
Sunset Ridge Middle School
6881 West 8200 South
West Jordan, UT

Tuesday, November 13th
Tooele County Courthouse
47 South Main
Tooele, UT

Wednesday, November 14th
Juab High School
802 North 650 East
Nephi, UT

To submit a question or comment, please e-mail UT_M2OTL_EIS@blm.gov. To be added to our mailing list, contact Rhianna Riggs - EPG Public Involvement Coordinator, rriggs@epgaz.com or 801-573-6814. For more information, please visit <http://www.monatransmission.com>

**Department of Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

Notice of Intent to conduct public scoping meetings and prepare an environmental impact statement.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM),
USD!

ACTION: Notice of Intent to conduct public scoping meetings and prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS)

SUMMARY: The BLM intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an EIS on Rocky Mountain Power/PacifiCorp's right-of-way application for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project. The proposed project will establish a new, double circuit 500/345 kilovolt 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 may affect the areas around the communities of Mona, Eureka, Cedar Fort, Stockton, Tooele, Grantsville, West Jordan, South Jordan and Salt Lake City. Three public scoping meetings will be held to provide information and solicit public comments on the proposed project, alternative corridors, and resource issues.

DATES: The BLM will conduct three public scoping meetings:

Thursday, November 8th, 2007, 5:00-8:00p.m.,
Sunset Ridge Middle School, 6881 West 8200
South, West Jordan, UT

Tuesday, November 13th, 2007, 5:00-8:00p.m.,
Tooele County Courthouse, 47 South Main,
Tooele, UT

Wednesday, November 14th, 2007, 5:00-8:00p.m.,
Juab High School, 802 North 650 East,
Nephi, UT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please visit <http://www.monatransmission.com> or contact Mike Nelson of the BLM Salt Lake Field Office at (801)977-4300.



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RE: Mona-Oquirrh Transmission Corridor EIS
Cooperating Agency Invitation

Refer to attached mailing list

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Dear

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on PacifiCorp/Rocky Mountain Power's right-of-way application for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project. With this letter, we are inviting you to participate in this process as a Cooperating Agency. A map of the project area is provided for your reference. A Federal Register Notice of Intent (NOI) was published on October 16, 2007. The NOI initiates the public scoping process.

Cooperating Agency (CA) status provides a formal framework for governmental units to engage in active collaboration with a lead Federal agency to implement the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This guidance is provided for in the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR 1501.6 and 1508.5) on cooperating agency status. CEQ regulations specify that a Federal agency, State agency, local government, or Tribal government may qualify as a cooperating agency because of "...jurisdiction by law or special expertise." If your agency is interested in formally participating in this process, please provide a written response within 30 days of receiving this letter.

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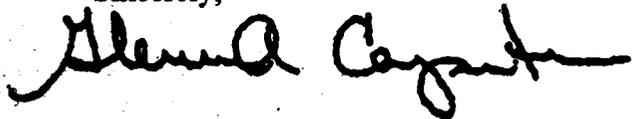
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Your primary contact during this EIS process is Pamela Schuller at 801-977-4356 or Pam_Schuller@blm.gov. If you require information related to technical aspects of the right-of-way application please contact Mike Nelson at 801-977-4355 or Mike_Nelson@blm.gov.

Sincerely,



Glenn A. Carpenter
Field Office Manager

Enclosures:

- 1- Map
- 2- Newsletter #1

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5110 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84114**

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c/o Mayor Corron
2001 South State Street, #N2100
Salt Lake City, UT 84190-1020**

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c/o Colleen S. Johnson
47 South Main, Room 210
Tooele, UT 84074**

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c/o Val Jones
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Nephi, UT 84648**

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100 E. Center Street, Suite 2300
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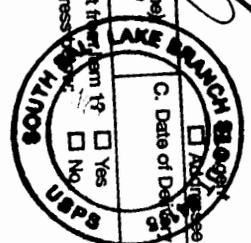
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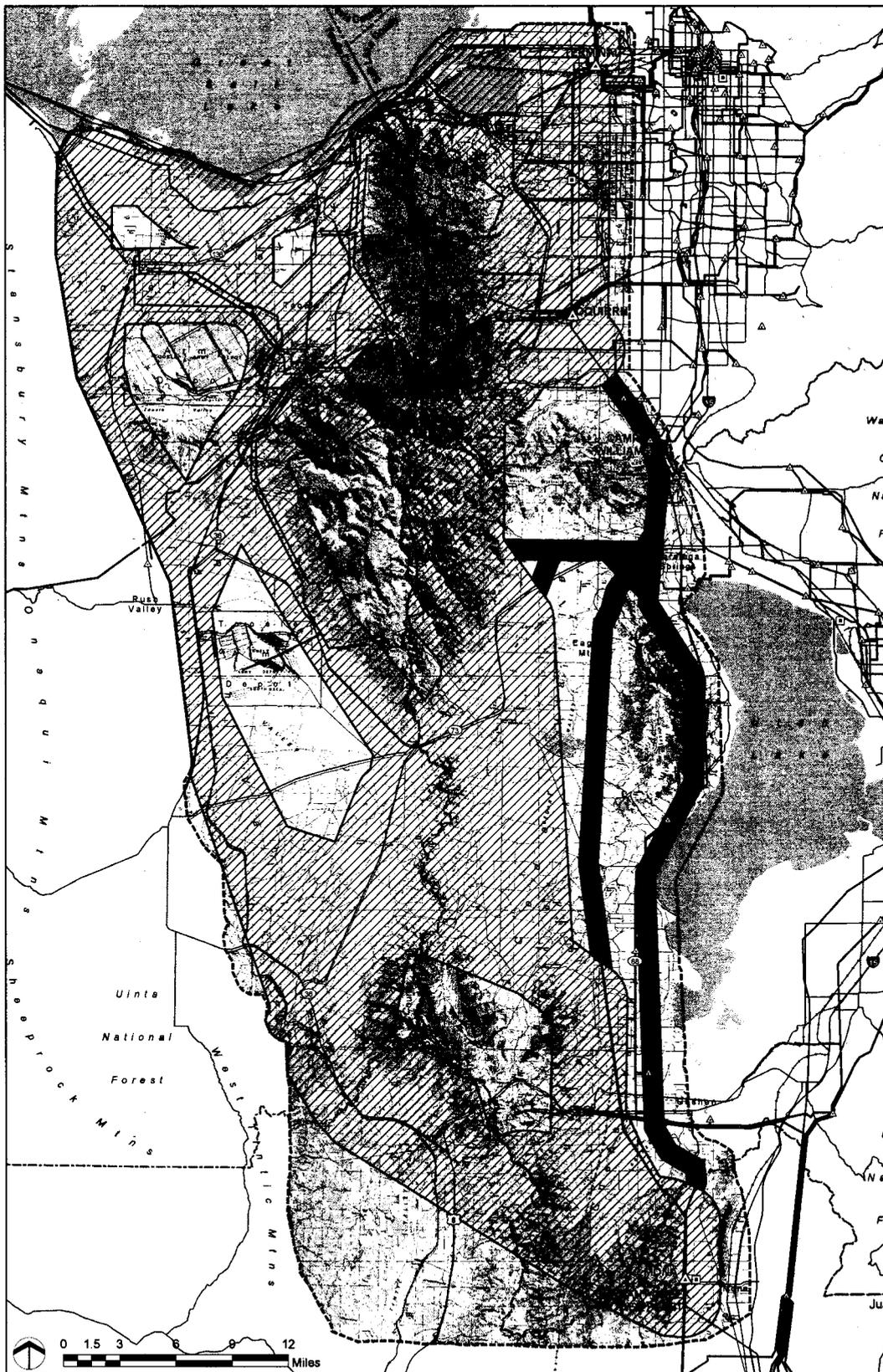
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Legend

- Potential Transmission Corridor
- Potential Substation Siting Area
- Alternatives Considered and Recommended for Elimination

General Reference Features

- Project Study Area
- 345kV Transmission Line
- 138kV Transmission Line
- 46kV Subtransmission Line
- Railroad
- Kern River Pipeline
- Power Plant
- Substation

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SOURCES: County Boundaries, Utah-ADRC 2004; Transmission Lines & Substation Locations, PacifiCorp
 NOTE: Transmission systems and substation locations are from PacifiCorp GIS Department. Information is schematic and does not necessarily represent accurate locations.

August 20, 2007

Potential Transmission Line Corridors and Substation Siting Areas



MONA TO OQUIRRH TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR PROJECT

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October 2007 - Newsletter No. 1

This is the first newsletter regarding the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project. The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to hold public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Rocky Mountain Power/PacifiCorp's right-of-way application for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project. The proposed project would establish a new, double circuit 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. As part of long range planning, this project would also include the identification of a corridor for a future double circuit 500/345kV line, the siting of two new future substations, and a land use plan amendment for utility corridors. This project may affect the areas around the communities of Mona, Eureka, Cedar Fort, Stockton, Tooele, Grantsville, West Jordan, South Jordan, and Salt Lake City.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

Northern Utah represents the fastest growing area within the State of Utah and constitutes one of the major growth areas within the region. The development of new transmission lines and substations is required to provide the additional capacity necessary to serve the growing electrical demand and improve reliability and operational flexibility in conjunction with future generation resources.

PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The EIS would address the construction, operation, and maintenance of 60-120 miles of new high-voltage transmission lines, access roads and related facilities, and the construction of two new substations. The potential environmental issues already identified for analysis include impacts to:

- Protected, threatened, endangered or sensitive species of plants or animals or their critical habitats
- Other biological resources
- Land use, including agricultural operations, recreation, and transportation
- Floodplains and wetlands
- Cultural or historic resources and tribal values
- Human health and safety
- Air, soil, and water resources (including air quality and surface and ground water)
- Visual resources

The BLM invites you to suggest specific issues and concerns within these general categories, or to suggest other issues that should be evaluated in the EIS.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

NEPA is a federal law that serves as the nation's basic charter for environmental protection. For major federal actions that may significantly affect the quality of the human environment, NEPA requires an EIS be prepared. An EIS provides a detailed analysis of the potential environmental impacts of a proposed action and the range of reasonable alternatives. The BLM will prepare an EIS for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project. Through the NEPA process, the public has the opportunity to learn about an agency's proposed action and to provide information and comments to the agency.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Below is the anticipated timeline for the project:

- Public Scoping: Fall 2007
- Draft EIS: Early Spring 2009
- Final EIS and Record of Decision: Fall 2009
- Right-of-Way Acquisition: Spring 2010
- Construction: 2010-2012

PROJECT MAILING LIST AND NEWSLETTER

Throughout the course of the project, updates will be sent to individuals who request to be placed on the mailing list. To receive newsletters or to request to be placed on the mailing list, contact Rhianna Riggs-EPG Public Involvement Coordinator, rriggs@epgaz.com or 801-573-6814.



COMMENT SUBMITTAL

Written public comments may be submitted during the 30-day Public Scoping Period (October 16 - November 14, 2007) by the following methods:

- Attend a public scoping meeting
- Email comments to UT_M2OTL_EIS@blm.gov
- Send comments to the BLM: Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119, ATTN: Pam Schuller

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Mike Nelson or Pam Schuller of the BLM Salt Lake Field Office at (801) 977-4300, or visit the project website: <http://www.monatransmission.com>

ATTENTION: PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS IN YOUR AREA

Sunset Ridge Middle School
6881 West 8200 South
West Jordan, UT
Thursday, November 8th
5:00-8:00p.m.

Tooele County Courthouse
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Juab High School
802 North 650 East
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Wednesday, November 14th
5:00-8:00pm

Public scoping meetings to gather your input will be held regarding a new transmission line corridor project. The project may affect parts of Salt Lake, Tooele, Utah, and Juab Counties.



BLM Salt Lake Field Office
2370 South 2300 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84119
ATTN: Pam Schuller



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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RE: Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project

Send to tribes: both Goshute, Paiute & Ute & incorporate Fillmore FO's List

Dear Chair . . .

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is considering a right of way application from PacifiCorp to establish a new double-circuit 500/345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Mona Substation near Mona in Juab County, Utah to new expanded facilities at the existing Oquirrh Substation located in West Jordan and the Terminal Substation located in Salt Lake City, in Salt Lake County, Utah.

As part of long-range planning, this project will also include the identification of a right-of-way for a double-circuit 500/345kV line, the siting of two 500/345kV substations and plan amendment for utility corridors. Corridors, large enough to allow for a 1-mile separation between the proposed double-circuit 500/345kV line and the future double-circuit 500/345kV line would be considered. The estimated lengths of the proposed transmission line route and future line would be determined through the environmental studies but could range 60-120 miles. A right-of-way of up to 250 feet in width and a right-of-way grant for 50 years would be required to construct, operate, and maintain the transmission line and structures. Specific acreages of access roads and temporary work areas would be determined through the environmental studies.

The proposed project would take approximately eighteen months to construct, with an in-service date of June 2012. Once constructed, the project would be in operation year round transporting electrical power to the Wasatch Front.

The preliminary timeline for this project is:

- Public Scoping: Fall 2007
- Draft EIS: Early Spring 2009
- Final EIS and Record of Decision: Fall 2009
- Right of Way Acquisition: Spring 2010
- Construction: 2010-2012

Additional information can be reviewed at the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Line Project website: <http://www.monatransmission.com> or received at one of the public scoping meetings:

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A map of the proposed project area and a newsletter describing the process are enclosed for your reference. If the tribe is aware of historic properties of traditional religious and/or cultural importance to the tribe that may be impacted by the proposed action, or if you have other concerns, questions or would like to otherwise consult with the BLM on this project please contact Joelle McCarthy (435)743-3122, Peter Ainsworth (801)977-4331 or Pam Schuller (801)977-4356 at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

GLENN A. CARPENTER

Glenn A. Carpenter
Field Office Manager

Enclosures:

Map

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Lora Tom
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APPENDIX C – PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING MATERIALS

This section of the report includes the public scoping meeting materials, including:

- Sign-in sheets, including meeting attendees
- Example comment form

MONA TO OQUIRRH 500/345kV TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PUBLIC SCOPING COMMENT FORM

At this stage of the Mona to Oquirrh 500/345kV Transmission Corridor Project, we want to hear your comments on alternative corridors and issue identification to assist in the preparation of an EIS. **Your comments are important to help develop and implement the project. Comments will be accepted until November 14, 2007.**

Please return this comment form to the sign-in table or mail it to:

**Bureau of Land Management
Salt Lake Field Office
2370 South 2300 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84119
ATTN: Pam Schuller**

You can also submit comments via email: UT_M2OTL_EIS@blm.gov

Completing this form will automatically add you to the mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

1. Do you have any special interests regarding the construction of the transmission line or substation in your area?

2. What key issues should be addressed in the EIS Study?



**Sign up to receive the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)**

Let us know if you would like to receive a copy of the DEIS. Once the DEIS is completed in Early 2009, the document will be available at public libraries and on CD. A copy of the document will also be posted on the project website: http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/salt_lake/planning/mona_to_oquirrh_transmission.html.

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Summary

Tell us how to reach you

Include your name, address, phone number, fax, and e-mail, so we may keep you up to date about this project. You should be aware that your entire comment (including your personal identifying information) may be made publicly available at any time.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact me regarding these issues

Please print information clearly

Name: _____ Representing Agency or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

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**ATTN: Pam Schuller
Bureau of Land Management
Salt Lake Field Office
2370 South 2300 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84119**

***Public scoping comments must be postmarked by November 14, 2007**

APPENDIX D – MEETING MINUTES

This section of the report includes the minutes for the following meetings:

- BLM Interdisciplinary Team meeting – June 12, 2007
- Cultural Resource Interagency meeting – June 19, 2007
- Biological Resources Interagency meeting – July 6, 2007
- Community Working Group meeting #1 – November 9, 2007

Mona-Oquirrh 500/345kV Transmission Corridor Project EIS

Project ID Team Meeting
Spanish Fork
June 12, 2007
10:00am – 4:00pm

ATTENDEES

| <u>BLM SLFO</u> | <u>BLM FFO</u> | <u>EPG</u> | <u>PACIFICORP</u> | <u>BIGHORN ARCH.</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Peter Ainsworth | Steve Bonar | Christine Brown | Jim Burruss | Jon Baxter |
| Glenn Carpenter | Sherry Hirst | Mike Doyle | Bruce Jensen | Jim Christensen |
| Erin Darboven | Joelle McCarthy | Barb Garrison | Lucky Morse | |
| Gary Kidd | Clara Stevens | Frank Pisani | Terry Ray | |
| Mike Nelson | David Whitaker | Marc Schwartz | | |
| JuLee Pallette | | Lauren Weinstein | | |
| Holly Roberts | | | | |
| Pam Schuller | | | | |

MEETING SUMMARY

The purpose of the meeting was: (1) to introduce BLM staff and resource specialists and EPG staff; (2) to identify potential issues and critical elements applicable to the project; (3) to determine the level of analyses needed for the EIS; (4) to identify resource data sources for use in the analysis; and (5) discuss the level of public involvement that is anticipated.

Overview

After introductions and reviewing the goals for the meeting, T. Ray and M. Doyle provided an overview of the project. M. Doyle and T. Ray clarified for M. Nelson that: (1) the sections of 345kV transmission line were not going to be upgraded to 500kV lines; (2) the current expansion of the Oquirrh Substation has been permitted and is not part of the Mona-Oquirrh project EIS; and (3) PacifiCorp has interacted with some of the northern cities on other projects and has provided some general information about this project.

Feasibility Study

M. Doyle provided an overview of PacifiCorp's feasibility study and described the potential alternative corridors and substation sites that were identified. He described the drawbacks of siting a substation on the east side of the Oquirrh Mountains, which include having to site multiple transmission lines over the Oquirrh Mountains in the future and potential transmission line siting issues from the new substation to the Terminal Substation.

H. Roberts asked for clarification on the reasons behind eliminating corridors along the existing transmission lines. T. Ray explained the various criteria that PacifiCorp must adhere to when planning and constructing transmission lines. PacifiCorp needs to plan for having two lines out at any one time without affecting major load centers. The current system is loaded to capacity and new transmission lines are necessary to accommodate new/additional energy needs. From a reliability standpoint, if the new lines are located in the existing corridor and all of those lines go out, there will be major blackouts across the entire Wasatch Front. In addition to reliability issues, there are major land use issues along these

corridors in the northern portion of the study area. Since the new northern substation is essential for future interconnection projects, a substation site west of the Oquirrh Mountains would be more advantageous than a site on the east side.

Preliminary Plan of Development

M. Doyle gave an overview of the preliminary POD and emphasized that it will not be finalized until the project is nearly complete. The comments provided by the Fillmore FO were discussed. C. Stevens commented that, in the past, PacifiCorp has implemented different construction methods than those analyzed in the POD. She brought up this topic now in order to avoid problems later during construction. B. Jensen stated that construction methods will depend on terrain, and that PacifiCorp will analyze both ground and aerial construction methods in order to leave their options open.

M. Nelson requested clarification on access roads, stating that the BLM considers the roads as temporary and not permanent. M. Doyle stated that it would be ideal to have access roads along the entire route. M. Nelson said that would be a problem for the BLM unless the road was planned with other conjoining uses. B. Jensen explained that access would be needed to inspect the structures annually and in the case of emergency. All BLM staff agreed that access roads were a large concern due to OHV use and the lack of staff to enforce current regulations. M. Doyle stated that it was also in PacifiCorp's interest to minimize the construction of new roads to reduce costs. C. Stevens stated that access roads may be useful in the FFO, but that it was on a case-by-case basis. S. Hirst stated that the access roads could be figured out during the design phase and in coordination with other users.

C. Stevens stated that her comments on the POD were in regards to the FFO only and that the SLFO may have different stipulations. M. Nelson did not have any further comments on the POD, but mentioned that the language may need to be fine-tuned when finalizing the plan. To end the POD discussion, M. Doyle emphasized that transmission lines are different from pipelines, and many sensitive areas can be avoided by re-routing the line or spanning the sensitive areas.

EIS Preparation Plan

Discussion started with Task 2 – Scoping, and M. Doyle stated that currently there are five scoping meetings planned, which seemed reasonable to the BLM staff. S. Hirst pointed out that the meetings needed to be marketed well in Nephi because many people live in Nephi and own land around Mona.

H. Roberts stated that the BLM could not meet the current schedule. T. Ray suggested that the BLM augment their staff with contractors or perhaps utilize the third-party consultant to augment their staff and stated that PacifiCorp can talk to people in the State Office about moving this project forward. S. Hirst thought this was a good idea, particularly in regards to wildlife TES issues. The BLM needed to identify their shortcomings and determine where additional help would be useful. T. Ray emphasized that PacifiCorp intended to partner with the BLM and help them in any way possible.

P. Schuller mentioned that the NOI could take months to get listed on the Federal Register. H. Roberts added that a communication plan was necessary and that certain people in the Washington Office need to be contacted to move the NOI through. T. Ray asked the BLM to provide him with the process that must take place for the NOI and some contacts in the WO, so PacifiCorp can help move things along. P. Schuller stated that the process should start right away, and the project description should be completed by next week. S. Hirst agreed and stated that the State Office should be contacted immediately. All agreed that the project should move forward assuming a Plan Amendment is necessary for the SLFO, but may not be necessary for the FFO.

M. Doyle transitioned the discussion to Task 3 – Detailed Corridor and Site Inventory, and asked to discuss the level of analysis necessary and the available data resources. Addressing C. Stevens' comments, M. Doyle explained that the alternatives comparison will be based on available secondary

data. Where secondary data is not available, sample surveys will be conducted to fill in the gaps. After a preferred route is selected, detailed on the ground surveys would occur prior to construction. The level of data collected for the alternatives comparison would be equal for all corridors. J. Burruss added that a buffer would be surveyed around the final route to ensure some flexibility during construction. Everyone agreed upon this approach.

B. Garrison asked about the quality of the BLM's data. H. Roberts explained that it was inconsistent. Some species, such as the raptors, have very good data, other species do not. The BLM often uses the Natural Heritage Program as a data source and cooperates with the USFWS and DWR. H. Roberts also mentioned that, by directive from the State Office, the Utah BLM treats state listed species as TES.

C. Stevens asked about the involvement of other agencies. M. Doyle explained that it was agreed upon in the last meeting that the ID team meeting with the BLM and EPG staff should be held before bringing in other agencies. H. Roberts commented that there are specific processes that the BLM must follow regarding planning efforts and the involvement of other agencies. C. Stevens stated that the Air Force would like to be involved in, or at least notified of, any projects in the area. G. Carpenter stated that the study area was not within the UTTR, so the project was not subject to the moratorium on PA's.

Potential Alternatives / Key Issues

H. Roberts did not feel the need to eliminate any corridors due to raptor habitat, since impacts may be mitigated by prohibiting construction during the breeding season. H. Roberts addressed some of the other resources, stating: (1) the greatest concern is the impacts of new access roads; (2) there are possible kit fox issues within the western corridor; (3) there are no issues regarding livestock, except for infrastructure; (4) the BLM wants full avoidance of any T&E plant species and riparian areas; and (5) there are no major soils issues, except on steep slopes.

D. Whitaker shared the FFO's thoughts on the corridors, stating that they prefer the route headed north out of Mona rather than the routes that run over the East Tintic Mountains due to the presence of sensitive riparian areas, special status plants, sage grouse habitat, a historical mining district, and knapweed.

M. Nelson expressed concerns about the Stockton area and the North Oquirrh Management Area. Hazardous wastes will have to be addressed in Stockton. The N. Oquirrh route may be feasible if the existing 138kV line is consolidated with the new line. L. Weinstein pointed out that consolidating the two lines would require a shorter span width and more structures. P. Ainsworth would prefer the corridor through the foothills in Rush Valley rather than along the road.

M. Doyle estimated that the feasibility of a substation site east of the Oquirrh Mountains would be determined by the end of scoping. If siting the new substation in this area does not meet the objectives of the project, then the routes through Cedar Fort may be eliminated.

The meeting participants were then divided into smaller groups by resource. The groups discussed the key issues and concerns for each resource and the data available to use in the analysis. The EPG staff will write up a detailed study methodology for each resource by June 22. The reports will be sent to Mike and Clara for distribution to the appropriate BLM resource specialists.

Scoping

M. Doyle stated that the community leader briefings should be held in July before the NOI is published. H. Roberts requested a separate wildlife/biology meeting with the USFWS and DWR, and stated that she has to notify all the state agencies about the project. P. Schuller stated that a letter needed to be sent to the various agencies to request a meeting, for formality purposes.

It was agreed that all project materials could display the BLM and PacifiCorp logos. A few items regarding the NOI were discussed: (1) H. Roberts will send a communications plan to EPG or P. Schuller as an example for the NOI; (2) P. Schuller will complete the necessary briefing paper; and (3) C. Stevens recommended not putting the dates for the scoping meetings on the NOI.

Action Items:

P. Ainsworth/J. Baxter – Schedule a meeting with the appropriate agencies concerning cultural resources by 6/25.

H. Roberts – Schedule a meeting with the DWR, send an example communications plan to P. Schuller or EPG.

EPG/P. Schuller – Review the NOI process and prepare the necessary materials by June 22.

EPG – Prepare study methodology write-ups for each resource by June 22.

EPG – Set up a project FTP site.

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Cultural Resources Interagency Meeting

June 19, 2007

1:00pm – 3:30pm

ATTENDEES

BLM SLFO – Peter Ainsworth

BLM FFO – Joelle McCarthy, Misti Haines

Bighorn Archaeology – Jon Baxter, Jim Christensen

UDOT – Chuck Easton

Uinta National Forest – Jennifer Taylor

Hill Air Force Base –Utah Test and Training Range – Jaynie Hirschi

US Army Dugway Proving Grounds – Rachel Quist

Utah PLPCO – Lori Hunsaker

Utah SHPO – Matt Seddon

PacifiCorp – Terry Ray, Jim Burruss

EPG – Mike Doyle, Glenn Darrington, Christine Brown

MEETING SUMMARY

The purpose of the meeting was to: (1) introduce agency staff, PacifiCorp, and EPG staff; (2) review the process of corridor selection; (3) discuss definitions for Class I, II, and III inventories; (4) discuss the definition of the APE; (5) discuss visual resources, (6) discuss the inventory of historical sites; (7) define the level of effort for investigations; (8) discuss the development of a Programmatic Agreement (PA); and (9) determine the lead agency.

The meeting began with introductions and an overview of the project and potential transmission line corridors and substation sites. M. Doyle clarified that the actual route would probably not cross USFS or DOD land, even though the corridor overlaps these areas on the map.

L. Hunsaker mentioned the need to coordinate with other state agencies (RDCC and SITLA), and P. Ainsworth stated that H. Roberts (SLFO) had already mentioned this coordination in the last meeting. Before moving on, all agreed that the BLM would serve as the lead agency on the project.

Area of Potential Effects (APE)

P. Ainsworth initiated discussion on the definition of the APE, describing some of the potentially effected resources: visual resources, historical sites, rock art, and TCP's. He proposed that the APE be defined by the viewshed. G. Darrington stated that, if the viewshed was used to define the APE, it could be easily integrated with the visual analysis for the EIS. All agreed that the viewshed would be used to define the APE and that the viewshed developed for the EIS would be used.

Class I, II, and III Inventories

M. Seddon stated that C. Hansen was not too concerned about impacts to historic buildings, but wanted some type of reasonable analysis. P. Ainsworth stated that a records search could be done within the APE, and on the ground survey crews could look for additional structures. G. Darrington stated that many people would be doing fieldwork within the corridors throughout the course of the project and could be trained to spot historical buildings and structures in the area.

All agreed on the following process for conducting Class I, II, and III surveys:

- Class I – collect secondary data on all potential corridors, and identify any data gaps
 - Include available local data around Eureka, and conduct interviews if necessary
- Class II - conduct sample transects in areas where data is lacking, ensuring that an equal level of data for each route is used for the alternatives comparison
- Class III – after a preferred route is selected and before the ROD, conduct detailed on the ground surveys
 - 7 transects through the ROW (250 ft. wide ROW anticipated)
 - 2 transects along access roads
 - Substation sites, plus a 100 ft. buffer
- Integrate general cultural resource mitigation measures into the POD (detailed mitigation will be incorporated into a confidential Historic Properties Treatment Plan that will be developed for the project).

A discussion regarding data in NAD 27 and NAD 83 coordinates occurred, but was not resolved. Both data coordinates will be used depending on the agency.

G. Darrington asked about the process of surveying long linear sites. All agreed that, with a detailed map and site description covering the portion of the linear feature that will be crossed by the proposed right-of-way with an additional 400 meters on either side, it was not necessary to survey the entire length of the site to determine impacts.

R. Quist asked how TCP's would be identified. P. Ainsworth stated that an ethnographer would be used and tribes would be contacted. G. Darrington added that the tribes would identify the potential issues, and they would also have the opportunity to give input during the EIS process.

Programmatic Agreement (PA)

G. Darrington stated that the PA would incorporate the elements discussed in the meeting. All agreed that a PA is appropriate for this project. L. Hunsaker volunteered to review a draft of the PA. The other agencies did not feel it was necessary to be involved in drafting the PA, but some of them may be signatories.

The meeting ended with a discussion about other groups that may be interested in the project. Some special interest groups that may get involved include: the Pony Express Trails Association, the Lincoln Highway Association, the California-Oregon Trails Association, and the Eureka Historical Society. It was determined that the public scoping would be used to contact/inform these types of groups.

Action Item:

J. Baxter – Draft a PA and begin Class I record search.

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Biology Resources Interagency Meeting
July 6, 2007
10:00am – 12:30pm

ATTENDEES

BLM SLFO – Holly Roberts, Mike Nelson
USFWS (Utah Field Office) – Betsy Herrmann
Utah DWR (Central Region) – Ashley Green
PacifiCorp – Jim Burruss, Sherry Liguori
EPG – Christine Brown, Randy Palmer, Linwood Smith, Barb Garrison

MEETING SUMMARY

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the USFWS and DWR agency staff to PacifiCorp and EPG and discuss biology issues applicable to the project.

J. Burruss started the meeting by giving a general project overview, including the purpose and need, the potential corridors, and the feasibility study. R. Palmer emphasized the integration of this project with long-term planning and the West-wide Energy Corridors.

A. Green listed the major issues that he was concerned about:

- Impacts to raptors due to increased OHV use along access roads
- Noxious weeds, particularly in the southern portion of the study area
- Disturbance to sage grouse habitat and a potential increase in raptor predation
- Deer and elk winter range, particularly in the Stockton area
- Prefers corridors along existing linear facilities, such as railroads, highways, etc...
- Wants to overlay the corridors with species occurrence data from the Heritage Program. Sarah Lindsey has done some surveys and may have some good species information.

H. Roberts added that there may be specific sites where state sensitive species are located, and that some sensitive areas, such as riparian, may be spanned and avoided. J. Burruss agreed, and mentioned that the route and pole placements can be adjusted to avoid certain areas, which will be described in the POD. R. Palmer stated that there will also be mitigation measures built into the POD. J. Burruss and R. Palmer clarified that a 210-250 ft. ROW will be obtained for the entire 500kV corridor, and access roads will be minimized where possible.

H. Roberts stated that the BLM may need to do a Plan Conformance Review to determine if the Plan Amendment complies with the current Resource Management Plan. It is also possible that the cumulative impacts to raptors will need to be determined and the possibility of compensatory mitigation may need to be discussed. J. Burruss pointed out that many of the impacts may be mitigated.

J. Burruss described the regular inspection and maintenance process and PacifiCorp's vegetation management practices. Inspectors need regular access to the tower sites. All vegetation over approximately 10 feet needs to be cleared and may be replaced with low lying shrubs. Herbicides may be used to reduce the growth of large trees and to treat noxious weeds. M. Nelson stated that noxious weed management will be addressed in the ROW application and the POD.

H. Roberts mentioned that Tooele County is preparing a recreation plan with no input from the agencies. The BLM is concerned that this will lead to more OHV use in the northern portion of the study area.

B. Herrmann stated concern over the corridor along the Great Salt Lake, within the Tooele Valley Wetlands Special Area. S. Liguori stated there may be an increase in bird collisions with lines so close to the lake. J. Burruss stated that there are not any effective bird diverters on the market right now.

J. Burruss explained that raptors like to nest in the towers, and they can be encouraged to do so by installing platforms. However, it is extremely difficult to keep birds off of the towers in areas where they may pose a threat to sage grouse. A. Green stated that he was much more concerned with OHV use than with raptor predation of sage grouse. B. Herrmann agreed and stated the best sage grouse habitat should be avoided and disturbed areas should be revegetated to the extent possible.

H. Roberts started a discussion about the BLM's partnership with the Raptor Inventory Nest Survey (RINS). The following points were discussed:

- RINS has an extensive 8-year dataset covering over 3,000 nests, many of which occur in the study area
- The BLM has not had the funding to analyze the data yet
- Anecdotal evidence suggests regional extirpation of raptor populations
- All of the RINS data, except for the last year, has been input into a database
- GIS point data of nest locations is available
- Funding would be very helpful to analyze the RINS data for trends
- PacifiCorp may be willing to help, and the topic will be discussed in more detail at the July 11th meeting.
- Agencies should talk about creating a database housed at the DWR, in cooperation with the USFWS and possibly the USGS and DOD. The database should incorporate other data as well, including the Hawk Watch data in Box Elder County.
- The RINS data is important to determine possible indirect and cumulative impacts

H. Roberts ended the meeting stating that she would go over the schedule with the DWR after the July 11th meeting, and she was hoping to bring the DWR on as a cooperating agency.

Action Items:

BLM – establish formal cooperative agreement with DWR if they are willing to be a cooperating agency and go over project schedule after July 11th

BLM/PacifiCorp – discuss in more detail staffing issues and the potential funding for analyzing the RINS data

DWR – overlay corridors with species occurrence data to identify any more issues and/or sensitive areas

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**Community Working Group Meeting #1 – Meeting Notes
November 9, 2007, Hilton Hotel (SLC Airport)
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

ATTENDEES

CWG Members

Cary Campbell, Tooele City
Nicole Cline, Tooele County
Russell Fox, Kennecott Land
Ray Gottling, Kennecott Copper
Dan Rydalch, Town of Stockton
Curtis Woodward, Salt Lake County
Jeremy Nielson, South Jordan City
Tom Burdett, West Jordan City
Mary De La Mare –Schaefer, Salt Lake City Corporation

Rocky Mountain Power

Mickey Beaver, Rocky Mountain Power
Rich Walje, Rocky Mountain Power
Bruce Jensen, Rocky Mountain Power
Rod Fisher, Rocky Mountain Power
Terry Ray, Rocky Mountain Power

EPG

Lauren Weinstein, EPG
Michael Doyle, EPG
Christine Brown, EPG
Rhianna Riggs, EPG

BLM

Clara Stevens, BLM, Fillmore Field Office
Sherry Hirst, BLM, Fillmore Field Office
Dave Murphy, BLM, Salt Lake Field Office

MEETING SUMMARY

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the project to the Community Working Group (CWG) members and obtain input on potential issues related to the project.

L. Weinstein welcomed the group and discussed the purpose of the CWG. After study team and CWG introductions, R. Walje discussed the need for new transmission lines in Utah and gave an overview of Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) future expansion plans. He indicated that Utah is the fifth fastest growing state and has the largest average house size in the nation.

L. Weinstein and M. Doyle then reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the group, which are described in the CWG handbook.

M. Doyle initiated the powerpoint presentation which reviewed how electricity is utilized, the project need and description, the project study area, typical structures that may be used in the project and the NEPA/permitting process. M. Doyle discussed the proposed corridors and asked the group for issues or concerns that they may have regarding the study area boundary, corridors and the potential substation sites. The CWG members' comments included:

- D. Rydalch was concerned about the Stockton Bar and new developments in the area. He stated that the best route option would be on the east side of town along the foothills of the Oquirrh Mountains.
- R. Gottling stated that the new transmission lines and substations need to be clearly identified as required for public use without association with any Kennecott facility.

- J. Nielson wanted to ensure that future planned developments and major corridors, such as the Mountain View Highway corridor, are considered.
- C. Woodward is concerned that the project may impact future transportation plans in Salt Lake County, and requested that plans for future road expansions are taken into account.
- N. Cline stated that aesthetics are a big concern for Tooele County. She suggested that the northwest side of the Tooele Valley and along the south side of the Tooele Army Depot lands may be the best option for the transmission corridor and substation because it is less populated and less developed. She opposed the siting of the new substation near the Larry Miller Motorsports Park.
- R. Fox prefers that the transmission corridor and substation are located on the east side of the Oquirrh Mountains in order to avoid Kennecott Land's master planned communities. He also suggested keeping potential growth areas in mind with Rocky Mountain Power's overall plan for transmission line projects. R. Fisher stated that RMP is working to incorporate all transmission line plans into future growth plans.
- T. Burdett stated that West Jordan City has adopted a west side master plan. He would like to make sure this plan is respected, and would prefer that the new substation be located outside of the city. He also noted that military lands appear to be excluded from the corridors, but understood after discussion that these lands could not accommodate a transmission line or substation due to their missions.
- C. Campbell has no major concerns.

M. Doyle discussed the environmental studies that will take place for the project and the possible agency decisions that may be made. M. Doyle also reviewed the scoping issues and public involvement.

M. Doyle asked if the time (11:30am-1:30pm) and location for today's meeting were okay for future meetings. The group indicated that the location was good, and Thursdays/Fridays were the best days to schedule the meetings. The next meeting will be in the January/February timeframe.

APPENDIX E – PUBLIC SCOPING COMMENTS

This section of the report documents all of the public comments received during the 30-day public comment period. One written comment was received at the meeting in West Jordan. One verbal comment was received at the meeting in Nephi and was documented by Michael Doyle of EPG. The remaining comments were received by mail or email. The comments are listed below.

COMMENT DATE: 11/8/07

NAME: Dwayne Gentry

ORGANIZATION: University of Utah student

COMMENT: I am interested in the line construction being completed away from the east side of the Oquirrh Mountains, considering the amount of growth that will take place in the next 30 years on Kennecott land. I would recommend keeping the line away from this development. Environmentally sensitive areas, visual impacts – especially considering the mountains as a background and property owner impacts.

COMMENT DATE: 11/14/07

NAME: Michael Keyta

ORGANIZATION: Keyta Farms

COMMENT: Do not put new lines east of existing lines or pipeline. Owns 160 acres of grazing land adjacent to BLM land, north of Mona substation. Fences were cut and trees were cut. Not happy about property damage during construction.

COMMENT DATE: 10/25/07

NAME: Van O. Austin

COMMENT: When I try to download the maps of the corridor, my computer locks up. Would you please mail them to me at:
Van O. Austin
2698 Grandview Drive
Sandy, UT 84092-3432

I own property at Tintic Junction and am concerned about the corridor.
Thanks for your help.

COMMENT DATE: 10/25/07

NAME: Van O. Austin

COMMENT: I was able to get the map open. I am very concerned about this project. There are existing corridors along the west side of Utah Lake and I strongly feel that these corridors should be used rather than opening an entirely new corridor through Eureka, Stockton, Tooele, etc.

UNEV Pipeline, LLC has elected to run their pipeline through my property at Tintic Junction rather than use the existing corridor along the west side of Utah Lake and there was no realistic course to stop them from taking my private property for an easement. I am very concerned that I will suffer the same fate with this power line project.

If I need to submit my concerns through another forum, please let me know.

COMMENT DATE: 11/6/07

NAME: Bill Lawrence

COMMENT: There is an environmental study that is going on right now regarding the Tooele County Mid Valley Highway. Looking at your maps and proposed substation areas, this study looks to fall within your study corridor area and should be included. The study is being done as a local government job by the Tooele County Engineering Dept., with transportation funding.

The legend on the map showing alternative corridors and those that are "considered" but have been removed are not on your map. The map also has grey corridors shown, which are not on the map's legend.

My recommendation would be to consider alternatives that do not affect the rural quality, view and atmosphere, and the reason people choose to live there.

COMMENT DATE: 11/14/07

NAME: David Garbett

ORGANIZATION: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

COMMENT: I wish to be included on the BLM's project mailing list for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project EIS. Please send me an electric copy on CD-ROM of the DEIS and EIS when available.

I would particularly like to see the BLM address the issue of how this transmission corridor might affect lands with wilderness characteristics (as the BLM has indicated may be the case on the ENBB). The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and its members have a strong interest in seeing that no corridors pass through or impact lands with wilderness characteristics. This also includes lands proposed for wilderness designation in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act, H.R. 1919, S. 1170, 110th Cong. (2007). Please contact me regarding these issues.

COMMENT DATE: 12/12/07

NAME: Larry Svoboda

ORGANIZATION: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

COMMENT: See the following letter



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Ref: 8EPR-N

Pam Schuller
BLM Salt Lake Field Office
2370 South 2300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84119

Re: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental
Impact Statement, PacifiCorp's Mona to Oquirrh
Transmission Line, Utah

Dear Ms. Shuller:

Pursuant to our authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, EPA offers the following scoping comments about the proposed application from the PacifiCorp for the Mona to Oquirrh Double-Circuit 50/345 kV Transmission Line and Amendment to the Pony Express Resource Management Plan for the Salt Lake Field Office in Salt Lake County, Utah.

This EIS will evaluate the impacts of the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of 80-100 miles of new high voltage transmission lines and access roads requiring two new electrical substations. This new transmission line would increase electrical load import capacity into the Wasatch Front with the load delivered at or near Mona, Utah which would provide an option to import power from Southern California. The project is projected to cost approximately \$196 million with a completion date of 2011 or later.

SF₆ Emission Reduction Goals

Electric utilities continue to rely heavily on sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) as an electrical insulator in high voltage equipment that transmits and distributes electricity. SF₆ is a fluorinated compound with a stable structure that has performance characteristics superior to other oils for its insulation properties and dielectric strength. Since the 1950's, the U.S. electric power industry has used SF₆ widely in circuit breakers, gas-insulated substations, and other switchgear used in transmission systems to manage high voltages carried between generating stations and customer load centers. Under ideal conditions this material would remain contained within the equipment; however, it can be inadvertently emitted into the atmosphere if the material leaks during any part of the equipment's life cycle. SF₆ has been identified by the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC) as a highly potent greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. According to the IPCC, SF₆ is 22,200 times more effective at trapping infrared radiation than carbon dioxide (CO₂) over a 100-year period.

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Fortunately, both PacifiCorp and the Midwest Energy Holding Company (MEHC), an investing partner with PacifiCorp, participate in the EPA's *SF₆ Emission Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems*. Through their participation in this voluntary EPA partnership, these two corporations have made reduction of SF₆ an important business goal and report annually on their estimated SF₆ emissions. The most promising and cost effective options to reduce SF₆ emissions are: 1) leak detection and repair, 2) capture and recycling, and 3) employee education and training to achieve these goals. In addition, there are some equipment options that completely eliminate the use of SF₆ such as: air break switches, solid dielectric reclosers, solid dielectric distribution switch gear, and alternative non-toxic oils including certain seed oils. (For additional information, see: <http://www.epa.gov/electricpower-sf6/>.) We suggest that the EIS evaluate the proposed use of SF₆ equipment and develop an option that would meet the purpose and need for transmitting this power without the use of any SF₆ compounds in the associated equipment.

Thank you for the opportunity to suggest issues to be considered in this Draft EIS. Please contact Weston Wilson of our staff at (303) 312-6562 if we can provide further explanation of these scoping comments.

Sincerely,



Larry Svoboda, Director
NEPA Program



APPENDIX F – NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

To date, there has been one known article published about the proposed project in the Tooele Transcript Bulletin on November 19, 2007. A copy of the article is provided in this section.

New_power_corridor_could_pass_through_Tooele_County

by Sarah Miley

STAFF WRITER

Miles of transmission lines could slice through the landscape of Tooele County in the next few years to accommodate the increasing demand for electricity because of rapid population growth in Northern Utah, including the Tooele Valley.

The BLM is in the process of compiling an Environmental Impact Statement for Rocky Mountain Power's right-of-way application for the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project, which would establish a double-circuit 500/345 kilovolt transmission line between the Mona Substation in Juab County and the Oquirrh Substation in West Jordan. The new line would also connect with the Terminal Substation near the airport in Salt Lake.

The project also aims to identify future utility corridors for another 500/345 kV line and two substation sites.

"There's only one application right now, but because of anticipated growth, the company [Rocky Mountain Power] is looking at the future," said Dave Murphy, associate field manager for the Salt Lake Field Office of the BLM. "We're [the BLM] looking at it more holistically."

Construction on the project would begin in 2010 and take 18 months to two years to complete.

As part of the Environmental Impact Statement, the BLM will identify possible transmission line corridors and substation sites within the study area, which includes parts of Juab, Salt Lake, Utah and Tooele counties. Some of the items the BLM will examine include technical feasibility, impact on endangered or sensitive species, impact on water resources and socioeconomic impacts.

Depending on the route chosen, there could be 60 to 120 miles of high-voltage transmission lines traversing the landscape. Because of the high voltage, these lines could not be buried.

Margaret Oler, spokeswoman for Rocky Mountain Power, said it is uncertain at this point where the transmission lines and substations will be located.

"The study area does include parts of several counties, so the BLM is taking a look at that entire study area," she said. "No route or substation sites have been defined at this point."

Currently, Murphy said the power company essentially has "all their eggs in one basket." Most of the larger transmission lines go from the Mona Substation north through Utah County and into Salt Lake County. He said it could be beneficial to have a larger transmission line away from the others, perhaps in Tooele County, in the event of a catastrophic event like an earthquake or fire.

The BLM is currently in talks with the cities and counties affected by the project.

As the Tooele Valley continues to grow, possible placement of transmission lines and substations becomes an issue, Murphy said, which is why correspondence with local government officials, as well as public comment, is so important.

Officials with the BLM encourage the public to voice their comments and concerns about the project to guide them in their

analysis. For the fullest consideration, public comments need to be received by the BLM as soon as possible. Comments may be submitted by e-mail (UT_M20TL_EIS@blm.gov) or sent to the Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 S. 2300 West, Salt Lake City, UT, 84119. ATTN: Pam Schuller.

The BLM expects to have a draft EIS by spring 2009.

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