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# transmission lines

Important news about Rocky Mountain Power's Gateway South transmission project

## Landowner meeting dates

Meetings will be from  
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

### WYOMING

Medicine Bow – Mon., March 28  
Community Hall  
221 Pine Street, 82329

Rawlins – Tue., March 29  
Jeffrey Center  
315 East Pine, 82301

Baggs – Wed., March 30  
Valley Community Center  
255 West Osborne, 82321

### UTAH

Duchesne – Mon., April 4  
Duchesne High School  
155 West Main, 84021

Vernal – Tue., April 5  
Western Park  
300 East 200 South, 84078

### COLORADO

Rangely – Wed., April 6  
Colorado Northwestern  
Community College  
500 Kennedy Drive, 81648

Craig – Thu., April 7  
Moffat County  
Fairgrounds Pavilion  
750 East 4th Street, 81625

### UTAH

Green River – Wed., April 13  
Green River Senior  
Citizens Center  
355 East 175 South, 84525

Price – Thu., April 14  
College of Eastern Utah  
Jennifer Leavitt Student Center  
300 East 500 North, 84501

Fairview – Wed., April 20  
Fairview Social Hall  
65 South State Street, 84629

Nephi – Thu., April 21  
Juab County Courthouse  
Senior Center  
160 North Main Street, 84648

## New Gateway South transmission project to help meet area's growing need for electricity

Rocky Mountain Power is always working to provide safe, reliable electrical service to meet the growing needs of its customers. With energy use on the rise and electrical demand fast approaching the limits of the existing transmission system, new facilities are needed to meet the growing demand. Despite the recent economic slowdown, the typical residential consumer today uses 26 percent more electricity than they did 20 years ago.

In 2007, Rocky Mountain Power committed to expanding its transmission network to ensure sufficient capacity would be available to meet the needs of its new and existing customers. The Gateway South transmission project would increase capacity and service reliability for our customers in the region now and into the future. To meet expected demand, the project is planned to be completed and in service to customers sometime during 2017-2019.

### Landowner meetings

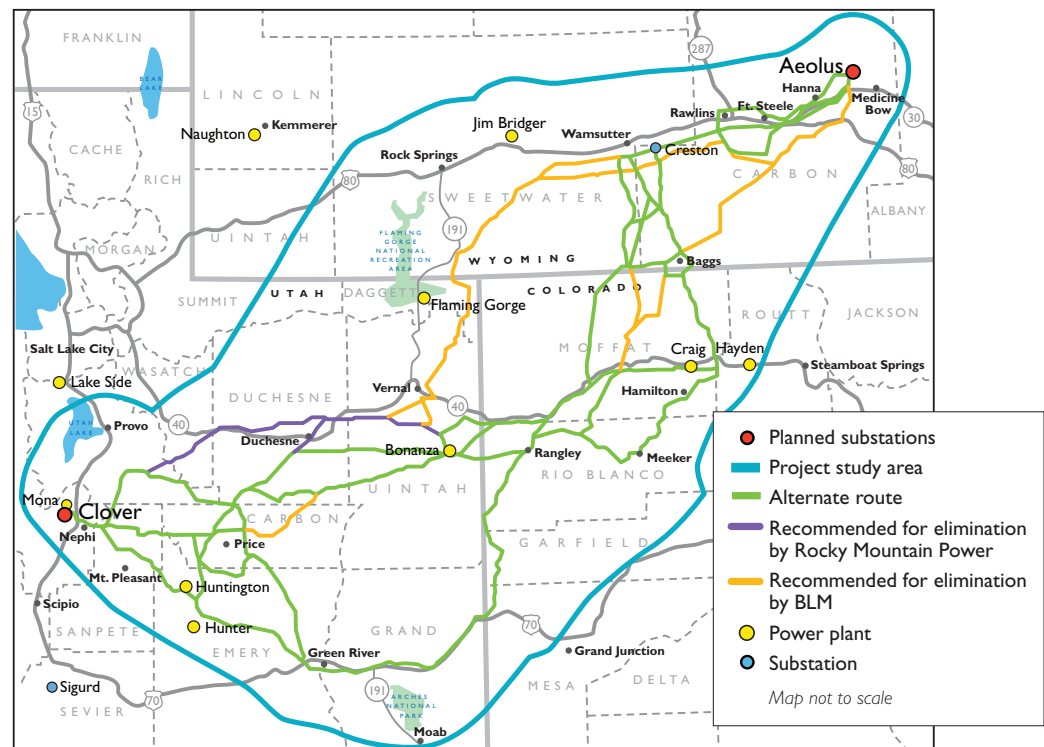
Rocky Mountain Power will host a number of meetings throughout the area to discuss the project. Property owners and other interested parties are encouraged to attend to gather information, ask questions and provide input. The first series of meetings will begin March 28, 2011. Please see the schedule in the sidebar of this newsletter for a meeting near you.

### Project description

The Gateway South project is a 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, approximately 400 miles in length, beginning at the planned Aeolus substation near Medicine Bow, Wyoming and terminating at the Clover substation near Mona, Utah.

The proposed structures, made of dulled galvanized steel, would vary in type depending on the location.

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To view this map online, visit the Gateway South project website at [rockymountainpower.net/transmission](http://rockymountainpower.net/transmission).



Let's turn the answers on.

The height would range from approximately 140 feet to 190 feet and the average span between structures would be approximately 1,000 to 1,500 feet (4 to 5 structures per mile). The line would be constructed on a 250-foot-wide right of way to accommodate the construction and operation of the transmission line.

### Route selection process

Many locations are being considered for the transmission line. The potential locations will be evaluated to ensure additional capacity and improved reliability is sufficient to meet the current and future needs of electric customers.

Criteria used in the selection process include: reliability, safety, eventual cost to customers, accessibility, area to be served, other electric facility locations, technical feasibility, land use, etc.

Rocky Mountain Power conducted a feasibility analysis for the project, including preliminary routing alternatives, prior to filing a right of way application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the US Forest Service in December 2008 for routes affecting federal lands in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. Many locations were considered during the feasibility analysis for the transmission line and were

evaluated to ensure the additional capacity and improved reliability was sufficient to meet the current and future needs of customers.

The BLM, as lead agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required and is working with the Forest Service as well as other federal, state and local cooperating agencies on the EIS. Public participation is encouraged throughout the development of the EIS and detailed information regarding public meetings will be published in local newspapers, mailed to project-specific mailing lists and posted on company and BLM websites. Several alternative routes are currently proposed and the final route will be determined during the EIS process.

Once the route has been selected, Rocky Mountain Power will work directly with landowners to obtain rights of way on private lands. We will also apply for all necessary permits and approvals from other federal and state agencies and local jurisdictions.

## Project timeline

- Informational Meetings – Early 2011 through project completion
- Public Scoping – Spring 2011 (conducted by the Bureau of Land Management)
- Environmental Impact Statement – December 2008-2015
- Estimated line in service for customers – 2017-2019

### For more information, please contact us:

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Web: [rockymountainpower.net/transmission](http://rockymountainpower.net/transmission), then click on Gateway South

*Be sure to state that your questions or comments are regarding the Gateway South project.*

To submit official comments on the Gateway South project, please submit them directly to:

BLM Wyoming State Office  
Attn: Tamara Gertsch  
P.O. Box 21150  
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Web: [http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/hdd/gateway\\_south.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/hdd/gateway_south.html)

E-mail: [GatewaySouth\\_WYMail@blm.gov](mailto:GatewaySouth_WYMail@blm.gov)

It is appreciated that you send your comments to both Rocky Mountain Power and the BLM. Comments made directly to the BLM become part of the official record.