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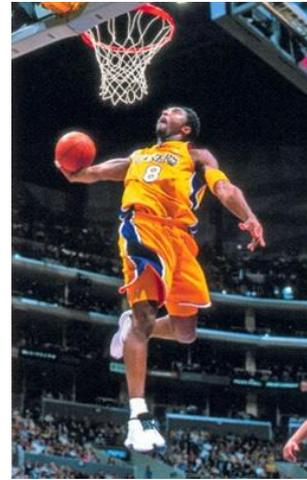


TransWest Express Transmission Project: Status Update and Technical Capabilities



RETI 2.0-
Transmission Technical
Input Group Workshop
Sacramento, CA
January 22, 2016

The Anschutz Corporation

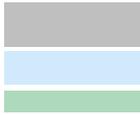


TWE Project: An Inter-Regional Transmission Solution

- 1,500 MW initial/3,000 MW final, 600 kV HVDC
 - Wyoming planning areas: NTTG, WestConnect
 - Nevada planning areas: CAISO, WestConnect
 - Potential Utah planning areas: NTTG, WestConnect
- Bi-directional operation
- 730-mile route, 66% on federal land
- Potential use of 500 kV AC included in permitting



Inverted Development Approach Maximizes Design Flexibility



Development Timeframe



Project Scope Narrows Based on Process

Commercial Model
Remains Flexible

Permitting

3,000 MW or 1,500 MW AC
Wyoming, Utah, Nevada terminals

Design

3,000 MW DC, bi-directional
multiple phasing/sizing options
Wyoming, Nevada terminals

Path
Rating

1,500 MW DC (north to south)
Wyoming, Nevada terminals

Commercial

100% unallocated capacity offers multiple options:

- Network expansion
- Inter-regional cost allocation
- Shipper model



Western Area Power Administration

Joint development partner
since 2011

Proposing to participate
as a joint project owner



Rapid Response Team for Transmission

TWE Project selected
for special focus under
new federal interagency
program in 2011

Advanced Permitting Highlights Project Viability

Environmental Impact Statement

prepared by BLM and Western as joint
lead agencies

- **Nov. 30, 2007:** Original ROW application filed
- **Jan. 4, 2011:** Notice of Intent published
- **July 3, 2013:** Draft EIS published
- **May 1, 2015:** Final EIS published
- **2016:** Records of Decision anticipated

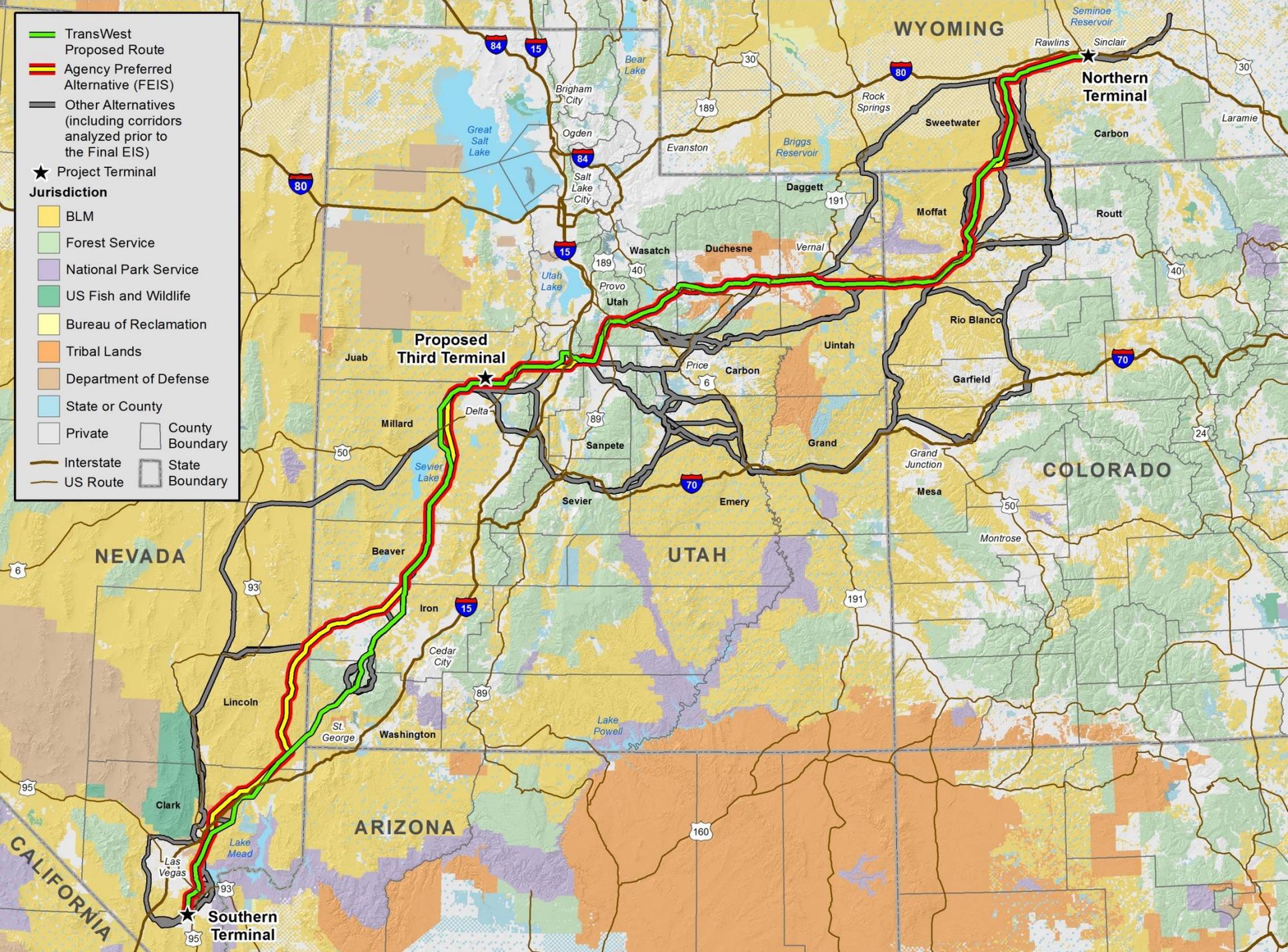
Comprehensive **Plan of Development**
includes flexible Design Options

- Build 600 kV DC or 500 kV AC
- Build mid-terminal in Utah

- TransWest
- Proposed Route
- Agency Preferred Alternative (FEIS)
- Other Alternatives (including corridors analyzed prior to the Final EIS)
- ★ Project Terminal

Jurisdiction

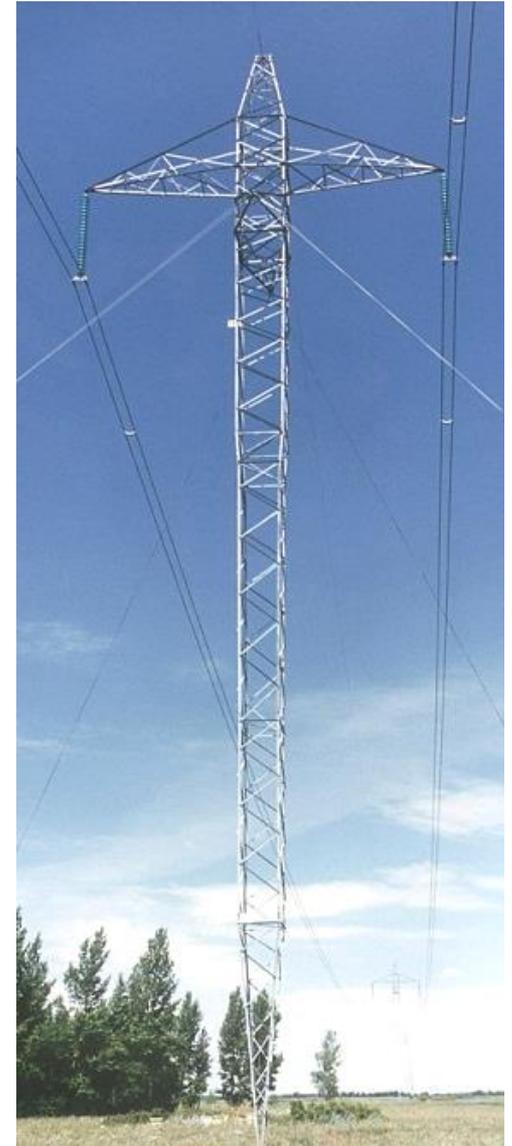
- BLM
- Forest Service
- National Park Service
- US Fish and Wildlife
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Tribal Lands
- Department of Defense
- State or County
- Private
- County Boundary
- Interstate
- State Boundary
- US Route



TWE Project

Design Development Progress

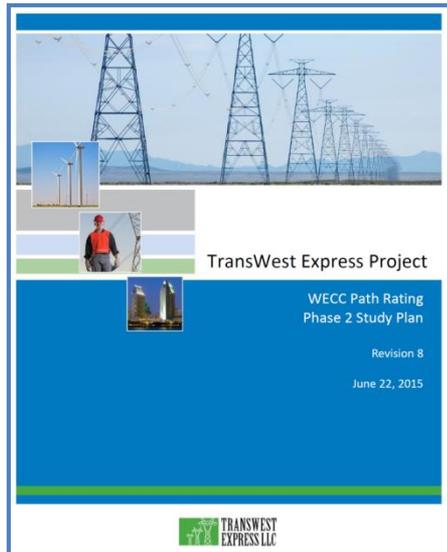
- Design criteria, 3,000 MW bi-directional DC
 - Conductor sizing
 - Structure types
 - Ground electrode
 - Northern terminal system strength
 - Terminal and line siting
 - Interconnections
- Multiple phasing approaches
 - Monopole – Bi-pole phasing (1,500/3,000 MW)
 - Bi-pole – Bi-pole phasing (1,500-2,500/3,000 MW)
- Technical specifications
- Operations and maintenance plans



WECC Path Rating and Transmission Interconnection Studies

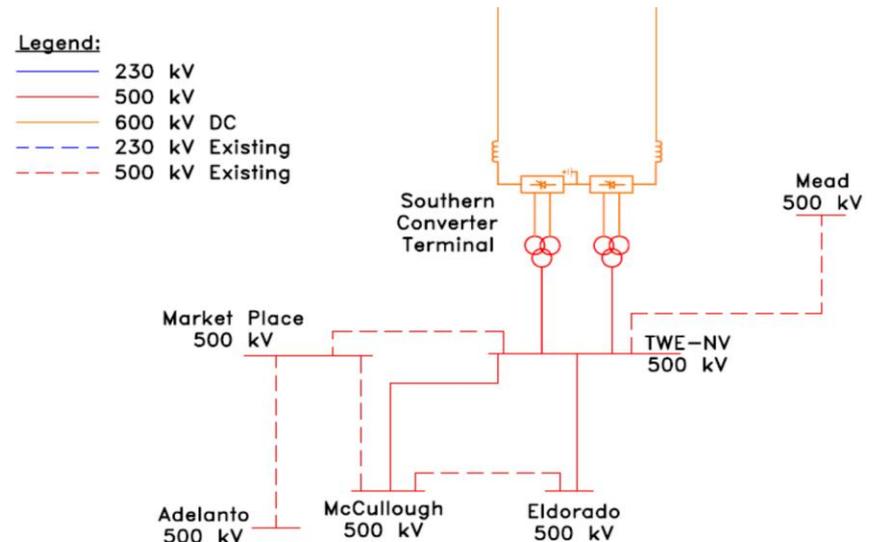
Phase 2 Path Rating Process

- Kick-off in 2010, revised Study Plan in 2015
- Seeking initial 1,500 MW north to south Path Rating



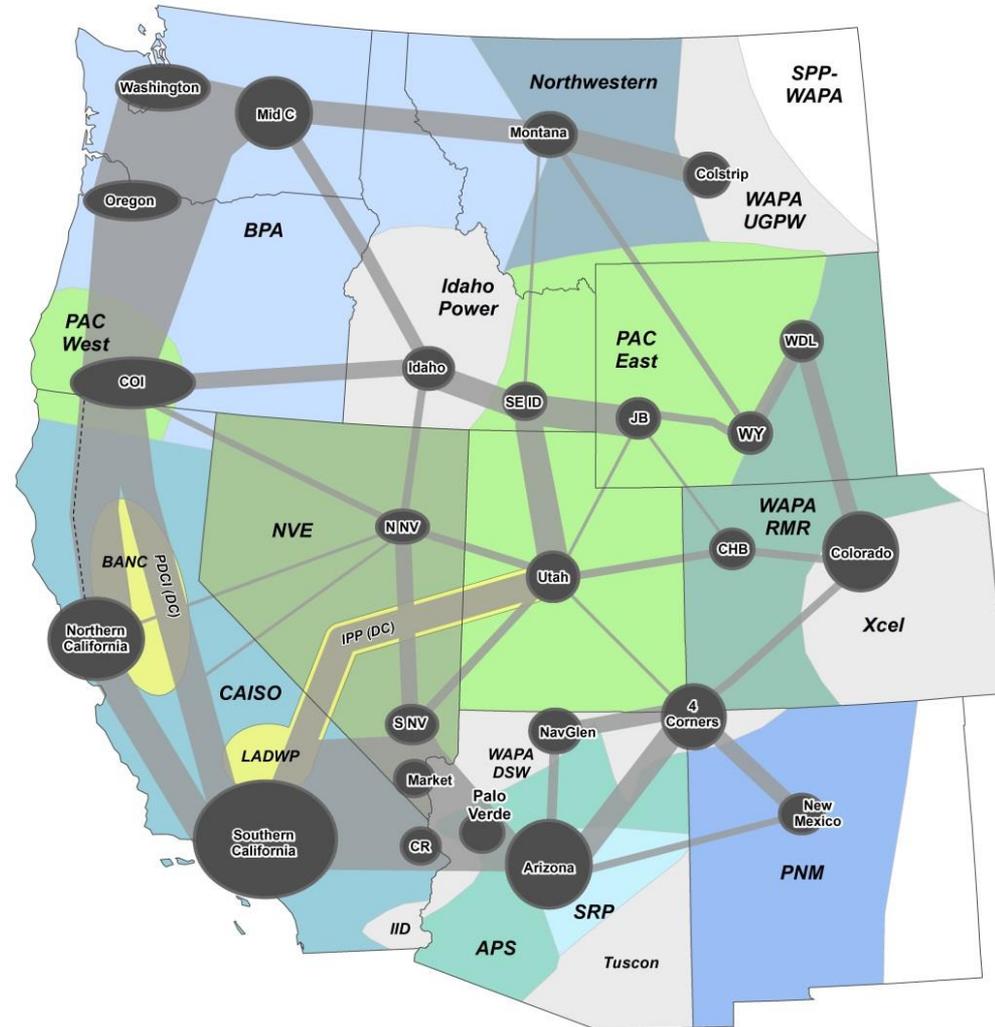
System Impact Studies

- PacifiCorp = for northern interconnection
- TransWest = for southern interconnections



RETI Benefits From Simplified Regional Transmission Capacity Information

- “Pipe diagram” shows bulk of existing transmission capacity built along coast in a “C”
- Limited capacity (<1,000 MW) exists between the California/Desert Southwest and Inter-Mountain regions
- Limited capacity limits regional access to diverse renewable resources and to diverse load areas



TWE Project Offers a Flexible, Viable, Regional Solution

- TWE Project developed as a Inter-Regional Transmission Project to provide critical capacity between California and Rocky Mountain regions
- Anschutz (dba TransWest) and development partner Western Area Power Administration have made significant progress in TWE Project permitting, design and power system analysis
- Inverted Development approach has maximized the design flexibility: a 3,000 MW bi-directional DC link between regions, and/or a 1,500 MW AC network addition
- RETI 2.0 benefits from simplified transmission capacity information to consider potential regional transmission/resource combinations

