

Sierra Pacific Power Company Fallon to Salt Wells Project

Toward a safe, clean energy future: Sierra Pacific Power Company Fallon to Salt Wells Project will be located on public and private land in Churchill County, Nevada.

VITALS

Location: Churchill County, NV

Technology: 230 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line

Company: Sierra Pacific Power Company (also known as NV Energy, Reno, NV)



THE BLM ACTION - BLM's decision authorizes:

- ✓ A 125-foot-wide right-of-way for a 230 kV transmission line across approximately 7 miles of public land.

BY THE NUMBERS - the project is expected to:

- ✓ Create up to 50 construction jobs.
- ✓ Construct a 22-mile transmission line, 1 electrical substation, 2 electrical switching stations, 2 60 kV electric line folds, and a fiber optic line across public and private land.
- ✓ Be located on about 1,400 acres. The BLM manages almost 71% of the land in Churchill County.

A SMART, COLLABORATIVE PROCESS: In April 2009, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) committed to helping the nation reach its clean energy future by guaranteeing coordinated processing, full environmental analysis and public review for specific renewable energy projects where the companies involved had demonstrated they were ready to advance to the formal environmental review and public participation process.

STRONG ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND MITIGATION: The BLM worked closely with federal, state and local partners to advance environmentally sound projects.

- ✓ BLM coordinated with Churchill County, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Naval Air Station Fallon to address concerns involving conservation easements and a future land transfer.
- ✓ Sierra Pacific Power Company will construct the Greenwave Substation, the Pony Express and Bass Flat Switching Stations, a 15-mile, 230 kV transmission line and a fiber optic line on private land and land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.
- ✓ Sierra Pacific Power Company worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to reduce potential impacts to migratory birds through the development of an Avian Protection Plan.

THE BIG PICTURE: Secretary Salazar has established a Department-wide goal to complete the environmental reviews for 9,000 megawatts of renewable energy by the end of 2011. The State of Nevada is working to achieve a 25% Renewable Portfolio Standard by 2025. The Sierra Pacific Power Company Fallon to Salt Wells Project is one of the initiatives that will help bring Nevada and this nation one step closer to a clean energy economy.