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Attached please find the updated project description for the Fountain Wind Project. The updates reflect additional project details unavailable prior to these revisions, and clarifications compiled during the data compilation phase. Additions include revisions to a table of project component dimensions; a table of colors, finishes, and materials for major project components; and additional detail regarding turbine deliveries, total construction truck trips, transportation management during construction, water supply during construction and operations, and a distribution line connecting the O&M building and the substation.

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FOUNTAIN WIND ENERGY PROJECT

Project Description

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Executive Summary

The Fountain Wind Energy Project (Project) is a wind energy generation development proposed by Fountain Wind LLC (Applicant) in unincorporated Shasta County. The proposed Project is located approximately 1 mile west of the existing Hatchet Ridge Wind Project, 6 miles west of Burney, 35 miles northeast of Redding, and immediately north and south of State Route 299. The project would be located entirely on private property, managed for timber production and harvesting, where public access is currently restricted. The Project Area includes thirty-seven 37 parcels in which the project components will be sited and encompasses approximately 16,108 acres. The Project Site Boundary encompasses approximately 2,855 acres within the Project Area and includes where all infrastructure would be sited and where potential temporary and permanent disturbance activities may occur including associated construction and maintenance corridors.

As further described below, the primary project components are:

- Up to 48 wind turbines with a nameplate generating capacity of up to 7.2 megawatts (MW) each (for a total nameplate capacity of up to 205 MW).
- Underground and overhead collection lines.
- Access roads, temporary construction laydown areas, an operation and maintenance facility, permanent meteorological evaluation towers, storage sheds, and up to three temporary concrete batch plants.
- A substation and switchyard to interconnect to the existing Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) 230
 kilovolt line (from Pit #1 Dam to the Cottonwood Substation) and a relay microwave tower or overhead fiber
 optic communication circuits.

The Applicant is applying for site certification and project approval under the California Energy Commission's "optin" provisions pursuant to Public Resources Code §25545 et seq. These opt-in provisions grant the Commission exclusive permitting authority (with some exceptions) over qualifying non-thermal energy production "facilities," including a "terrestrial wind electrical generating powerplant with a generating capacity of 50 megawatts or more and any facilities appurtenant thereto." The project qualifies as a "facility" under Public Resources Code §25545(a)(1) because it is a terrestrial wind electrical generating powerplant with a generating capacity of more than 50 MW.

Project construction is expected to last 24 to 28 months and require up to approximately 200 workers at peak construction. Project operations would require up to 10 full-time employees, depending on the final turbine technology that is selected for the Project. Routine maintenance activities are expected to include checking torque on tower bolts and anchors; checking for signs of stress on the turbines or leakage of lubricants, hydraulic fluids, or other hazardous materials; inspecting the grounding cables, wire ropes and clips, and surge arrestors; cleaning; and repainting.

The life of the project is assumed to be 35 years. Proposed decommissioning of existing facilities would require approximately 18 to 24 months. Decommissioning would involve dismantling project infrastructure <u>components</u> to a depth of 3 three feet below grade and removing them from the project site. Underground cables would be abandoned in place. The project site would be revegetated to be consistent with the area's ecological setting and the landowner's current and future land use practices.



1 Project Overview

1.1 Project Overview

The Fountain Wind Energy Project (Project) is a wind energy generation development proposed by Fountain Wind LLC (Applicant), in an unincorporated area of Shasta County. Overall, the project would have a total nameplate generating capacity of up to 205 megawatts (MW). Associated infrastructure and facilities would include:

- Up to 48 wind turbine generators;
- 34.5-kilovolt (kV) overhead and underground electrical collector system;
- an on-site substation to receive electricity from the turbines via the electrical collector system;
- overhead and underground fiber-optic communication lines and/or a microwave relay system;
- an onsite switching station to connect the project to the existing regional grid operated by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E);
- a temporary 10-acre construction and equipment laydown area;
- up to nine (9) temporary 2-acre laydown areas distributed throughout the project site to store and stage building materials and equipment;
- up to three (3) permanent meteorological evaluation towers (METs);
- temporary, episodic deployment of mobile Sonic Detection and Ranging (SoDAR) or Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) systems within identified disturbance areas (e.g., at MET locations);
- two (2) storage sheds;
- up to three (3) temporary five (5) acre concrete batch plants; and
- an operation and maintenance (O&M) facility with employee parking, including a septic system and the
 potential for a newdomestic operational water supply well

New access roads would be constructed within the project site, and existing roads would be improved. See Figures 1 and 2, which show the project region and proposed layout of project components. The project would operate year-round.

1.2 Project Schedule

Project construction is expected to last 24 to 28 months. The calendar dates of project construction will depend on the timing of receipt of regulatory approvals.

¹ "Nameplate capacity" is the amount of power that would be generated under ideal conditions. Actual output can differ from nameplate capacity for a number of reasons, including wind speeds and other weather conditions or equipment maintenance.



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1.3 Project Location

The Project <u>site</u> is located approximately 1 mile west of the existing Hatchet Ridge Wind Project, 6 miles west of Burney, 35 miles northeast of Redding, and immediately south of State Route (SR) 299. Other communities near the project site include Montgomery Creek, Round Mountain, Wengler, and Big Bend. Access to the project site is provided locally by SR 299, Moose Camp Road, as well as three via two existing, gated, private logging roads, and would be provided regionally by highways that provide access to SR 299, including Interstate 5, which is approximately 35 miles to the west of the project site, and SR 139, which is approximately 60 miles to the east of the project site. The Assessor's Parcel Numbers associated with the project are included in Table 1.

Table 1. Project Assessor's Parcel Numbers

027130046000	027220001000	029190013000	029210009000	029250010000	030080014000
027140028000	029170006000	029190014000	029210019000	030080005000	034010003000
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027160027000	029190010000	029190017000	029210021000	030080007000	034010008000
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027160049000	029190012000	029210001000	029250001000	030080013000	034010017000
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The project site is located within the southern end of the Cascade Range with topography characterized by buttes and peaks separated by small valleys. The Lassen National Forest lies to the southeast, and the Shasta-Trinity National Forest is to the north. Other surrounding lands are privately owned; many are used for timber harvesting purposes. Elevations within the project site range from 3,000 to 6,000 feet above sea level. Little Cow Creek and the south fork of Montgomery Creek cross the project site from east to west. Other small tributaries run through the valleys. Northern portions of the leaseholdproject site were affected by the 1992 Fountain Fire as evidenced by burn scars. The Shasta County General Plan designates the project sitesite's use as Timber (T); the zoning designation is Timber Production (TP) (see Figure 3). The existing land use within the project site consists exclusively of managed timber lands. Logging roads and transmission lines cross the project site. Moose Camp, an approximately 50-cabin, 146-acre private recreational facility, is located approximately 300 feet east of the main Project access road.

2 Generation Facility Description, Design, and Operation

The project consists of three major components included within the approximately 2,855-acre Project Site boundary:

- Up to 48 turbines, including associated concrete foundations, pads, and temporary construction areas
- 34.5 kV overhead and underground collector lines and fiber optic communication cabling
- An on-site substation and switching station for connecting the project into the existing PG&E transmission line (Figures 5 and 6)



The elements of each of these major components are described in more detail in Table 2 and 3 below. Ancillary facilities and infrastructure would also be required, including access roads, temporary construction laydown areas, an O&M facility, up to three (3) permanent METs, two (2) storage sheds, and up to three (3) temporary concrete batch plants.

Table 2. Project Components and Associated Impact Footprints

Project Component	Quantity	Temporary Impact Description	Permanent Impact Description
Turbines	Up to 48	Approximately 5 acres each (250 ft. radius)	Approximately 2.5 acres each (186 ft. radius)
Access Roads	Up to 19 miles new and 19 miles widening of existing roads	Up to 200 ft. wide cleared corridor	Up to 40 ft. wide corridor (20 ft. wide drivable surface with up to 10 ft. of cleared area on either side)
Batch Plant	3	Approximately 5 acres each (466 ft. x 466 ft.)	
O&M Building	1		Approximately 5 acres (466 ft. x 466 ft.)
Staging Areas	9	Approximately 2 acres each (295 ft. x 295 ft.)	
MET Tower	3	Approximately 1.5 acres each (144 ft. radius)	Approximately 0.75 acres each (102 ft. radius)
Underground Collector	Up to 39 miles	Up to 50 ft. wide cleared corridor	Up to 30 ft. wide cleared corridor
Overhead Collector	Up to 6 miles	Up to 100 ft. wide cleared corridor	Up to 80 ft. wide cleared corridor
Substation	1	Approximately 7 acres	Approximately 5 acres
Switching Station	1	Approximately 12 acres	Approximately 8 acres
Microwave Tower ¹	1		
Storage Shed ²	2		
Water Tanks ³	<u>3</u>	=	=
Total Disturbance		Approximately 548 acres	Approximately 510 acres

Notes:

Because the disturbance footprints of numerous components overlap, total disturbance will not equate to the sum of the disturbance acreage for each component.



^{1 -} the microwave tower is within the substation / switchyard permanent impact footprint

^{2 –} the storage shed(s) are within the turbine, met met tower, or access road permanent impact footprints and are anticipated to be approximately 10 feet by 20 feet.

^{3 –} the water tanks are within the temporary impact footprint of access roads or staging areas; permanent dimensions are similar to those of the storage sheds (10-12 feet in diameter). Water tanks would have a negligible effect on total permanent disturbance.

Table 3. Project Component Dimensions

Project Component	Dimensions (approximate)
Turbine	Up to 610 ft.
	Height: 13 ft.
Nacelle	Width: 21 ft.
	Length: 42 ft.
	Height: 16 ft.
Hub¹	Width: 14 ft.
Hub-	Length: 16 ft.
	Base to hub height: up to 3428 ft.
	Height: 11 ft.
Blade ¹	Width: 14 ft.
	Length: 2643 ft.
Tower Sections	Height: between 31 and 75 ft. each
MET Tower	Height: up to 394 ft.
WEITOWei	Width (Base): 30 ft.
Overhead Collector Line Poles	Height: up to 90 ft.
Overhead Collector Line Conductor	Ground clearance: 20 – 30 ft.
Missoura Tower (within Cub station)	Area: 25 ft. x 25 ft.
Microwave Tower (within Substation)	Height: 150 ft.
Storage Shed (within turbine, MET tower, or access road	Area: 10 ft. x 20 ft.
permanent impact footprint)	Height: 10 ft.
Note: these represent the maximum potential dimensions for these of	components

2.1 Wind Turbine Generators

Figure 2 depicts 48 turbine sites that are being considered as part of the project. Final design may include fewer than 48 turbine sites. The 48 turbine sites represent feasible locations for a range of turbine models, each with different dimensions, generating capacity, and layout requirements. Prior to construction, the Applicant would determine which model would be installed based on component availability from the manufacturer, data on on-site wind resources, and other project-specific factors. Regardless of the model ultimately selected, the project would not exceed the proposed maximum 205 MW nameplate generating capacity and total tip height of each turbine would not exceed approximately 610 feet above ground level.

The project would construct, operate, maintain, and decommission up to 48 wind turbines, each with a nameplate generating capacity of up to 7.2 MW, to convert wind energy directly to electrical power to supply the existing electrical grid. The project would use three-bladed, horizontal-axis turbines, meaning the rotor shaft and nacelle, which contains the electrical generator, would be mounted at the top of a cylindrical tower. A range of turbine heights are being considered; however, the maximum possible height would be 610 feet from ground level to the vertical turbine blade tip. Each turbine tower would be mounted on a concrete pedestal supported by a permanent foundation. Representative (non-project-specific) turbine profiles are shown in Figure 4.

A commercial-scale wind turbine is made up of three main parts: tower, nacelle, and rotor that is made up of three (3)-blades mounted to a hub. The rotor is attached to the nacelle, which houses the generating components within a wind turbine, including the drive shaft, gearbox, generator, and controls. The tower provides the vertical support



for the nacelle and rotor. Each turbine tower would be mounted on a concrete pedestal supported by a foundation. Spread footing foundations, which have a wide base that spreads the weight of the structure over a larger subsurface area for greater stability, are likely to be used for the foundation design. This type of foundation is buried underground to a depth of approximately 10 to 15 feet with a pedestal that extends approximately 1_foot above ground.

Turbine foundations would be designed based on the findings of a project-specific, site-specific geotechnical investigation that would be prepared once final turbine locations have been verified. California Building Code Section 1803 specifies the required content of geotechnical reports. Existing law requires that the geotechnical investigation be conducted by a registered design professional and in accordance with the provisions of California Building Code Section 1803, as may be amended from time to time, and in effect at the time the investigation is conducted. Prior to finalizing the location of each turbine, soil borings would be collected to an approximately 50-foot depth, or as appropriate, to verify soil and rock characteristics and to check that there is sufficient soil strength and bearing capacity to provide a stable foundation for the turbine.

Depending on the final turbine model selected, the widest underground portion of the turbine spread footing foundation would be between 60 and 80 feet in diameter. The aboveground, visible portion of the foundation is anticipated to be similar in diameter to the turbine tower, up to approximately 16 feet in diameter. A step-up transformer would be located either within the turbine nacelle or within a 9-foot by 9-foot reinforced concrete box pad located approximately 5five feet from the tower foundation (Figure 3).

Designated turbines and METs would have flashing red lights installed to improve visibility for aviation and that comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards and Advisory Circular 70/7460-1L (FAA 2016). In accordance with these standards, the Applicant would prepare a lighting plan for the project and obtain FAA approval that would specify the installation of flashing red lights on designated turbines and METs to improve visibility for aviation. Because the height of the proposed turbines would be greater than 500 feet, it is expected that each would need to be lit with two lights.

During construction, a temporary construction work area of up to approximately five (5)-acres would be cleared around each turbine site. This work area would encompass the area needed for grading, foundation excavation and construction, and turbine delivery, assembly, and erection. The final size and configuration of each construction work area would depend on the turbine site's terrain. Each construction work area would generally require a 250-foot by 350-foot designated space for staging the construction crane, which would be used to unload turbine components from delivery trucks and to hoist turbine sections in to place during turbine assembly. Within each work area a crane pad would be constructed of compacted soil leveled to approximately two percent slope or less to provide a stable area sufficient to support the weight of the crane during turbine component installation. The size and location of each crane pad would be determined by the final turbine technology that is selected and the requirements for the specific crane that is used for turbine component installation. The crane pad would likely be left in place after construction and used for turbine repair or during decommissioning of the project.

Post-construction, a permanent, 15-foot<u>-wide</u> gravel ring would be placed around the base of the foundationturbine to provide a stable surface for maintenance vehicles and to minimize surface erosion and runoff. The permanent turbine pads would be between 65 and 95 feet in diameter, depending on the site conditions and final turbine model constructed. An area up to an additional approximately 2.5 acres around the permanent turbine padsturbines would be removed from timber production and maintained as a defensible space containing low-growing vegetation.



3 Collection Line Description, Design, and Operation

3.1 Electrical Collector System and Communication System

A combination of overhead and underground 34.5 kV electrical collector lines would collect energy generated by the turbines and deliver it to an on-site substation. A communication system also would be installed within the same footprint. The communication system consists of fiber optic communication cabling for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, which provides communication capabilities between turbine locations, substation, and O&M facilities. Most of the collector system would be located underground and adjacent to on-site access roads. However, portions of the collector system may be constructed overhead in response to environmental and engineering constraints such as:

- a large distance from generators to the substation;
- meeting the electrical transmission limits of underground cable (20 to 28 MW);
- steep terrain where the use of a backhoe or trenching machine is infeasible or unsafe;
- stream and wetland crossings or cultural resource sites, where an overhead line would avoid or minimize an impact to the resource; or
- the presence of soils with low thermal conductivity or rocky conditions whichthat could significantly increase trenching costs.

See also Figure 5, which shows conceptual design details of the proposed overhead collector system poles.

3.1.1 UNDERGROUND COLLECTOR SYSTEM

The underground collector system would consist of insulated cables buried in trenches that are 46 inches deep and at least 12 inches wide. Each trench would contain power cables, a ground wire, a fiber optic communication cable, and a marker tape above the cables. Cables generally would be co-located with turbine access roads to minimize ground disturbance. In areas where the underground collector system would be co-located with both new and existing access roads, no additional ground disturbance would be required to install the underground electrical collection system beyond that which is disclosed in the impacts for the widening of the road. Where cable trenches cannot be co-located with access roads, a temporary, 50-foot-wide disturbance area would be required to install each cable. During operations, a permanent, 30-foot-wide corridor centered on each buried cable would be maintained clear of woody vegetation. The cables would terminate at individual turbines; the cables would connect from there to junction boxes, overhead power lines, or at the on-site substation. Junction boxes also would be installed on long collector runs between turbine strings. Blasting may be required prior to trenching in rocky areas.

3.1.2 OVERHEAD COLLECTOR SYSTEM

The 34.5 kV overhead electrical collector system would be installed on wood poles with a maximum height of 90 feet and wire heights between approximately 20 to 30 feet above the ground depending on the span (Figure 5); however, special circumstances could require greater wire clearances. Installation of the overhead collector line could require a temporary workspace consisting of an approximately 100-foot-wide corridor centered on the



center line of the overhead line. An approximately 80-foot-wide corridor would be maintained during the operations phase. This area would be kept clear of taller woody vegetation to provide for safe operations and allow access for equipment inspections, vegetation control, and maintenance. All overhead collector lines would be designed in accordance with the Avian Protection Plan Guidelines prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS 2005), and the Edison Electric Institute's Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) guidance for reducing avian electrocution risk (APLIC 2006) and risk of collisions with power lines (APLIC 2012).

Riser poles used to transition underground lines to overhead collectors would be constructed consistent with APLIC guidance for power pole configurations at wind energy projects (APLIC 2019). All electrical infrastructure would be built according to relevant state and federal building codes and fire safety requirements.

3.2 Project Substation, Switching Station, and Interconnection Facilities

As described above, an on-site substation and switching station would increase the voltage of the electricity from the collection system's 34.5 kV to 230 kV to match the voltage of the existing PG&E 230 kV line. The preliminary substation and switching station designs are depicted in Figures 6 and 7, respectively. The basic elements of the substation facilities include a control house, a bank of one or two main transformers, outdoor breakers, capacitor banks, relaying equipment, high-voltage bus work, steel support structures, an underground grounding grid, a back-up generator, and overhead lightning-suppression conductors. The Project substation would require distribution level (i.e. approximately 12 kV) power from the local PG&E distribution grid to provide power the control house. The distribution line is anticipated to run between the O&M building and the substation alongside the access road (up to approximately 5.5 miles) via above ground wooden distribution poles or it could also be installed underground similar to the underground collector system. In the event of a local power outage, the Project would utilize a back-up generator to provide power to the control house, which would maintain communications and control of the Project. The main outdoor electrical equipment and control enclosure would be installed on concrete foundations. The Project substation will be co-located with the switching station, and they would be connected to the grid via an above ground tap line and electrical switch.

The switching station would be located next_adjacent to the project substation existing PG&E 230 kV Cottonwood-to-Pit 1 transmission line and would facilitate the interconnection between the project's generated electricity and the PG&E transmission lines. The Applicant will construct the switching station on behalf of PG&E, and PG&E will own the infrastructure upon completion of construction. The project would tap into the existing PG&E 230 kV line via an aboveground line tap located directly adjacent to the switching station. To complete the interconnection, an existing pole To complete the interconnection, a single transmission tower will be removed from PG&E's 230 kV Cottonwood-to-Pit 1 transmission line and replaced with four tubular steel poles, and the approximately 125 feet in height. The 230 kV conductor would be routed to and from the switching station along the four new poles and into. The Applicant will construct the switching station to connect to on behalf of PG&E, and PG&E will own and operate the project's substation infrastructure upon completion of construction.

Additionally, a relay microwave tower or overhead fiber optic communication circuits could be required. If required, the microwave relay tower would be up to 150 feet tall and would be located within the switching station permanent footprint. The tower would be a self-supporting lattice or lattice mast design and would require either a reinforced concrete slab foundation or a drilled pier foundation. A reinforced concrete slab foundation can be up to approximately 42 inches thick, covering a 25- by-25-foot area. A drilled pier foundation can be approximately 40 feet deep. An antenna system would be mounted on the tower and oriented for optimal communication with PG&E's control and communication system.



Together, construction of the substation, switching station, and interconnection facilities would temporarily disturb up to approximately 19 acres; the permanent area of disturbance would be approximately 5 acres for the collector substation and 8 acres for the switching station. The permanent footprint of the substation and switching station would include a graveled parking area for maintenance vehicles. The substation and switching station would be enclosed with a chain-link fence. Appropriate safety signs would be posted along roads and around towers, transformers, and other high-voltage facilities in conformance with applicable regulations.

3.3 Other Infrastructure

3.3.1 ACCESS ROADS

The project site would be accessed from two existing, gated private logging roads located off SR 299. Existing gates may be replaced or reinforced during project construction. During construction, workers would access the project site using the two access points and would park at the O&M facility or at a laydown area. The proposed road system is shown in Figure 2. The road layout may be modified as final project designs are developed to maximize the use of existing roads. Access road cross section details are shown in Figure 7. As new roads are built and existing roads are modified, existing culverts would be replaced as needed with wider, stronger culverts to maintain a functional stormwater drainage system. Drainage improvements would be made in accordance with the project's erosion control plan pursuant to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. During operation and maintenance activities, the access roads would continue to be used by service vehicles and equipment.

3.3.2 TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT AREAS

Construction would require an approximately a temporary laydown area of up to 10-acreacres of cleared, graded, and compacted gravel pad for use as a temporary laydown area. anticipated to be at the location of the O&M area or concrete batch plant (Figure 2). This laydown area would be the main construction staging area to store equipment and materials, host construction trailers, refuel equipment, and store construction waste temporarily (i.e., for up to 14 days). Construction waste would be removed weekly or biweekly by a local waste management company.

Construction waste would be removed weekly or biweekly by a local waste management company. This area would also provide temporary parking, construction office space (mobile office trailers), and temporary sanitary facilities. A vendor-supplied fuel truck would make daily or weekly deliveries to approved storage tanks, which would then be used to refuel construction vehicles. Fuel tank storage capacity would be determined by the construction contractor. Fuel tanks would be maintained and operated according to all local, state, and federal regulations during construction and operation, and hazardous material storage would be detailed in the Spill Prevention, Countermeasure, and Control (SPCC) Plan.

Refueling and general maintenance for construction equipment, such as changing fluids and lubricating parts, would occur within this temporary construction and equipment area or other outdoor locations with sufficient containment capabilities and according to measures outlined in the SPCC Plan. Post-construction, the portions of the staging and laydown area not used for permanent operation and maintenance activities would be restored to preconstruction conditions in accordance with applicable plans, such as a Habitat Restoration Plan, Vegetation Management Plan, and or Invasive Species Management Plan. These plans would be developed by the Applicant prior to initiating on-site activities and would outline the procedures to be implemented upon the completion of



construction to restore and revegetate areas of temporary disturbance and performance standards to measure revegetation success.

Additionally, during construction, up to nine (9) 2-acre laydown (staging) areas would be located throughout the project site to stage building materials and equipment. The final dimensions of each laydown area would be based on site topography and may be graded and compacted or graveled depending on construction needs and soil conditions. Following construction, the laydown areas would be restored in accordance with the Applicant-proposed Habitat Restoration Plan and Vegetation Management Plan within one year following the conclusion of construction. Restoration may occur on a rolling basis as construction is completed in the locations served by each laydown area.

3.3.3 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY

A permanent, 7,000-square-foot O&M facility, storage yard, and parking area would be located within an approximately 5-acre fenced area near SR 299 (Figures 8a, b, and c). During the project's operation and maintenance phase, maintenance equipment would be staged in the O&M storage yard. The O&M facility would be served by a new or existing domestic wells or water supply well and water storage tank and an on-site septic system in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Shasta County Department of Resource Management's Environmental Health Division. Water may also be trucked to the Project site from Redding or Burney for use during operations. The septic tank would be pumped on a regular basis by a company licensed to pump, transport, and dispose of septic wastewater. If a leach field is utilized, it would rely on effluent absorption and purification to treat the wastewater before it enters groundwater. Wastewater would not be discharged into surface water.

3.3.4 METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT

Up to three (3) permanent METs would be constructed within the project site to measure and record meteorological data to assess the performance of turbines and guide project operation (Figure 2). These METs would be un-guyed and freestanding to minimize impacts on avian species, would be up to 394 feet tall, and would comply with FAA lighting regulations. The Applicant would develop an FAA-approved lighting plan that is expected to specify the installation of flashing red lights on designated METs to improve visibility.

Mobile meteorological equipment, such as LiDAR and SoDAR systems, also may temporarily be deployed on-site during operation to supplement wind resource data gathered by the permanent METs. No ground disturbance would result from the use of these mobile units. <u>Table 4 below outlines dimensions and finishes for aboveground components.</u>



Table 4. Approximate Dimensions and Colors, Materials, and Finishes of Major Project Components

Component		<u>Tur</u>	<u>bines</u>		Overhead (Collector Line				Abovegroun	nd Facilities			
Subcomponent	<u>Nacelle</u>	Hub	<u>Blade</u>	Tower (sections)	<u>Poles</u>	Conductor	MET	<u>Substation</u>	Switching Station	O&M Facility	Storage Sheds	Concrete Batch Plant	Microwave Relay Tower (if required)	Access Roads
<u>Dimensions</u>	Height: 3.8 m Width: 6.5 m Length: 12.7 m	Height: 4.9 m Width: 4.4 m Length: 4.9 m	Height: 3.2 m Width: 4.4 m Length: 79.6 m	Height: between 9.5 and 22.9 m each	Height: up to 90 feet	Height: 20 – 30 feet Length: up to 5 miles	Height: up to 394 feet Width (Base): 30 feet	<u>5 acres</u>	8 acres	5 acres	10 feet by 20 feet	15 acres (temporary)	Height: 150 feet	Width: 16 feet Length: up to 19 miles
Color	white	white	<u>white</u>	<u>white</u>	brown or gray	gray	aviation- safe orange and white	gray	gray	white and gray	multi	==	gray	gray
<u>Materials</u>	<u>fiberglass</u>	cast iron	fiberglass, carbon fiber, metal	steel	wood or steel	aluminum	steel	metal and concrete	metal and concrete	steel and concrete	painted steel	=	steel	gravel or dirt
Finish (reflectance)	<u>moderate</u>	moderate	low	low	low to moderate	low	moderate	low to moderate	low to moderate	low to moderate	moderate	=	<u>moderate</u>	low



3.4 Site Preparation and Construction

3.4.1 SITE PREPARATION

3.4.1.1 Fencing and Site Security

The project would be located entirely on private property where public access is currently restricted. The on-site switching station and substation would be surrounded by a-chain-link fence. Where necessary, safety and "No Trespassing" signs would be posted around towers, transformers, other high-voltage facilities, and along roads in accordance with federal and state regulations. Roads divergingSite access roads that diverge from public access points such as SR 299 would be gated, locked, and set back from SR 299 at least 50 feet with a paved apron.

3.4.1.2 Timber Clearance and Harvesting

Existing commercial and pre-commercial timber would be harvested, treated, and/or removed from the project site to allow development of the project. Areas that would be removed from timber production would be harvested in accordance with requirements set forth in the Forest Practice Act and CAL FIRE's Forest Practice Rules (CAL FIRE 2022) and according to a plan prepared by a Registered Professional Forester and carried out by licensed timber operators.

3.4.1.3 Ground-Disturbing Activities

Construction would include ground-disturbing activities such as clearing and grubbing; topsoil stripping; grading; compaction; utility trenching; soil borings; well-drilling; and placement of turbine foundations, pads, and aggregate surfacing. Grading activities would include the removal, storage, and disposal of soil, gravel, vegetation, organic matter, loose rock, and debris. Native soil excavated in one part of the project site would be used as fill in another area to minimize soil import and export. Cut and fill dimensions would be finalized along with final engineering designs. Project disturbance areas are summarized in Table 2.

Blasting may be necessary to loosen rock before excavation. If blasting is necessary, the Applicant would prepare a Blasting Plan that identifies the locations where blasting is anticipated to be needed and all applicable regulations for blasting procedures. The Blasting Plan would also specify the times and distances where explosives would be permitted to avoid impacts on sensitive environmental receptors and the human environment. Emergency responders would be notified at least 24 hours in advance of blasting. All blasting activities would be conducted in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, and appropriate safety and environmental protection measures would be implemented, including weather restrictions related to wildfire risk.

3.4.1.4 Road Construction and Improvement

The Project would be accessed via two existing, gated logging roads located off SR 299. Existing gates may be replaced or reinforced, and the roads would be graveled. Access roads are designed to have a 20-foot-wide drivable surface plus a 10-foot buffer on either side for road shoulders and appropriate drainage features, resulting in an approximately 40-foot-wide permanent disturbance area. During construction, some areas could be cleared up to 200 feet wide to accommodate necessary cut-and-fill, stormwater controls, grading, crane travel, and blade-delivery-vehicle turning radii. The Project Area includes an existing network of logging roads, some of



which will be used for the Project. Existing logging roads would be widened and modified according to the aforementioned specifications to safely accommodate turbine component delivery vehicles and construction equipment. Road widening details are provided in Table 2. Fugitive dust control during construction would include the-application of appropriate dust suppressants, as necessary, such as water or surfactants approved for use in the State of California.

As new roads are built and existing roads are modified, existing culverts would be upgraded or replaced as needed to maintain a functional stormwater drainage system and meet fire safety and access standards. Individual crossings and culverts would follow appropriate BMPs and comply with all applicable requirements of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Drainage improvements would be made in accordance with the project's erosion control plan pursuant to the NPDES permit.

During operation, access roads would continue to be used by service vehicles and equipment for Project maintenance activities as well as continued timber management and the Project operator and timber operator would share responsibility for road maintenance. Access road maintenance would include periodically grading and compacting of roads, and placement of additional gravel as needed, to minimize erosion. Drainage features such as roadway ditches, and culverts would also be inspected, cleaned, and maintained regularly. Maintenance would be done at a frequency dictated by environmental conditions on-site.

3.4.1.5 <u>Domestic Water Supply</u> Well Installation

NewA new water wells supply well may be required during construction and operation. Domestic well operations. Well installation, if determined by the Applicant to be needed or desirable for project purposes, would occur at the location of the proposed O&M facility and be performed using typical truck mounted drilling equipment in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Shasta County Department of Resource Management's Environmental Health Division (Shasta County EHD 2019). The number of new wells to be installed would be determined based on an agreement with the landowner. The project's estimated water demand is discussed in the Water Supply Report (Stantec 2024). Alternatively, water for operations may be trucked in from Redding or from Burney.

Alternatively, the Burney Water District could supply domestic water to serve project needs. The project's estimated water demand is discussed in the Water Supply Assessment (TN# 248320-1).

3.4.2 CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE

Initial construction activities would include widening existing access roads and constructing new access roads. Temporary construction staging and laydown areas would also be established to store turbine components materials delivered to the project and other project equipment. An area of up to 5-acres would be cleared around each turbine location to create a crane pad, construction laydown area, and gearbox assembly area. Once turbine foundations are constructed, the turbines would be assembled and erected using forklifts and cranes. Construction of the substation, switching station, underground and overhead collection system, and O&M building would be concurrent with turbine installation. Upon the conclusion of construction, final testing would begin to see that that all systems are functioning properly. As construction activities are completed, temporary staging and laydown areas would be restored to preconstruction conditions. As part of a final site cleanup, all waste materials would be removed from the project site. See Section 3.4.6 below for a description of decommissioning and site restoration procedures.



Throughout construction, all construction activities would be implemented consistent with NPDES permit requirements, and the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and the Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control (TESC) Plan.).

3.4.2.1 Materials Delivery

Delivery of project components would be coordinated through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and timed to minimize traffic disruptions. Coordination would include topics such as final trailer configuration, clearance requirements, emergency service access, lane closures (if necessary), California Highway Patrol escort (if required), and transportation times. For the purposes of this analysis, all materials would be delivered to the project site by truck.

Turbines

Delivery plans would be finalized once a final turbine model and supplier is selected. A Transportation Management Plan would be prepared to minimize impacts from the transportation of oversized loads and to direct deliveries to off-peak hours. Oversized loads may be required to travel over bridges and overpasses. A logistical route analysis that focuses on geometrics and bridge capacity will be performed following the final turbine supplier and turbine model selection. In addition, Caltrans will require preparation of a "Swept Path Analysis" that shows turn-by-turn impacts that might be experienced by the oversized loads along SR 299 or at side road intersections. California Highway Patrol will likely be required to escort oversize loads.

Based on the fact that the Hatchet Ridge Wind Project delivered similarly oversized components along SR299, the existing highway and bridge geometrics are anticipated to be able to accommodate the planned deliveries. In addition, although the Project may utilize longer blade lengths than were used for the Hatchet Ridge project, the haul trucks will include rear-axle steering capabilities, thereby addressing many turning constraints. In general, towers are expected to be delivered in three to six sections. Turbine components such as blades, nacelles, rotors, controllers, ladders and platforms, pad-mounted transformers, pad-mounted transformer vaults, and turbine switchgear would be delivered separately. Up to 15 separate delivery loads would be needed for each turbine. Of these, approximately nine deliveries would be classified as oversized for highway transportation according to California Vehicle Code Division 15, Size, Weight, and Load. These deliveries would require oversize vehicle permits and/or variances from Caltrans. Turbine component delivery vehicles would conform to road weight limits, and any deviations from these weight limits would be specified in oversize permit applications submitted to Caltrans. Additionally, cranes used to assemble turbine components would be delivered in multiple loads and assembled on-site.

Aggregate

Up to three temporary concrete batch plants, each consisting of up to 5 acres, may be located within the Project site to facilitate cement delivery for foundations. Aggregate is expected to be sourced locally from the immediate Project area but could be supplied from Redding. The batch plants would be removed following construction. Each batch plant would require a stand-alone generator as well as fuel, aggregate, cement, sand, and water for operation. Stockpiles of sand and aggregate, which would be delivered by truck, would be located near each batch plant in a location that would minimize exposure to wind. Cement would be discharged via screw conveyor directly into an elevated storage silo without outdoor storage. The construction managers and crew would use BMPs and standard operating procedures to keep the plant, storage, and stockpile areas clean and to minimize the buildup of fine materials that could result in fugitive dust or offsite sedimentation.



Project construction is anticipated to generate approximately 47,037 total up to 88,447 two-way material delivery truck trips (Westwood 2023).2024) assuming that cement would be hauled in from on off-site supplier rather than batched on site. Material delivery trucks would carry aggregate, turbine-related components, concrete components, water, and other construction-related materials. The Applicant anticipates that the bulk of materials would be delivered by truck from locations no more than 50 miles from the project site. Prior to arrival on-site, large components such as turbine blades are likely to be delivered by truck, barge, or rail to existing regional storage yards.

Construction Equipment

Equipment types and use assumptions by phase to construct the project are identified in Table 45 below.

Water

Non-potable water will be purchased from commercial water suppliers and trucked to the Project site from Redding or Burney for use during construction. Water would be used for dust control, concrete preparation (for turbine and building foundations), soil compaction, and filling and maintenance of the project's three 5,000-gallon water tanks (for fire suppression). Details are provided in the Water Supply Report (Stantec 2024).

3.4.3 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND WORKFORCE

Project construction is expected to last 24 to 28 months. Generally, construction would occur during daylight hours from 7 am to 5 pm but could vary during summer or winter months, to accommodate specific construction needs or site conditions, to avoid traffic or high winds, or to facilitate the project schedule. The project would require up to 200 workers at peak construction, most of whom are anticipated to be local workers, and others would be specialized workers that may reside outside the local area. Non-local workers would stay at local hotels or RV parks and commute to the project site. No new temporary worker lodging is expected to be constructed as part of the project. Workers would most likely commute from Redding, Burney, Fall River Mills, or McArthur (Westwood 20234).

Table 5. Construction Equipment List

Phase	Workdays	Equipment Type	Number	Hours/day
		Feller Buncher (logging)	2	10
		Logging Trucks	8	10
Timber Removal and Grubbing	55	Skidder	2	10
Crassing		Pickups	8	10
		Hydro Axe	2	10
	126	Road Grader	3	10
		Scraper	4	10
		Bulldozer (medium)	6	10
Grading and Access Road Work		Drum Compactor	4	10
		Rock Trucks	8	10
		Pickups	16	10
		Water Truck	6	10



Phase	Workdays	Equipment Type	Number	Hours/day
		Concrete Pump Truck	2	10
		Mixer	10	10
Congrete Datah Dlanta	70	Generator	3	10
Concrete Batch Plants	70	Skid Steer Loader	3	10
		Pickups	6	10
		Water Truck	3	10
		Excavator	3	10
		Bulldozer (medium)	3	10
Turbine, Transformer,	70	Drum Compactor	4	10
Substation, and O&M Foundations	70	Skid Steer Loader	3	10
		Pickups	10	10
		Mobile Hydraulic Crane	3	10
		Mobile Hydraulic Crane	6	10
		Bulldozer (medium)	2	10
	66	Rubber Tired Forklifts	10	10
Turbine and Transformer Installation		Large Crawler Crane	4	10
motalia and m		Pickups	20	10
		Turbine Delivery Vehicles	8	10
		Generator	4	10
		Mobile Hydraulic Crane	2	10
Substation and O&M	160	Skid Steer Loader	2	10
Building Installation	160	Pickups	8	10
		Rubber Tired Forklift	3	10
		Trenching Equipment	4	10
		Rubber Tired Forklift	4	10
Underground Collector System	95	Pickups	12	10
System:		Bulldozer (medium)	1	10
		Skid Steer Loader	4	10
		Backhoe Loader (includes setting collector system poles)	4	10
		Cable Reel Truck (includes auger for pole foundations)	3	10
Overhead Collection System	40	Mobile Hydraulic Crane	2	10
		Pickups	10	10
		Bulldozer (medium)	1	10
		Boom Lift	6	10
Substation Aggregate and Security Fence	15	Skid Steer Loader	1	10



Phase	Workdays	Equipment Type	Number	Hours/day
		Mobile Hydraulic Crane	6	10
Transmission Line Connection	20	Cable Reel Truck (includes auger for pole foundations)	4	10
		Boom Lift	6	10
		Pickups	8	10
		Bulldozer (medium)	1	10
		Excavator	2	10

Source: Fountain Wind, LLC 2023

3.4.4 STORMWATER CONTROL

To minimize impacts on drainage and runoff, the project would maintain on-site surface drainage patterns to the extent possible. Newly constructed access roads would be designed to follow natural contours and minimize hill cuts. Ditches and culverts would be incorporated into road design to capture and convey storm water runoff. Except in areas where permanent recontouring is required, disturbed areas would be restored to preconstruction conditions.

In accordance with the Construction General Permit (USEPA 2017), the Applicant would prepare a site-specific SWPPP for the project that would identify BMPs to be used to minimize or eliminate pollution, erosion, and sedimentation. The Applicant also would prepare a TESC Plan, which would be implemented and maintained by the construction contractor throughout operation to further reduce the potential for erosion. Measures included in the TESC Plan would be comparable in effect to those described by the Center for Environmental Excellence by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO 2019).

3.4.5 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Although upgrading and replacing equipment could extend the operating life of the wind energy facility indefinitely, for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the life of the project is assumed to be approximately 35 years.

The Applicant would prepare a project-specific Fire Prevention Plan (FPP) prior to the commencement of on-site activities that would remain in place for the life of the project. The FPP would include procedures for emergency response, evacuation, fire agency notification, and fire prevention. Tree removal and maintenance of fire breaks would be undertaken. The FPP would require the Applicant's and construction contractors' vehicles and personnel to be equipped with fire suppression equipment, radio and cellular access, and pertinent telephone numbers for reporting a fire. The Applicant's FPP would be prepared consistent with the directives in the Shasta County Fire Safety Standards (Shasta County 2017), the Forest Practice Rules (CAL FIRE 2019), and CAL FIRE's Shasta-Trinity Unit Strategic Fire Plan (CAL FIRE 2017).

Project operation would require up to 10 full-time employees. Operation and maintenance activities would occur from Monday to Friday during normal working hours. Potable water for operations employees would be provided by a new water supply well and water storage tank at the site of the O&M building. Water may also be trucked to the Project site from Redding or Burney for use during operation. Operational employees would be on-call outside of regular working hours on an as-needed basis. The project operator would also monitor the turbines through the SCADA monitoring system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year via a Remote Operation Control



Center (ROCC). The SCADA system would allow the ROCC to perform self-diagnostic tests and would allow a remote operator to perform system checks, establish operating parameters, identify operating problems, and see that the turbines are operating at peak performance.

Maintenance of turbines and associated infrastructure includes a wide variety of activities. The Applicant would develop an operation and maintenance protocol to be implemented throughout project operation. This protocol would specify routine turbine maintenance and operation in accordance with the maintenance requirements prescribed by the turbine manufacturer. Some unscheduled maintenance and repair would be necessary. Routine maintenance activities are expected to include, but not be limited to the following:

- Checking torque on tower bolts and foundation anchor bolts;
- checking for cracks and other signs of stress on the turbine tower and other turbine components;
- inspecting for leakage of lubricants, hydraulic fluids and other hazardous materials, and replacing them as necessary;
- inspecting the grounding cables, wire ropes and clips, and surge arrestors;
- · cleaning; and
- repainting

Most routine maintenance activities would occur within and around the tower and the nacelle. Cleanup from routine maintenance activities would be performed at the time maintenance is performed. While performing most routine maintenance activities, operations and maintenance staff would travel via pickup or other light-duty trucks.

Scheduled maintenance activities would include servicing the turbines twice a year or more often as needed. Turbine servicing would require maintenance staff to climb towers and perform activities such as replacing bearings, applying lubricants, and replacing hydraulic fluids. Non-routine maintenance such as repair or replacement of blades or other major components, if needed, could involve use of one or more cranes and equipment transport vehicles. Project access roads would be periodically graded and compacted in order to minimize erosion. Catch basins, roadway ditches, and culverts would be cleaned and maintained regularly.

3.4.6 DECOMMISSIONING AND SITE RESTORATION

Proposed decommissioning Decommissioning of existing facilities and infrastructure and restoration of the project site would require approximately 18 to 24 months. Decommissioning refers to the dismantling and removal of the project's facilities, including power generation equipment. Removal of turbine components and related infrastructure would include dismantling the turbines, support towers, transformers, substation, switching station, and foundations; excavating them to a depth of approximately 3three feet below grade; and removing them from the project site to be reused, recycled, or sold. Once turbines have been dismantled and removed, roads no longer needed to access those locations would be allowed to naturally revegetate. If a demestic water supply well(s) is installed, it would remain on-site, or would be properly abandoned according to regulatory requirements. Underground collection and communication cables would be abandoned in place.

The types of equipment, vehicles, and workforce necessary to decommission the project would be generally similar to the requirements for construction, except considerably less intensive in that no concrete batch plant(s), cable delivery, or concrete trucks would be required, and no cable trenching or similar work would occur. Moreover, existing Project access roads would be used; no new access roads or road widening would be required. All management plans and BMPs developed for project construction would also apply during the decommissioning phase of the project.



Site restoration refers to recontouring and revegetating the site upon completion of the project's operational life to be as similar to preconstructionsurrounding conditions as possible. In coordination with the landowner, disturbed areas would be replanted with trees or other appropriate vegetation. The goal of site revegetation would be to develop vegetation cover, composition, and diversity similar to the area's ecological setting and consistent with the landowner's current and future land use practices.

Prior to operation of the project, the Applicant would prepare a Draft Decommissioning Plan that details a restoration plan and how project facilities and infrastructure would be removed. The Draft Decommissioning Plan would be revised and finalized prior to project operations. The Applicant or its contractor would implement the Final Decommissioning Plan upon cessation of project operations and would include plans and procedures for facility dismantling and removal, disposal and recycling, site restoration, and habitat restoration and monitoring. The Decommissioning Plan would be developed in compliance with standards and requirements at the time of site decommissioning. The Applicant would also be required to post and update a financial assurance mechanism to cover the cost of the annual decommissioning cost estimate. This financial assurance will also address facility closure in the event of unexpected cessation of operations.

3.4.7 WATER, WASTEWATER, WASTE, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

3.4.7.1 Water and Wastewater

As discussed in the Water Supply Report, nonpotable water will be trucked to the Project site from Redding or Burney for use during construction and long. Long-term operation includes the use of potable water from one or morea new on-site water supply wells to be drilled at the O&M facility location or from the importation of water by truck from the Burney Water District, which is located approximately six miles east-northeast of. Water may also be trucked to the project site. Any wells installed on Project site from Redding or Burney for use during operation. The onsite well would be constructed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Shasta County Department of Resource Management's Environmental Health Division. A Water Supply Assessment has been prepared for the project in accordance with Water Code requirements (TN# 248320-1 For further information on water supply, refer to the Water Supply Report (Stantec 2024).

Project construction would require up to 52 310 acre-feet of water for dust control, soils compaction, and concrete manufacture, emergency fire suppression, and other activities. Out over a two-year period. Water would also be used to fill and maintain three 5,000-gallon tanks through the life of the 47,037 total material delivery trips, approximately 8,418 are estimated Project for the delivery purposes of water during construction. (Westwood 2023). fire suppression.

Operation and maintenance of the project would require up to 5.6 acre-feet of water per year (approximately 5,000 gallons per day) for vehicle and equipment washing and maintenance, potable water supplies for up to 10 full-time employees, and water storage to meet Shasta County fire flow requirements. Water for the O&M building would be supplied either by an on-site well or by aand storage tank located at the O&M building that would be periodically filled by a water truck. Water use during decommissioning and site restoration would be limited to use for fire protection and dust suppression.

During construction, portable toilets would be provided for the construction workforce. These facilities would be serviced on a regular basis by a contractor who would dispose of sanitary wastewater pursuant to applicable regulations. Wastewater from the O&M facility would be processed using an on-site septic system-or an above-



ground tank system that would be serviced periodically. Total maximum daily wastewater discharge would be approximately 160 gallons/day.

The project would comply with applicable fire flow requirements in the Shasta County Code of Ordinances, Title 16 Buildings and Construction, Chapter 16.04.130 Fire Standards and Equipment (Ordinance No. 2019-06 [2019]) and the 2019 California Fire Code (24 Cal. Code Regs. Part 9).

3.4.7.2 Waste

During construction, approximately 10,000 pounds of solid waste would be generated per week. Construction debris (e.g., scrap lumber and metal) and operational debris (e.g., office waste) would be collected by either the construction contractor or Burney Disposal Inc. Waste would be transported to the Burney Transfer Station and ultimately disposed of or recycled at the Anderson Landfill or other landfills in the region in accordance with federal, state, and local solid waste regulations. Decommissioning and restoration would generate the same amount of solid waste as the construction phase (10,000 pounds per week). The Applicant would handle and dispose of solid waste in accordance with all regulatory requirements and would implement standard BMPs with regard to solid waste.

3.4.7.3 Hazardous Materials

Table <u>56</u>, Hazardous Materials, describes the types, uses, and quantities of hazardous materials that are expected to be used during the site preparation and construction, operation, maintenance, decommissioning, and site restoration phases of the project.

During all project phases, activities may involve the transportation, use, or storage of a variety of hazardous materials, including batteries, hydraulic fluid, diesel fuel, gasoline, propane, antifreeze, dielectric fluids, explosives, herbicides, grease, lubricants, paints, solvents, and adhesives.

During construction, waste disposal and collection receptacles would be located on-site for proper disposal of hazardous materials. Operation and maintenance of the project would not require as many hazardous materials as construction or decommissioning. During operation, hazardous materials would be stored in the O&M facility and storage sheds. Monthly inspections of each of these facilities would occur to check for leaks and spills.

Table 6. Hazardous Materials

Hazardous Material	Uses	Typical Quantities
Diesel ^a	Fuel for construction and transportation equipment during construction and decommissioning. Used to power an emergency generator during operation, if needed.	Over 5,000 gallons would be stored in aboveground tanks during construction and operation. The amount of diesel to be stored onsite during decommissioning is unknown at this time but is assumed be similar to that of construction. ^b
Gasoline	Some construction equipment and transportation vehicles.	Gasoline would not be stored onsite in temporary aboveground storage tanks during any phase of the Project project construction.
Propane ^a	Ambient heating of the O&M building.	Approximately 500 to 1,000 gallons stored in an aboveground propane storage vessel.



Hazardous Material	Uses	Typical Quantities
Lubricating oils/ grease/hydraulic fluids/gear oils	Lubricating oil would be present in some turbine components, in the diesel engine of the emergency generator, and in engines of construction and transportation equipment.	Limited quantities would be stored in portable containers (capacity of 55 gallons or less) and maintained onsite during all phases of the Project.
Glycol-based antifreeze	Used in wind turbine components for cooling (approximately 5 to 10 gallons are present in the cooling system for the transmission. Used in the diesel engine for the emergency generator.	Limited quantities (10 to 20 gallons of concentrate) would be stored onsite during each phase of the project.
Lead-acid storage	Present in construction and transportation	Limited quantities of electrolyte solution
batteries and electrolyte solution	equipment. Backup power source for control equipment, tower lighting, and signal transmitters.	(<20 gallons) for maintenance of construction and transportation equipment during construction and decommissioning.
Other batteries (e.g., nickel- cadmium batteries)	Used in some control equipment and signal-transmitting equipment.	These batteries would not be maintained onsite.
Cleaning solvents	Organic solvents would be used for equipment cleaning and maintenance when water-based cleaning and degreasing solvents cannot be used.	Limited quantities or organic solvents (<55 gallons) would be stored onsite during construction and decommissioning to maintain construction and transportation equipment. Limited quantities
		(<10 gallons) of water-based cleaning solvents would be stored onsite during operation.
Paints and coatings ^c	Used for corrosion control on exterior surfaces of turbine towers.	Limited quantities would be used for touch-up painting during construction (<50 gallons) and for maintenance during operations (<20 gallons).
Dielectric fluids ^d	Used in electrical transformers, bushings, and	Some transformers may contain more than
	other electric power management devices as an electrical insulator.	500 gallons of dielectric fluid. Onsite transformers each contain approximately 10,000 gallons of mineral oil.
Explosives	May be necessary for excavation of tower foundations in bedrock or creating construction access, onsite roads, or grade alterations.	Limited quantities necessary to complete the task would be stored onsite. Onsite storage is expected to occur only for limited periods of time and as needed for specific construction activities.
Herbicides	May be used for vegetation control around facilities for fire safety.	If deemed necessary, herbicides would be brought to the site and applied by a licensed applicator.

SOURCE: Fountain Wind, LLC 2023

NOTES:

- a. Diesel fuel and propane would be replenished onsite by commercial vendors as necessary.
- These values represent the total onsite storage capacity, not the total amount of fuel which that would be consumed during Project construction.
- c. It is presumed that all wind turbine components, nacelles, and support towers would be painted at their respective points of manufacture. No wholesale painting would occur onsite; only limited amounts would be used for touch-up purposes during construction and maintenance phases. It is assumed that the coatings applied by the manufacturer during fabrication would be sufficiently durable to last throughout the equipment's operational period and that no wholesale repainting would occur.
- d. It is assumed that the majority of transformers, bushings, and other electrical devices that rely on dielectric fluids would have those fluids added during fabrication and would not require dielectric fluid to be added onsite. It is assumed that servicing of electrical devices that involves wholesale removal and replacement of dielectric fluids would not occur onsite and that equipment requiring such servicing would be removed from the site and replaced. New transformers, bushings, or electrical devices are expected to contain mineral oil- based, or synthetic dielectric fluids that are free of polychlorinated biphenyls. Some equipment may instead contain gaseous dielectric agents (e.g., sulfur hexafluoride) rather than liquid dielectric fluids.

In accordance with requirements contained in the Health and Safety Code and the California Code of Regulations, the Applicant would prepare a Hazardous Materials Business Plan/Spill Prevention Control and



Countermeasures Plan (HMBP/SPCC) prior to construction. The HMBP would include BMPs for the transport, storage, use, and disposal of hazardous materials and waste. The HMBP would also include information regarding construction activities, worker training procedures, and hazardous materials inventory procedures. Prior to operation, the Applicant would update the HMBP (including the BMPs) with information about the types of hazardous materials that would be used during operation. The HMBP/SPCC would comply with the requirements of these federal, state, and local requirements (e.g., 40 CFR Part 112).

During construction, operation, and decommissioning, all fuels, waste oils, and solvents would be collected and stored in tanks or drums within a secondary containment area consisting of an impervious floor and bermed sidewalls. Fuel would be stored in aboveground storage tanks.

These tanks may have either a double wall or would be placed within temporary, lined, earthen berms for spill containment. Upon the conclusion of construction and decommissioning phases, excess fuels would be removed from the site and any surface contamination resulting from fuel handling operations would be remediated.

All equipment (particularly equipment operating in or near a drainage or in a basin) would be maintained in good working condition and free of leaks. All vehicles would be equipped with drip pans during storage to contain minor spills and drips. No refueling or storage would take place within 100 feet of a drainage channel or other sensitive resource. Spill kits would be located on-site and in vehicles for use in spill response. In addition, all maintenance crews working with heavy equipment would be trained in spill containment and response.

4 Project Permits

In the absence of CEC opt-in jurisdiction, the permits in Table 7 would be required for the development of the project. Those that would be superseded by a CEC authorization are marked with an asterisk.

Table 7. List of Potential Permits and Status

Agency	Permit/Approval Required	Status		
Federal				
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration; Determination of No Hazard.	Received July 20, 2020 and extended on January 17, 2023.		
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Clean Water Act, Section 404 Nationwide Permit if jurisdictional waters of the U.S. could be affected by construction or operation of the project.	Preconstruction Notification (PCN) to be obtained prior to CEC action.		
State				
California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)	Application for conversion* (Pub. Res. Code §4621 et seq.); approval of a timber harvesting plan (Pub. Res. Code §4582)	Timber Conversion Permit Application submitted April 23, 2021, and provided to CEC (TN# 248312). Permit will besubmitted prior to superseded by CEC action. Certification		



Agency	Permit/Approval Required	Status
State and/or Regional Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB and/or RWQCB)	Construction Stormwater General Permit; Notice of Intent to Comply with Section 402 of the Clean Water Act, SWPPP and SPCC Plan; Industrial Stormwater General Permit; Coverage under General Order of Waste Discharge Requirements for Timberland Management Activities on Non-Federal and Federal Lands; Waste Discharge Requirements; Approval of O&M SWPPP and SPCC Plan. Section 401 Certification if USACE determines jurisdictional waters of the U.S. would require a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit.	If required. Notice of Intent will be filed by EPC contractor prior to CEC action.
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	Streambed Alteration Agreement* (Fish & Game Code §1600 et seq.); consultation with CDFW would be needed to address potential effects to State-listed species under Section 2081 of the California Fish and Game Code.	Submitted application on May 13, 2021 (EPIMS No. 18805); per Opt-in procedures, authorization will be supereseded by CEC Certification.
California Department of Transportation	Oversize load permit(s) and variances* for loads with a width over 15 feet and/or length over 135 feet (i.e., "superloads")-"): Encroachment Permit for utility line crossing state right-of-way-: Notification of Transportation of Oversize/Overweight Loads*.	WillIf required, will be obtained prior to construction.
California Highway Patrol	Notification of Transportation of Oversize/ Overweight Loads*Hazardous materials transportation license	If required, will be obtained prior to construction.
California Public Utilities Commission	Approval of construction of switching station for transfer to PG&E (i.e., General Order 131-D)	If required, PG&E will be applicant to CPUC for these facilities.
Local		
Shasta County Air Quality Management District	Authority to Construct and/or Permit to Operate* as needed	Permit application for Authority to Construct submitted to AQMD on July 5, 2023. Water SWater
Shasta County	Use Permit or other zoning entitlement	Permit No. 16-007 denied October 26, 2021; utility-scale wind energy now prohibited by ordinance in Shasta County; <u>local</u> authorization now supereseded by CEC Certification per Opt-In procedures.
Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Environmental Health Division	Hazardous Materials Business Plan*, septic system permit*, well permit*	Supereseded by CEC Certification
Shasta County Building Division	Building and grading permits*	Supereseded by CEC Certification
Shasta County Hazardous Materials Program, CUPA	Hazardous Materials Business Plan and Permit* for handling hazardous materials above threshold quantities (includes hazardous waste management).	Supereseded by CEC Certification
Shasta County, Public Works Department	Encroachment Permit*	Supereseded by CEC Certification



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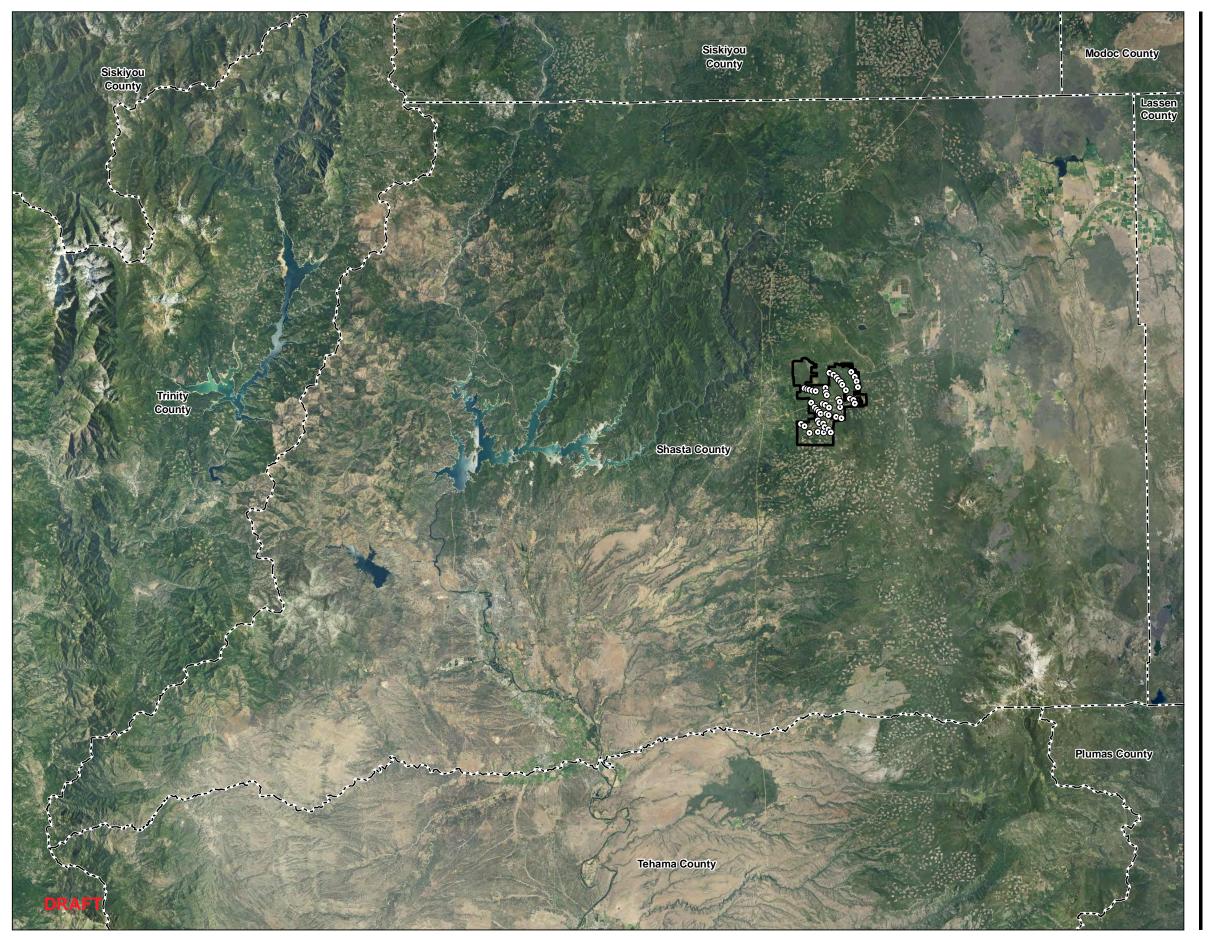
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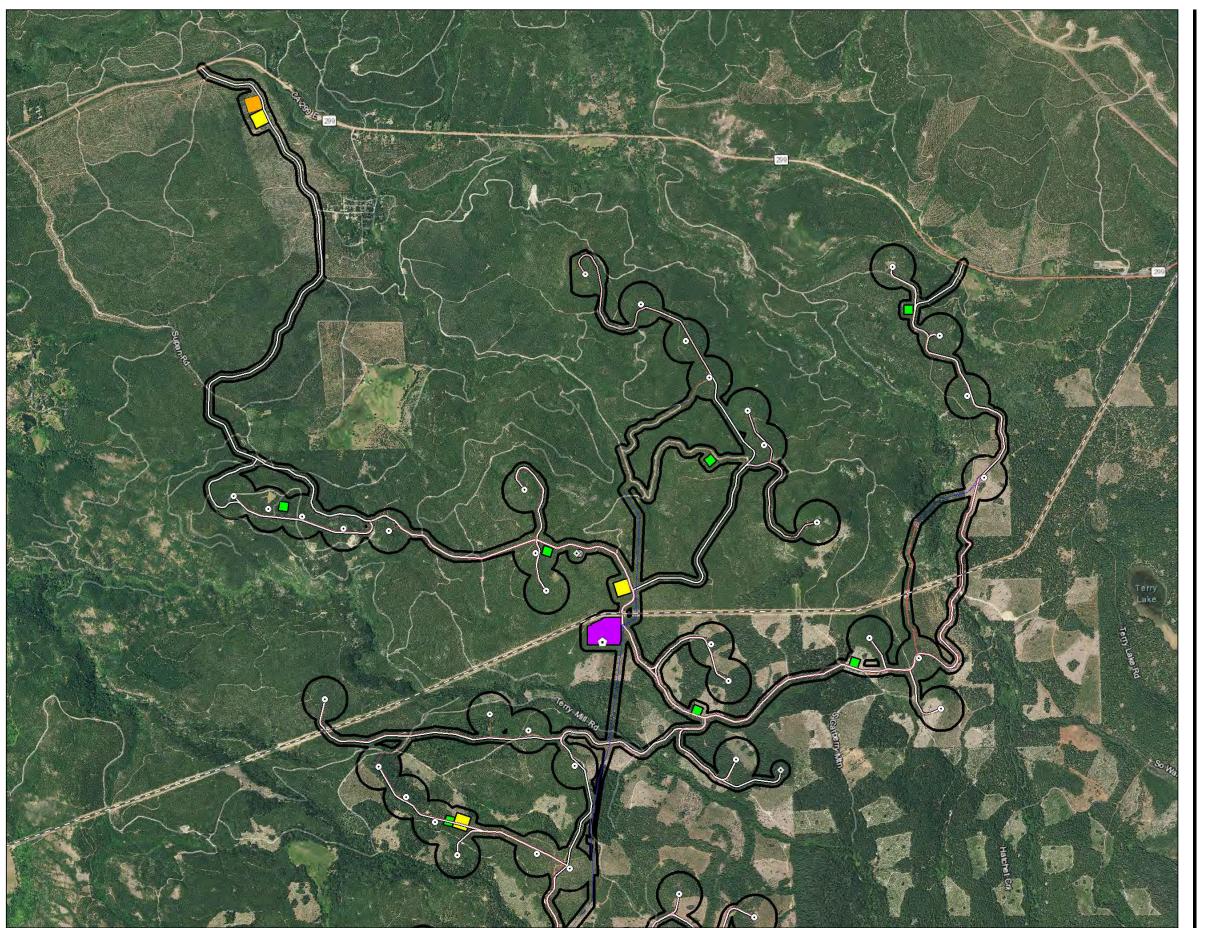
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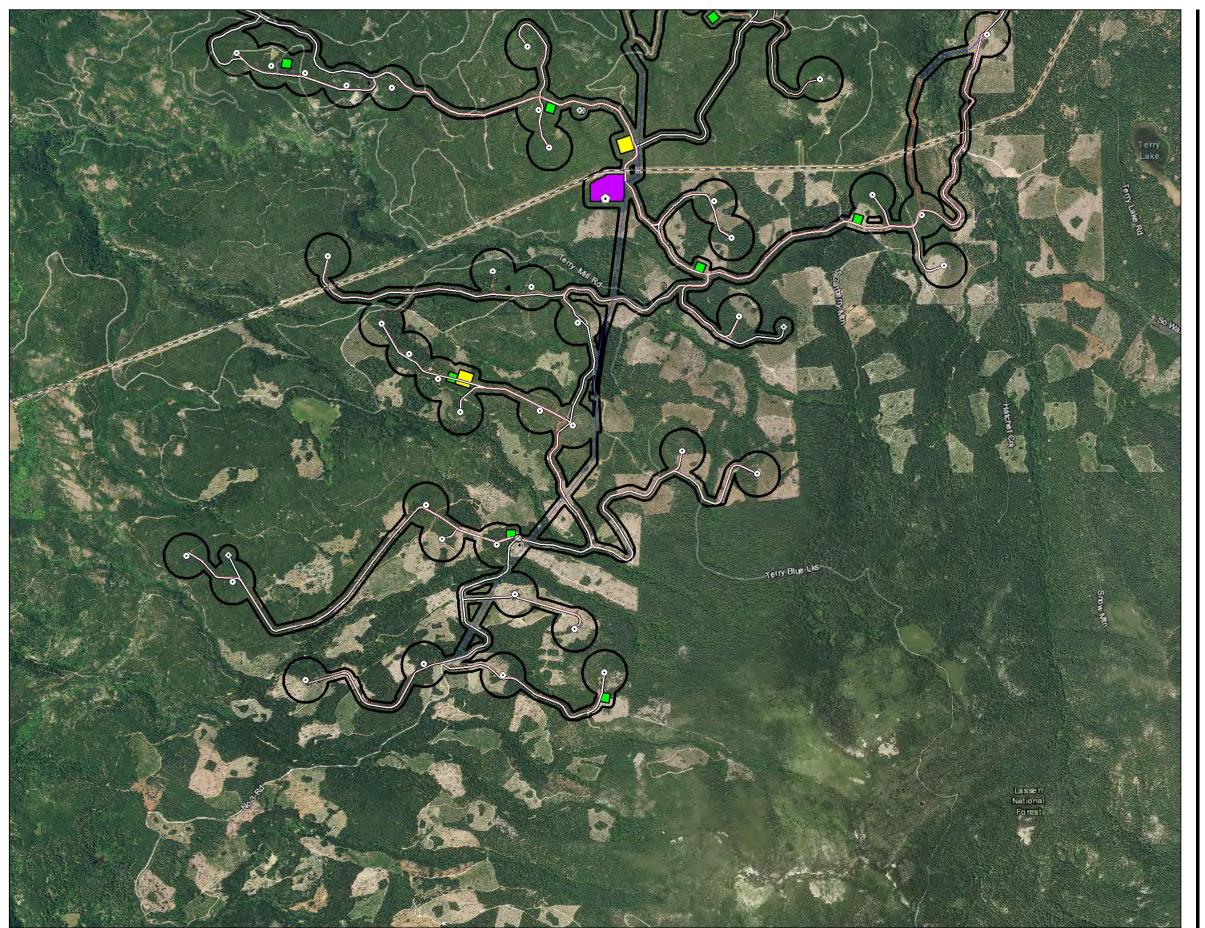


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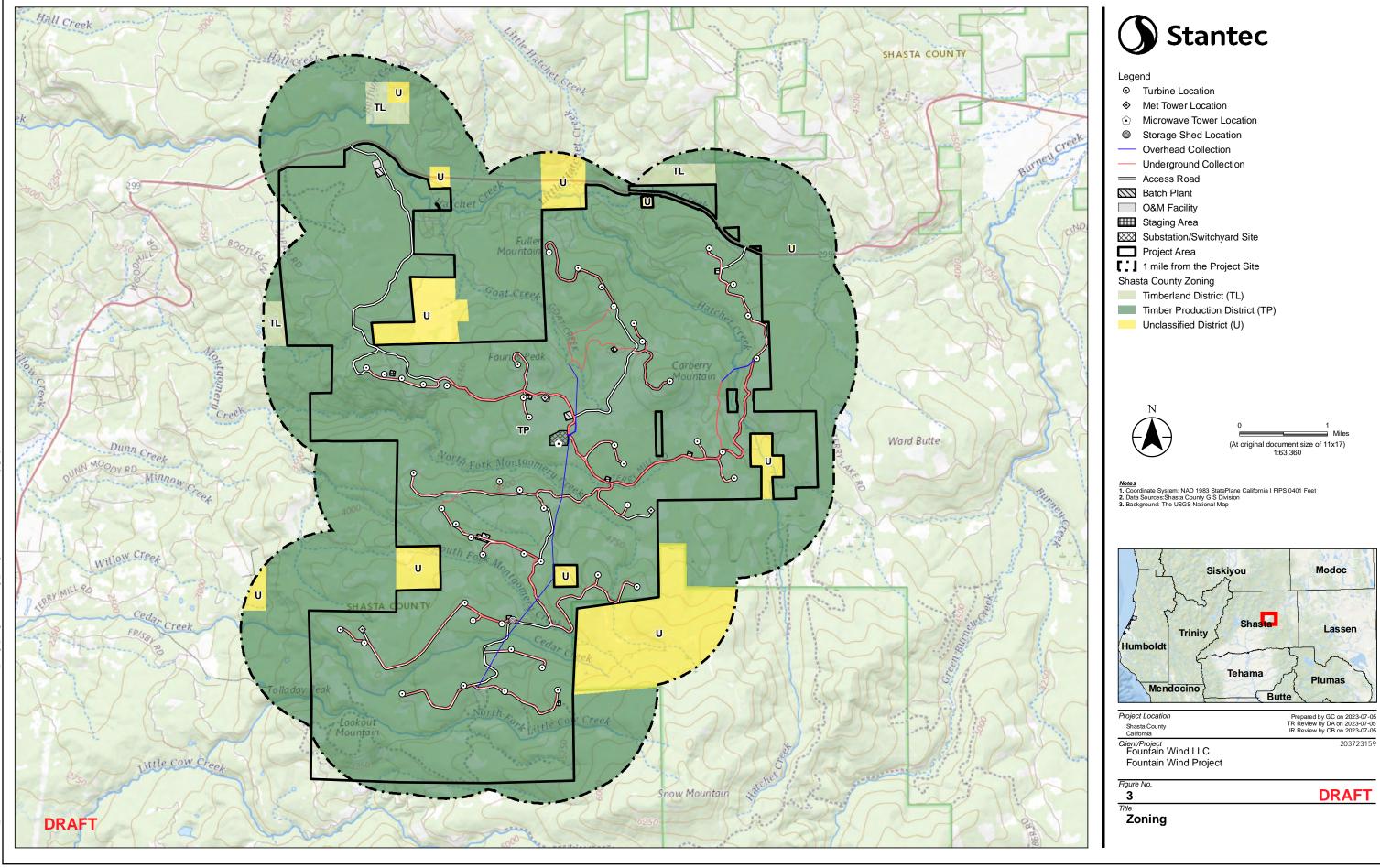
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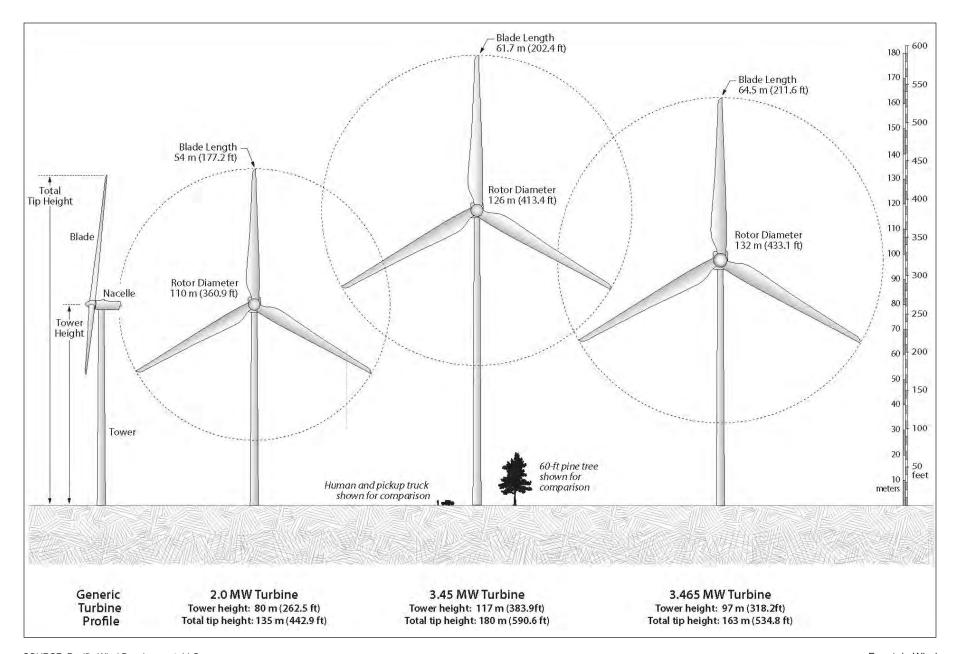
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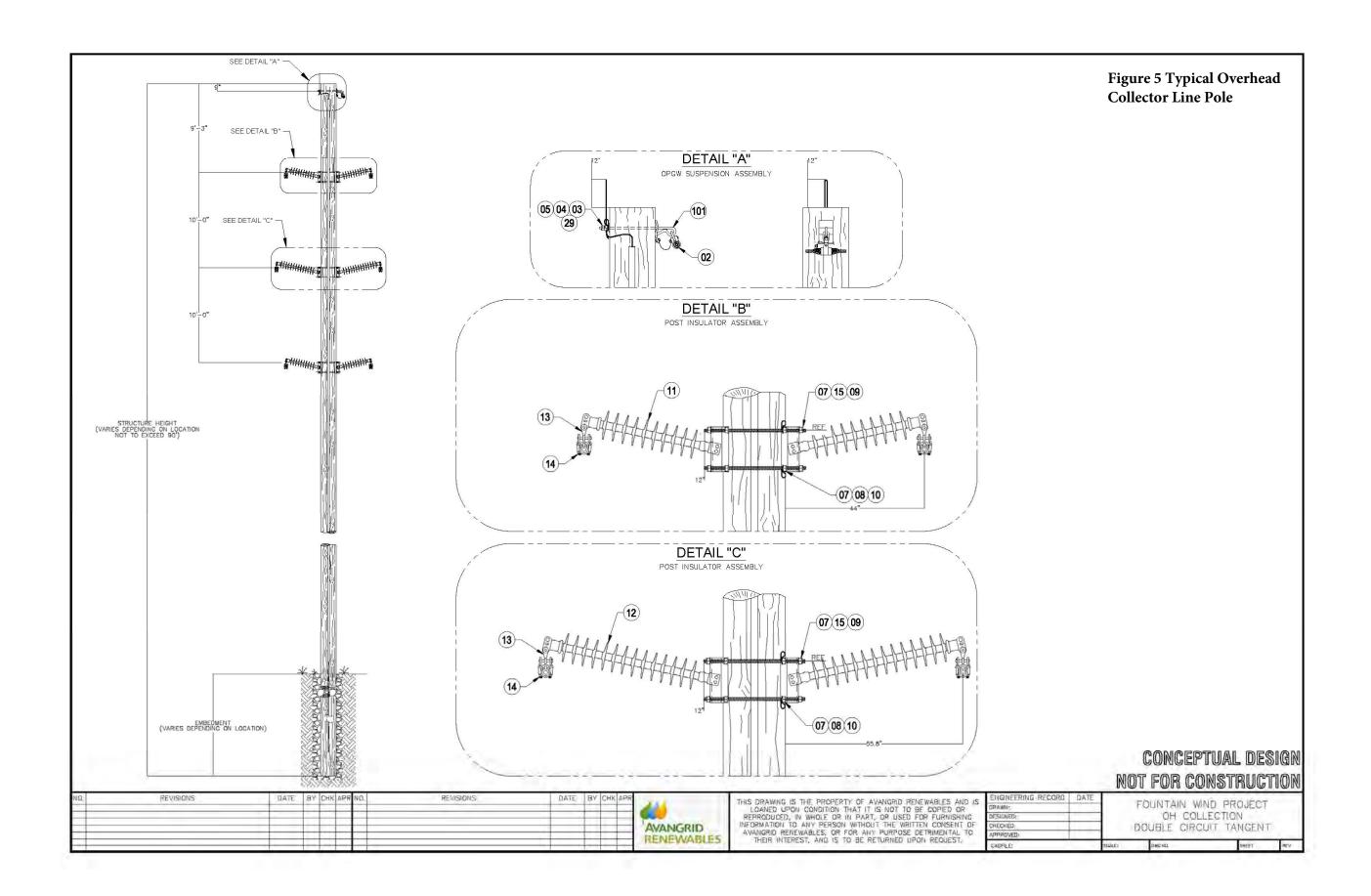


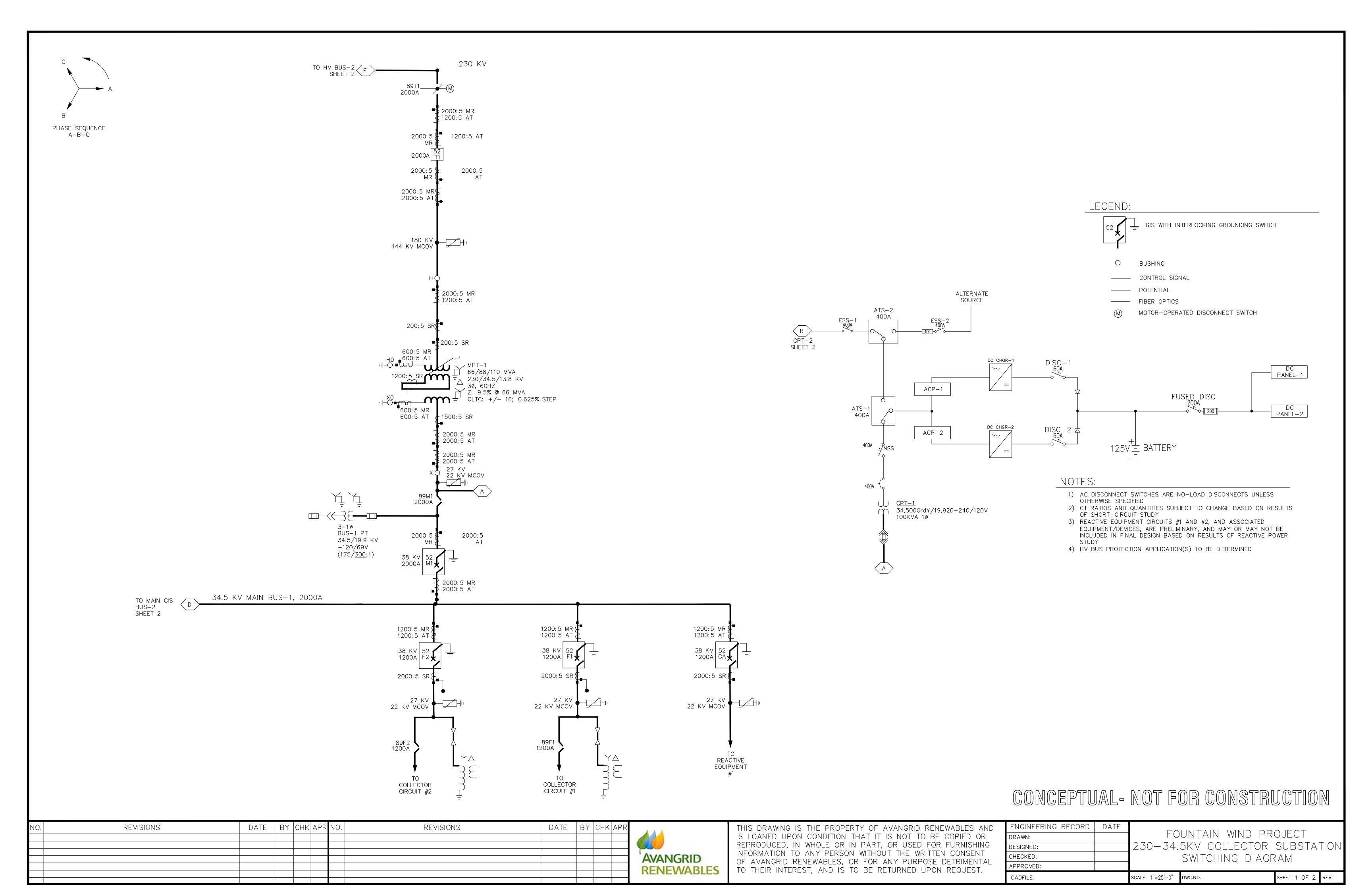
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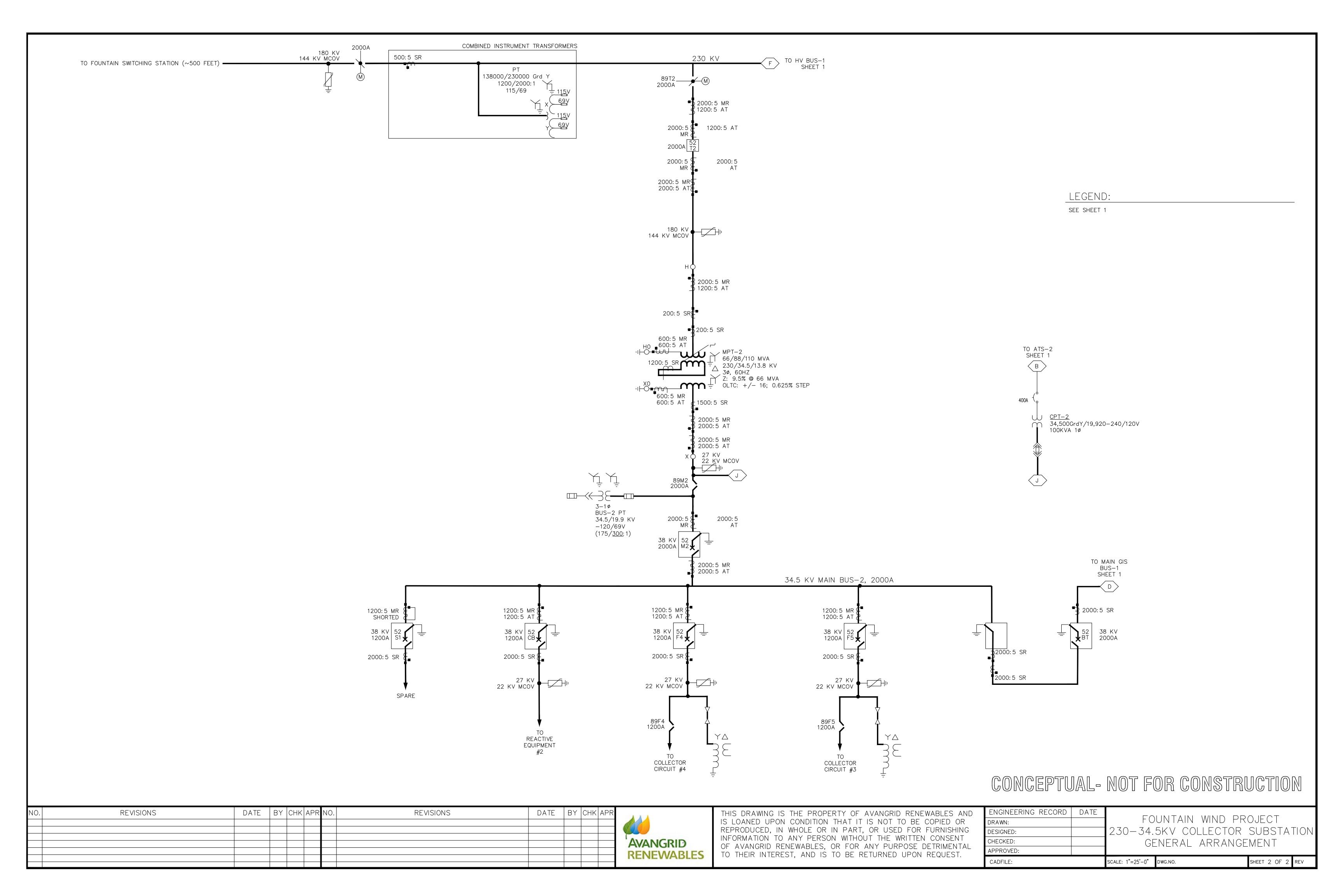


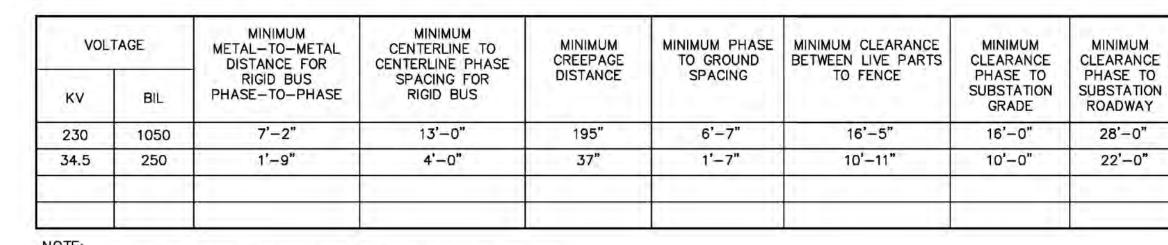
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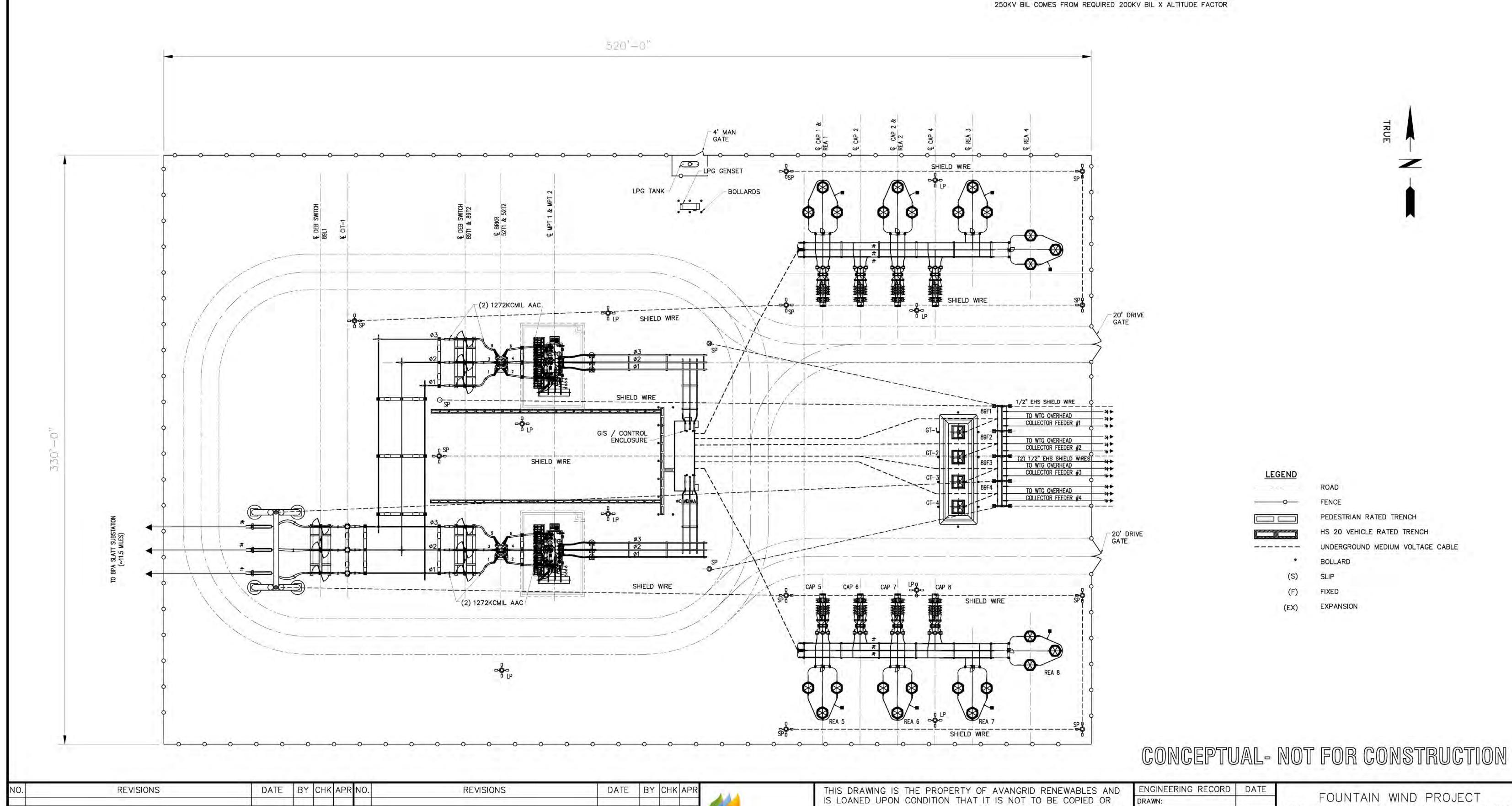
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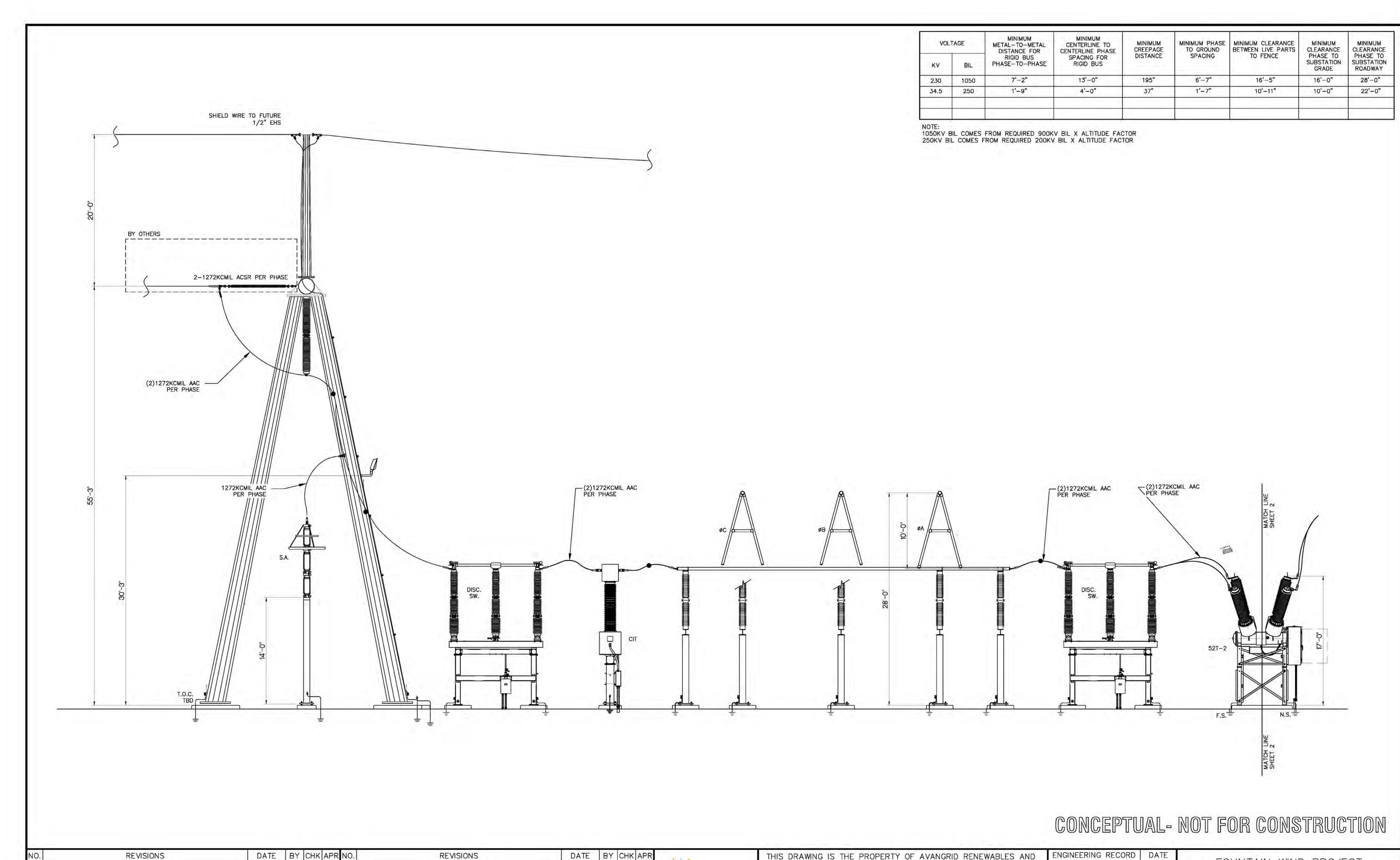
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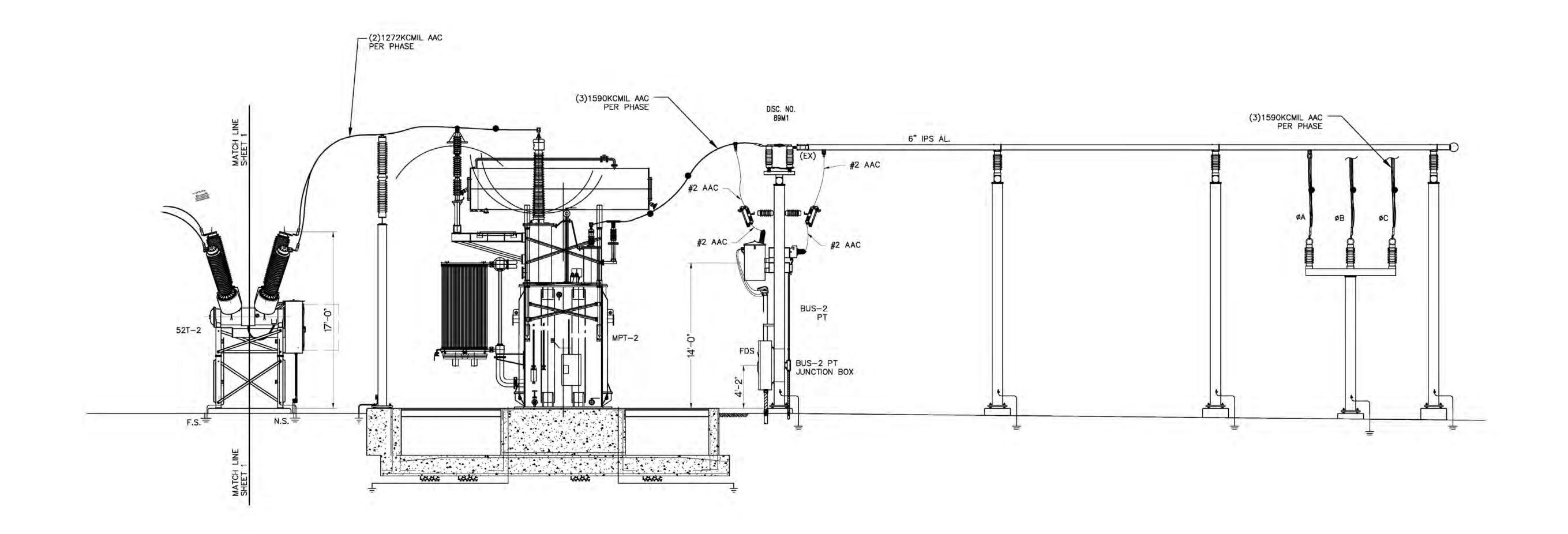
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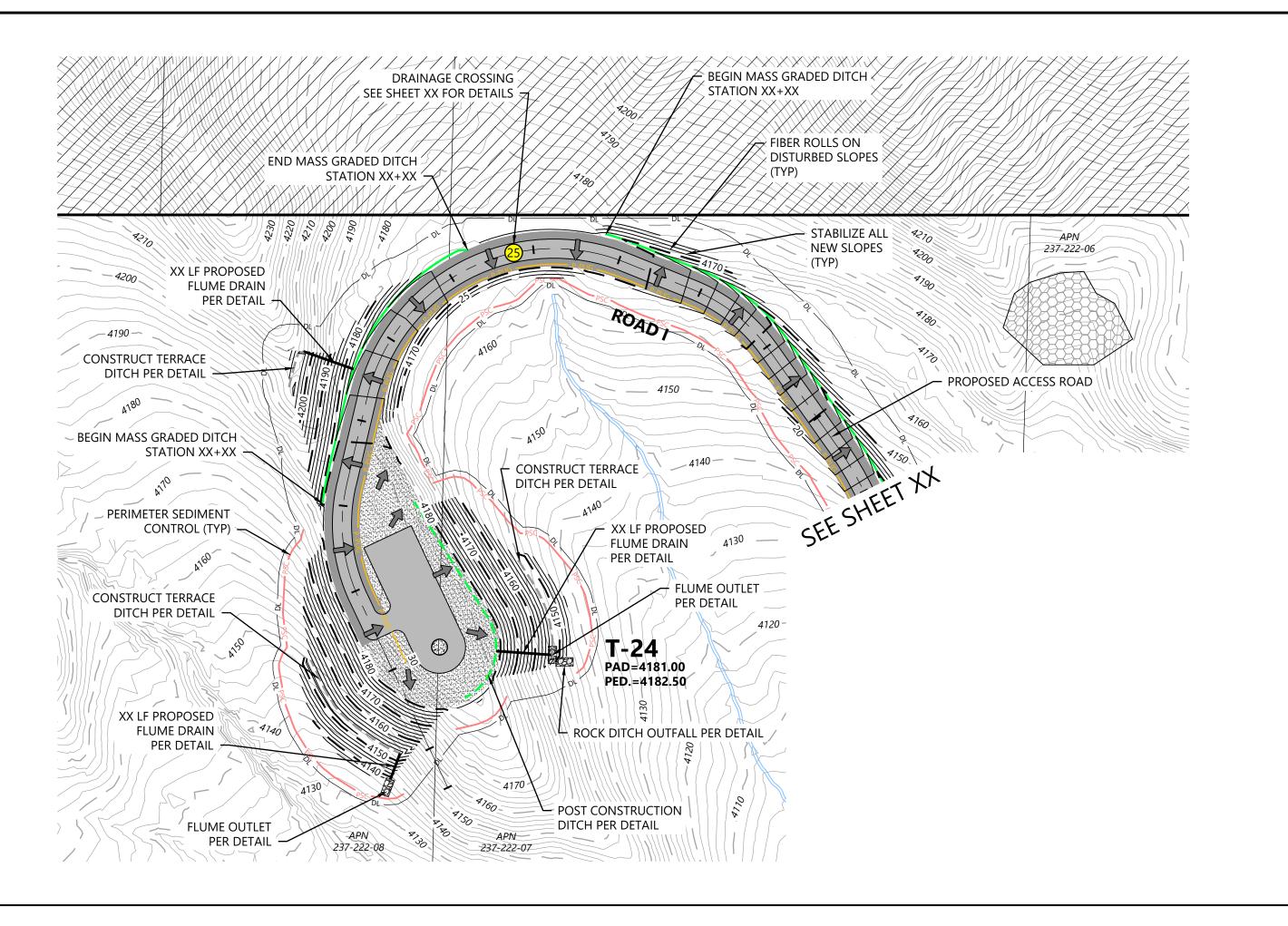
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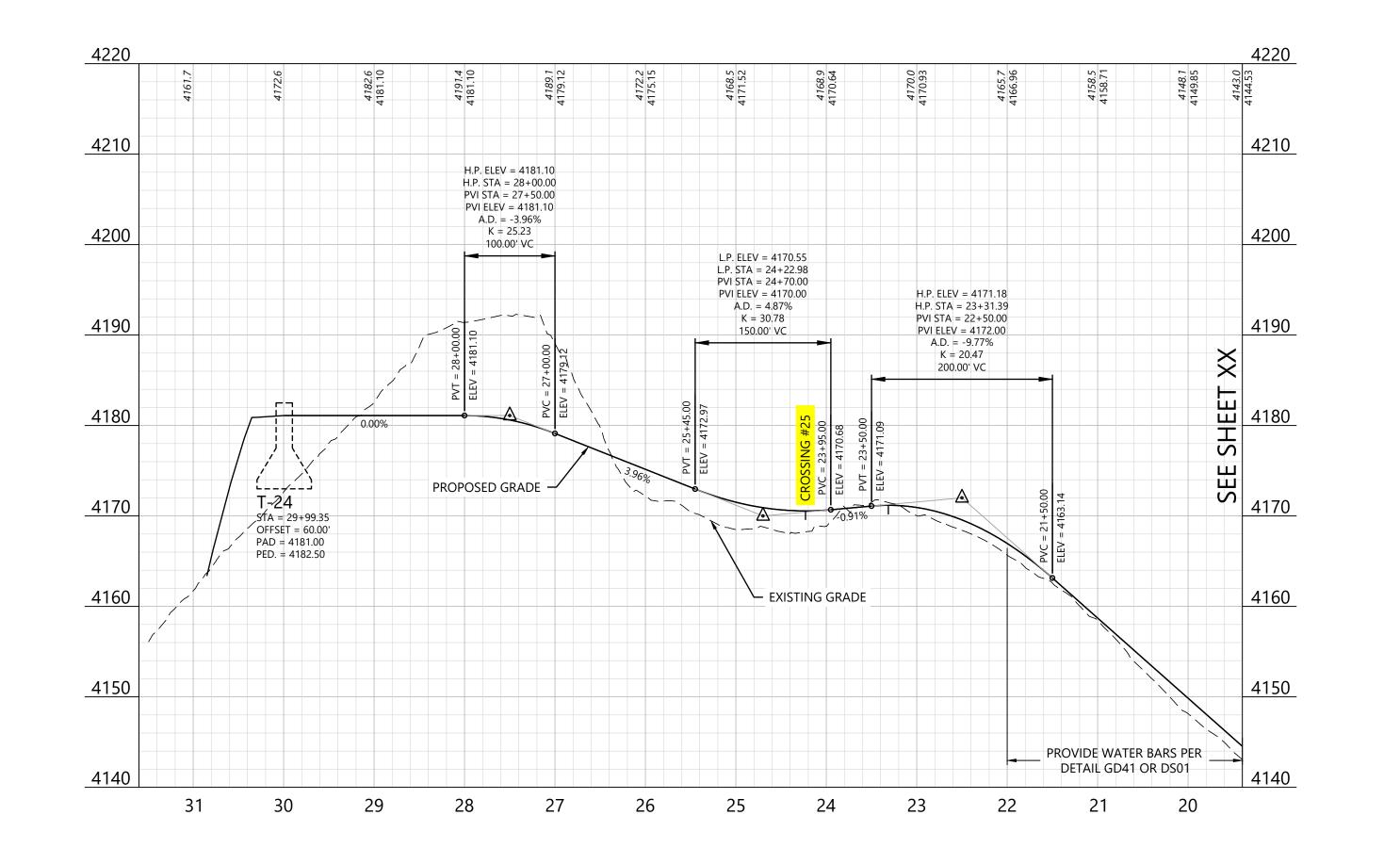
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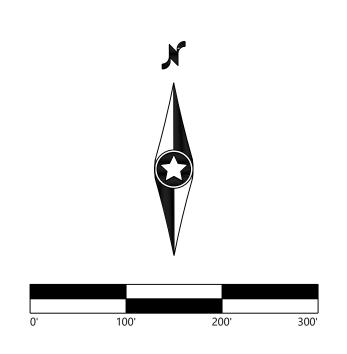


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