

LANDOWNER INFORMATION FOR THE NEXTGEN PROJECT

Basin Electric Power Cooperative

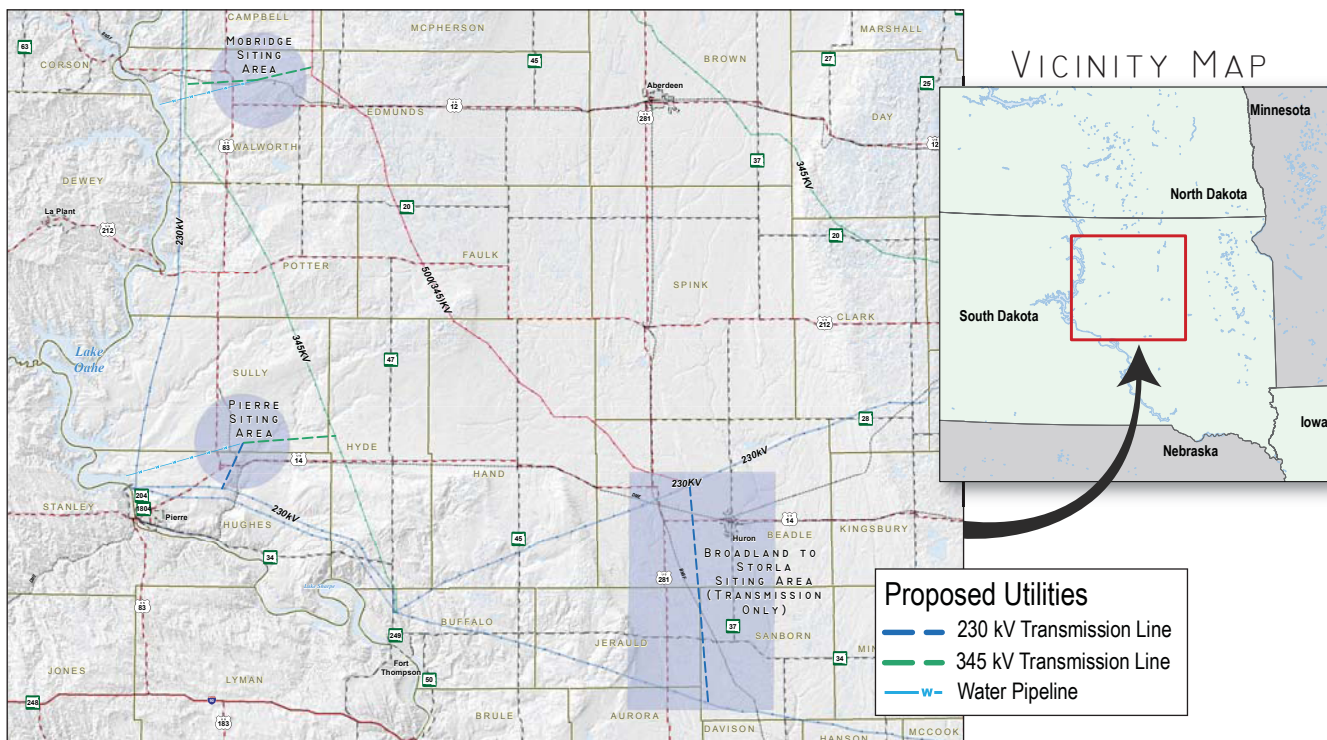
Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric) is a regional wholesale electric generation and transmission cooperative owned and controlled by the member cooperatives it serves. Basin Electric serves approximately 2.5 million customers in portions of nine states: Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Western Area Power Administration

Western Area Power Administration (Western) markets and delivers hydroelectric power and related services in 15 western states. Western is one of four power marketing administrations within the U.S. Department of Energy. Western operates and maintains about 17,000 miles of transmission lines. Basin Electric has applied to Western for interconnection. Interconnection of the proposed NextGen Project would incorporate a major new generation resource into Western's power transmission system, including upgrades to existing substations and construction of new transmission lines. In response to this request, Western will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the environmental effects of the proposed project.

NextGen Project

The purpose of the NextGen Project is to meet increased demand for electric power in the eastern portion of Basin Electric's nine state service area. Basin Electric needs to respond to increased demand for additional generating capacity driven by the increasing use of electricity and the resulting load growth from industrial growth, energy-sector (coal, oil, and gas) development and new rural and rural residential development.



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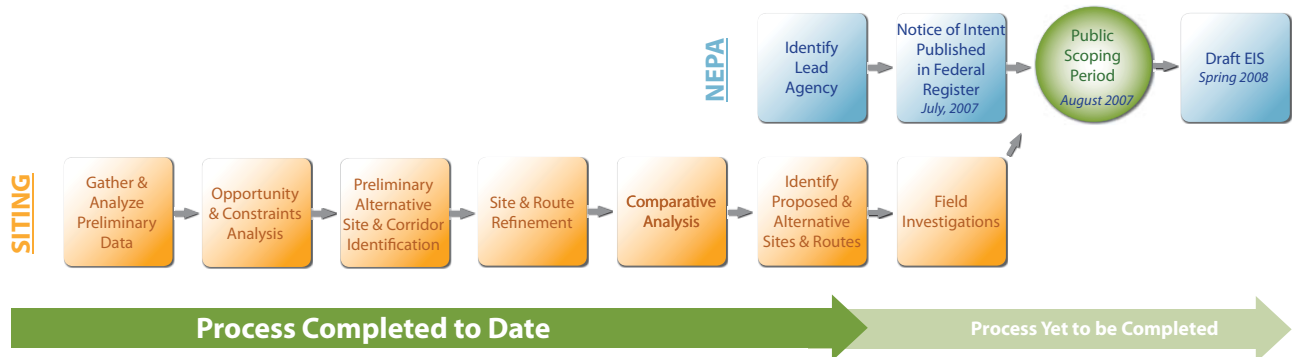
Basin Electric proposes to construct and own a 500 to 700 megawatt (MW) baseload energy facility. The addition of 500-700 MW of baseload generation by 2013 is one component that will allow Basin Electric to meet the projected capacity and energy requirements in the eastern portion of its service area. Other components that will allow Basin Electric to meet capacity and energy requirements include new baseload and peaking generation, updating existing facilities, and exploring new energy resource technologies – focusing on coal, wind, waste heat recovery, diesel and gas turbine generation resources to meet future needs.

Basin Electric identified four preliminary energy facility locations within the Mobridge and Pierre siting areas shown on the map. Linear utilities will be required to deliver water and interconnect the transmission system to the energy facility location. The length of the linear utilities required to deliver water and interconnect the transmission system ultimately depend on the location selected for the energy facility.

Environmental Analysis

Field surveys will be necessary to collect information for the NextGen project environmental analysis. These surveys are expected to occur this spring and summer. Specialists will visit the potential energy facility locations and linear utility corridors to determine whether sensitive resources occur in these areas and collect baseline information. Biologists will evaluate the habitat for threatened and endangered species, migratory birds and wetlands. Cultural resource specialists will evaluate the sites for culturally valuable artifacts and historic resources. Field surveys will provide data to understand environmental impacts associated with the NextGen Project and, ultimately, the feasibility of the alternative sites.

NEPA & SITE SELECTION PROCESS



Public Scoping

Open houses for the project are planned for August 2007. These open houses will be an opportunity to learn more about the project through graphic displays and fact sheets. Project representatives will also be present to seek your input and answer questions. The open houses will provide a forum to submit scoping comments about the proposed project. An open house notification will be sent once dates, times, and locations are confirmed.

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