

GATEWAY WEST TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Idaho Power, Rocky Mountain Power Joint Project

Announced in May, 2007, Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power are partnering to build a high-voltage transmission project across southern Wyoming and southern Idaho, linking electric generating resources to customers in the region. This project will address growing demand on the transmission system and increase electric system reliability of the service territories of both companies. In addition, the project will enable delivery of emerging renewable generating resources, such as wind, to more customers in the larger area. Known as “Gateway West,” segments are scheduled to be completed in 2012.

Under certain system conditions, transmission capability in this area is approaching full capacity. This project is needed to meet the projected electrical demand of the future. As transmission providers, both companies have the obligation to plan and construct transmission facilities to ensure reliable electric service to customers

and service the needs of others requesting use of the transmission system. With a five to ten year timeframe to complete the project, work has begun to enable the companies to meet their obligation to serve customers in the future.

The completion of this project will:

- bring additional electricity to the area to meet the increasing needs of existing customers and meet the requests of new retail and wholesale customers in the area;
- improve electric system reliability and relieve existing congestion on the transmission network;
- respond to customer demand for more renewable energy, such as wind.

The construction of this transmission project will take place in segments, several of which will occur simultaneously. Below is a map of the general corridor.



More information on the project can be found at www.pacificorp.com or www.idahopower.com. Questions can be directed to Margaret Oler at 1-801-220-2592 or margaret.oler@pacificorp.com or to Lynette Berriochoa at 1-208-388-2407 or lberriochoa@idahopower.com.