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# LS Power



## Southwest Intertie Project (SWIP) North

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***Bringing Energy Forward***



- LS Power is a power generation and transmission group

## Power Generation

- Over 32,000 MW of development, construction, or operations experience
- Active development of renewable and fossil generation resources

## Transmission

- Over 470 miles of 345-500kV development, construction or operations experience
- Rate regulated transmission utility in the State of Texas
- Active development of high-voltage transmission throughout North America

## Acquisition

- Over \$6 billion in private equity capital dedicated to energy sector
- Acquired over 20,000 MW of power generation

## Functional Expertise

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Project Development	Transmission	Licensing & Environmental	Project Finance & Execution
Regulatory, Legal & Compliance	Power Marketing & Energy Management	Engineering & Construction	Operations Management



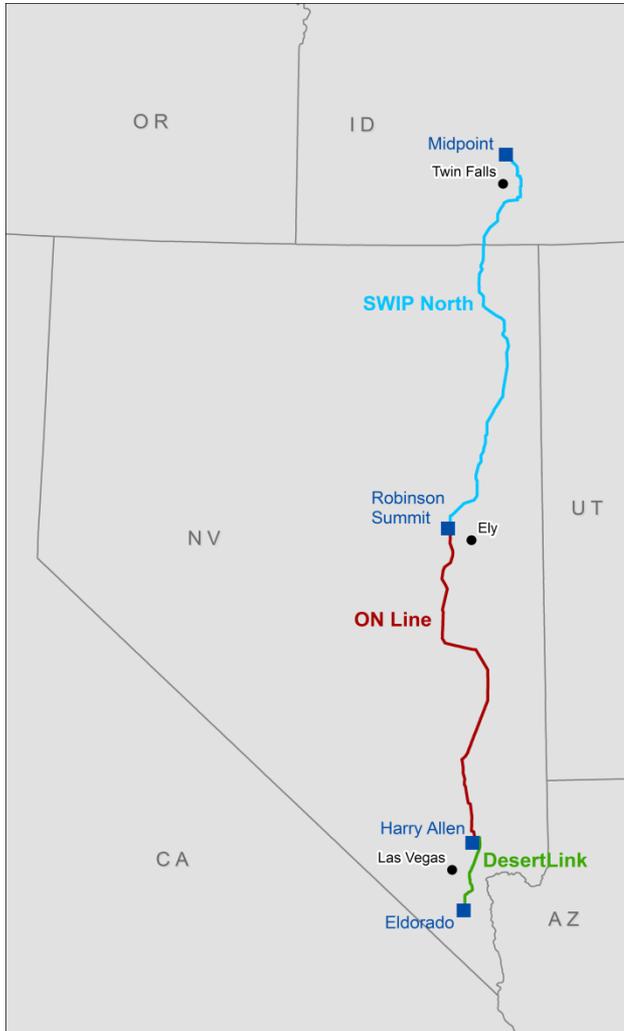
# Development Philosophy



- Meet the needs of our customers
  - Safe, reliable and competitive energy
  - Renewable and fossil power generation
  - Transmission infrastructure
- Safe and protective of the environment
  - Modern designs with advanced technologies
  - Tailor projects sensitive to the locality and region
- Work with communities
  - Projects that fit with community plans and goals
  - Encourage using local subcontractors and hiring local workers



# Southwest Intertie Project



- Midpoint to Robinson Summit 500 kV line (SWIP North)
  - ~284 miles
  - NEPA complete
  - BLM issued Notice to Proceed
  - 24 months Construction
  - Target In-service 2020
- Robinson Summit to Harry Allen 500 kV line (ON Line)
  - ~231 miles
  - Currently In service
  - Transmission Use and Capacity Exchange Agreement with NV Energy
- Harry Allen to Eldorado 500 kV line (DesertLink line for CAISO)
  - In service by 2020

# SWIP North Development Status



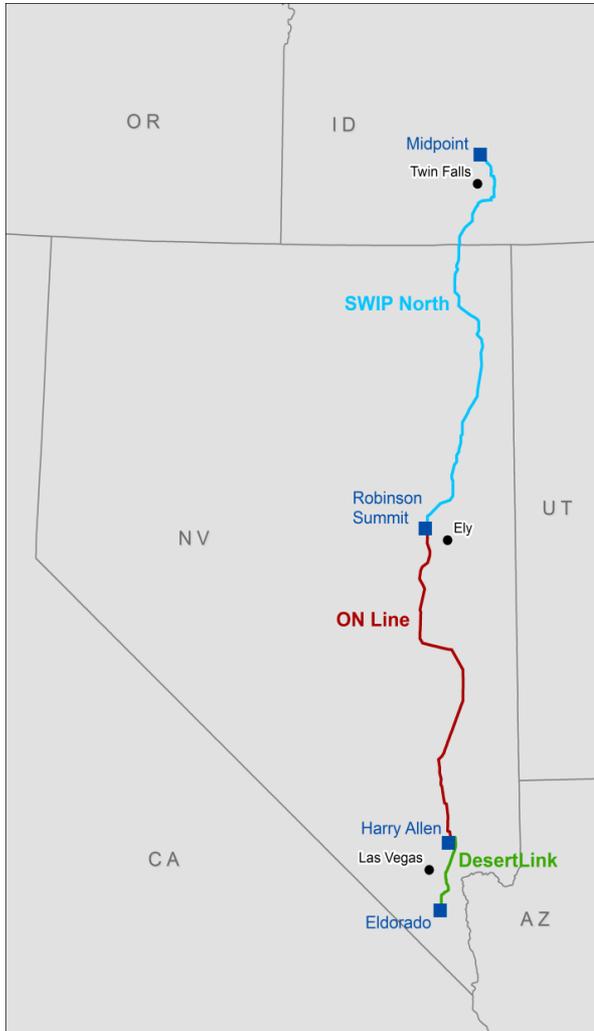
- Federal Approvals
  - Federal NEPA process complete
    - Project analyzed in a multi-agency Environmental Impact Statement
  - BLM Rights-of-Way secured
    - Right-of-way recognized as anchor to major land use planning corridor (West Wide Energy – EAct 2005 Section 368 Corridor)
  - Post NEPA resource surveys performed for sensitive biological species and cultural resources
  - Unprecedented coordination with federal and state agencies for avoidance of impacts to important sage grouse habitat
    - Included Congressionally directed Right-of-Way realignment and funding of USGS led sage grouse research efforts.
  - Construction, Operation and Maintenance Plan Approved
  - Notice to Proceed with Construction Issued

# SWIP North Development Status (cont.)



- State and Local Approvals
  - White Pine County Special Use Permit and Development Agreement Approved
  - Key permits to be obtained
    - Elko County Special Use Permit
    - Public Utilities Commission of Nevada UEPA Permit
- Real Estate Rights
  - Federal right-of-way grant issued
  - Private land rights substantially secured
- Preliminary Engineering Complete
- Transmission Interconnection Requests Filed
  - Midpoint Substation – Idaho Power
  - Robinson Substation – NV Energy

# SWIP Capacity and Cost Allocation



## Phase 1 - ON Line (231 miles Robinson to Harry Allen)

- Co-ownership NVE and LS Power subsidiary
- 100% of cost related to ON Line borne by NVE
- 100% capacity to NVE, under NVE OATT

## Phase 2 – SWIP North (284 miles, Midpoint to Robinson)

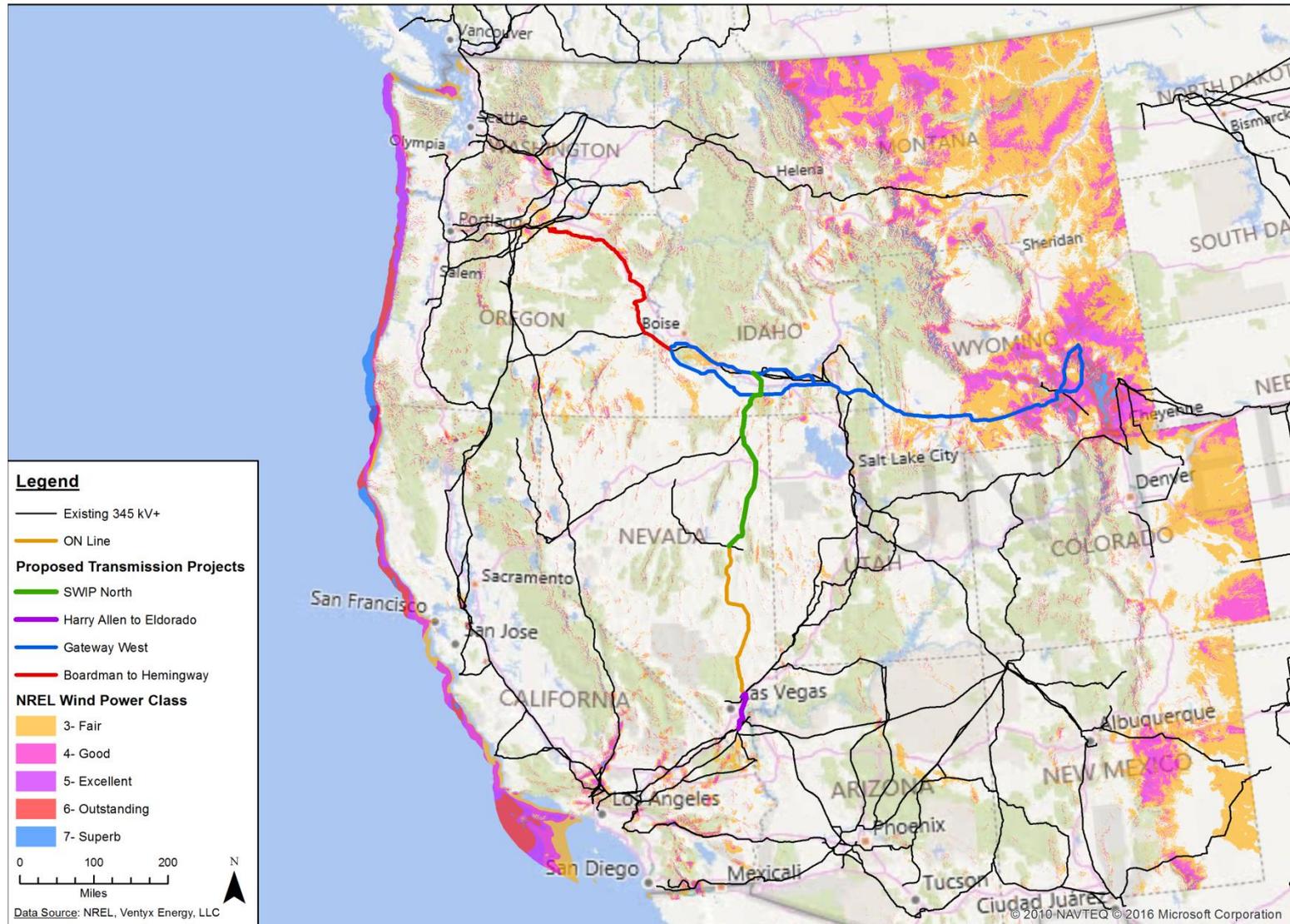
- New path from Midpoint to Robinson Summit
- Uprate of ON Line path
- 100% of cost related to SWIP North borne by LS Power
- Capacity exchange on both segments, estimated to be

	NVE Capacity (MW)	LSP Capacity (MW)
SWIP-N (Midpoint-Robinson)	700	1,000
ON Line (Robinson-Harry Allen)	1,000	1,000

## Interregional Capacity and Cost Allocation in Place

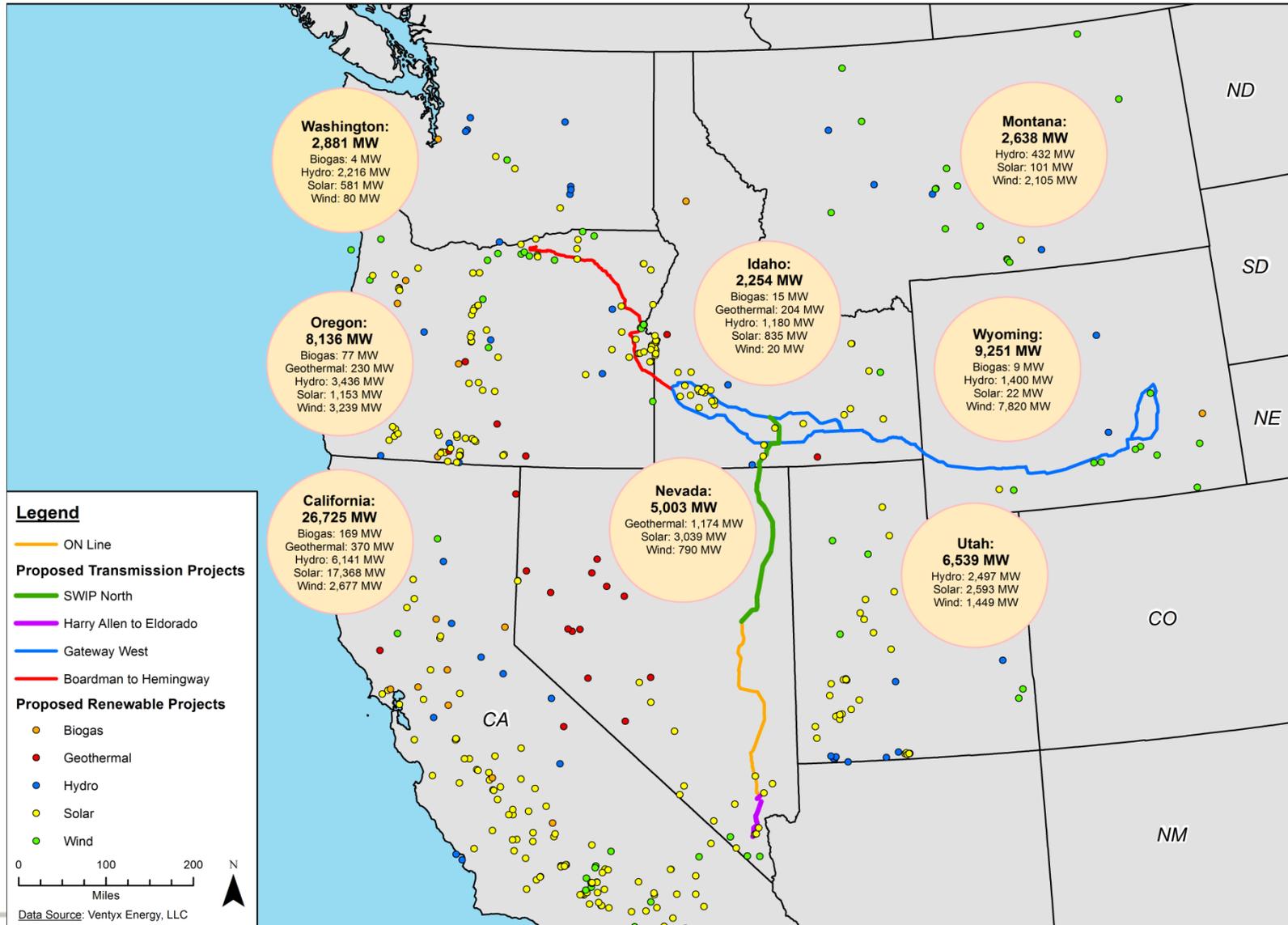
- NVE pays the cost of ON Line and receives share of capacity across both segments
- LS Power pays cost of SWIP North and receives share of capacity across both segments
- Cost/capacity sharing already in place results in much lower cost per MW for available capacity compared to alternative that does not utilize rights to ON Line

# Wyoming Wind Resources





# Proposed Renewables & Transmission



# SWIP North Benefits



- Improves transfer capability between CAISO & other BAAs: PacifiCorp, NV Energy, Idaho Power, BPA
  - SWIP North provides up to 2100 MW of transfer capability from Midpoint (Idaho Power/PacifiCorp) to Robinson Summit (NV Energy) to Harry Allen (NV Energy/CAISO) to Eldorado (NV Energy/CAISO)
    - LS Power's share of capacity on this path is free of hurdle rate
  - SWIP North unlocks current transmission constraints in WECC and provides access to cost competitive renewables from WY, ID, OR, NV, and UT to access California markets
    - CPUC RPS Calculator v6.1 selects 4000 MW+ of WY/NM wind resources
- Economic benefits
  - Energy Savings (hourly dispatch) + Congestion reduction + Producer Benefits
  - Capacity benefits of new transmission
    - Reduced flexible capacity requirements
    - Load/resource diversity
  - Increased EIM benefits due to increased transfer capability between CAISO, PAC, NVE & APS
  - Geographical Diversity benefits - Wyoming Wind Integration Study shows diversity benefits of delivering WY wind to California load are estimated at \$2.3-\$9.5 billion

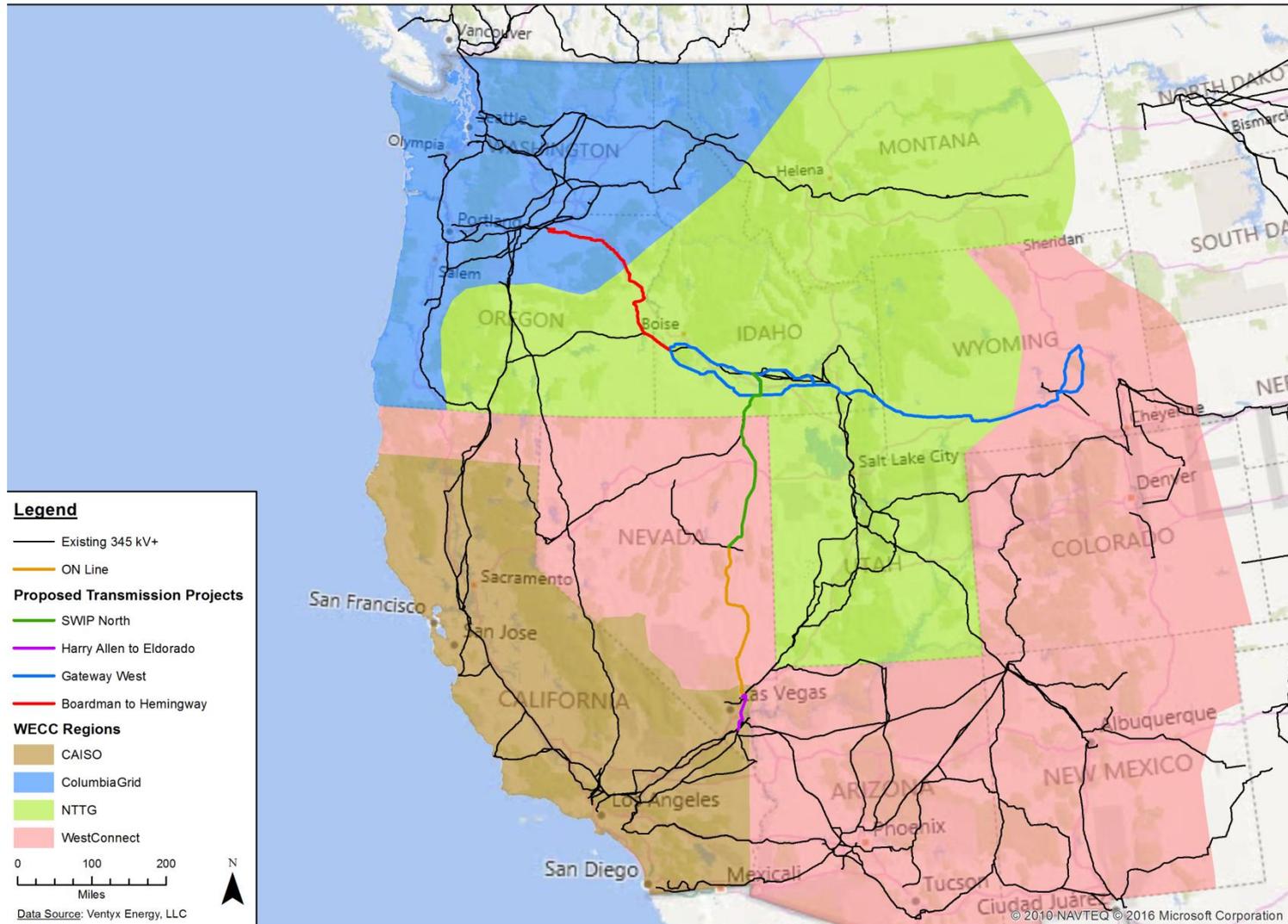
# SWIP North Benefits (cont.)



- **Policy Benefits**
  - Allows more cost effective options to meet CA 50% RPS and GHG goals
  - Aids in over-generation management and reduces renewable curtailment
  - NREL's Low Carbon Grid Study (Phase II) sees SWIP N as a key transmission path that helps economically meet California's 2030 GHG goals
- **Reliability Benefits**
  - Creates a major WECC path paralleling the California Oregon Intertie (COI) path & Path 26
  - Addresses Northern CA bulk transmission overloads identified by CAISO during 2014/15 TPP
  - Helps prevent WECC NE/SE separation in the event of loss of COI lines
  - Provides significant incremental transfer capability between CAISO and neighboring BAAs even without PAC integration
- **Enhanced Benefits for CAISO/PacifiCorp integration**
  - Overcomes 776 MW transfer limit identified in E3 integration study
  - Resource procurement savings
  - Over-generation management
  - Lower peak capacity needs
  - More efficient unit commitment and dispatch



# WECC Planning Regions



Region boundaries are approximate for illustrative purposes only

# WECC Balancing Authorities

