



Rapid Response Team- Transmission U.S. Department of Energy

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
AMONG THE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY, THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, THE ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
REGARDING COORDINATION IN FEDERAL AGENCY REVIEW OF ELECTRIC
TRANSMISSION FACILITIES ON FEDERAL LAND

I. PURPOSE

The Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department of Commerce (DOC), Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), Department of the Interior (DOI), and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) (“Participating Agencies” or “Participating Agency,” as appropriate), enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to expedite the siting and construction of qualified electric transmission infrastructure in the United States. As



Nine Agency MOU

- Improves uniformity, consistency, and transparency
 - Establishes the roles and responsibilities of the nine signatory agencies regarding electric transmission infrastructure project applicants
- Provides single point of contact for coordinating all federal authorizations required to locate electric transmission facilities on federal land
- Establishes DOE (under authority pursuant to section 216(h) of the FPA) as lead agency for coordinating all federal authorizations and related environmental reviews.



DOE MOU Responsibilities

- Designate either the Bureau of Land Management or the U.S. Forest Service to be the lead federal agency for NEPA compliance
- Provide expertise in determining Qualifying Projects
- Provide technical assistance in evaluating transmission proposals
- Assist Lead Agency in developing the schedule and approve schedule deviations
- Maintain publicly available project tracking website and links to information from all participating and cooperating agencies.

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eTrans Permitting Tracking System

- eTrans was developed to support interagency efforts to improve federal permitting coordination for transmission projects
- Tracks project schedules, milestones and pertinent agency and applicant contact information
- Tracking seven RRTT pilot projects as well as 33 additional projects
- Public access to all data fields



In October of 2009, nine Federal entities including, the Department of Energy (DOE), the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the Department of Interior (DOI), the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Department of Commerce, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Electric Regulatory Commission (FERC), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) increasing their coordination to expedite and simplify building of transmission lines on Federal lands.

Leveraging this interagency collaboration and expanding the scope of activity beyond Federal lands, the Administration recently formed the Rapid Response Team for Transmission (RRTT), comprised of these same nine agencies.

As part of the interagency collaboration, DOE was charged with creating an online dashboard to track the permitting status of transmission line projects under the auspices of the MOU and the RRTT. This dashboard, known as e-Trans serves as the online database containing pertinent project information about each project including, but not limited to the physical aspects of the line, lead agency contact information, project schedules and required permits.

The projects highlighted below are the seven pilot projects chosen by the RRTT. For a listing of all projects being tracked on e-Trans, click the "Get All" button below or use the project search tool.

| Search Criteria | | | Sort By |
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| Project Name (like): <input type="text"/> | Company Name (like): <input type="text"/> | 216(h) Qualification: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> All | Sort by Field: Project Name ▾ |
| Federal Agency (like): <input type="text"/> | State Impacted: <input type="text"/> | | |
| Current Type: <input type="text"/> | Voltage (kV): <input type="text"/> (from) - <input type="text"/> (to) | | |

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[Map of Transmission Rapid Response Team Pilot Projects](#)

| Pilot Projects | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------|--------------|---------|--|
| No. | Project Name | Company Name | Federal Agency | State(s) | Current Type | Voltage | |
| 1. | Boardman to Hemingway | Idaho Power Company | U.S. Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management | OR, ID | AC | 500 | Detail PDF |
| 2. | CAPX 2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse | CAPX 2020 | U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Utility Service | MI, WI | AC | 345 | Detail PDF |

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eTrans Data Contents

Project

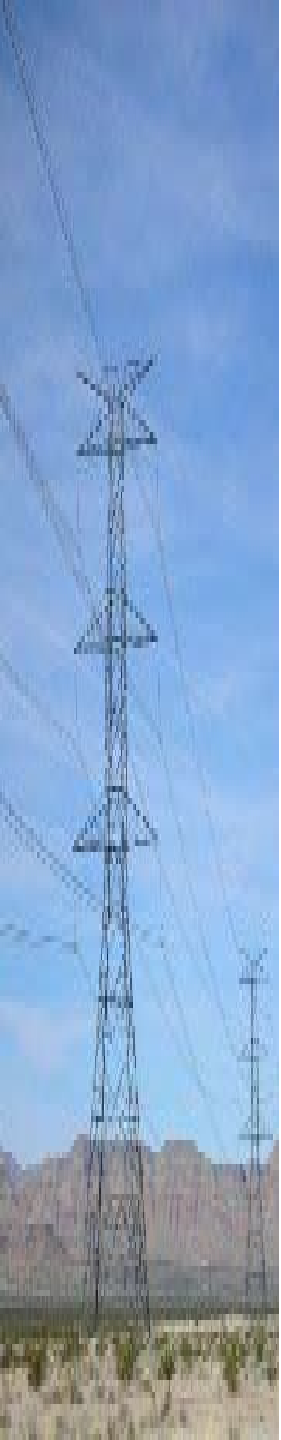
- POC
- Length, Voltage, start point/end point
- Website

Agency

- POC
- Website
- Cooperating/co-leads

Regulatory

- NEPA schedules
- Other permits

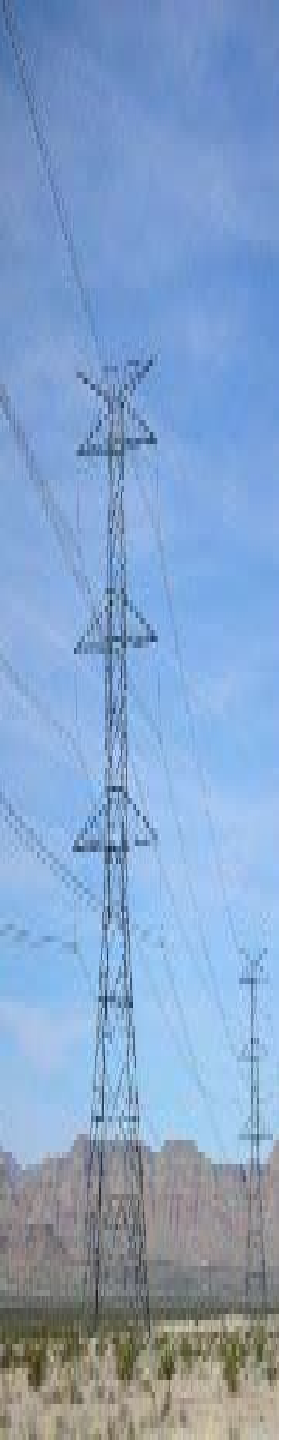


Information Flow

Agency Project Manager (or designee) enters project data into eTrans database

Project data reviewed and released to eTrans public website (new project)

Monthly reports to RRTT oversight committee on schedule changes/milestone accomplishments



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Applicant's Name:

Entity Type:

Applicant Point of Contact

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone:

Email:

Project Information

Project Name:

Former Project Name (if applicable):

216(h) Qualification:

Yes

No

Voltage (kV):

Current Type:

Number of Circuits:

Circuit Type

Single

Double

Both

Interconnection Location:

Approximate Length (miles):

Point of Origin

City:

State:

Substation:

City:

State:

Substation:

List All State(s) Impacted (use 2 character state codes separated by commas):

Proposed Construction Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

Proposed in Service Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

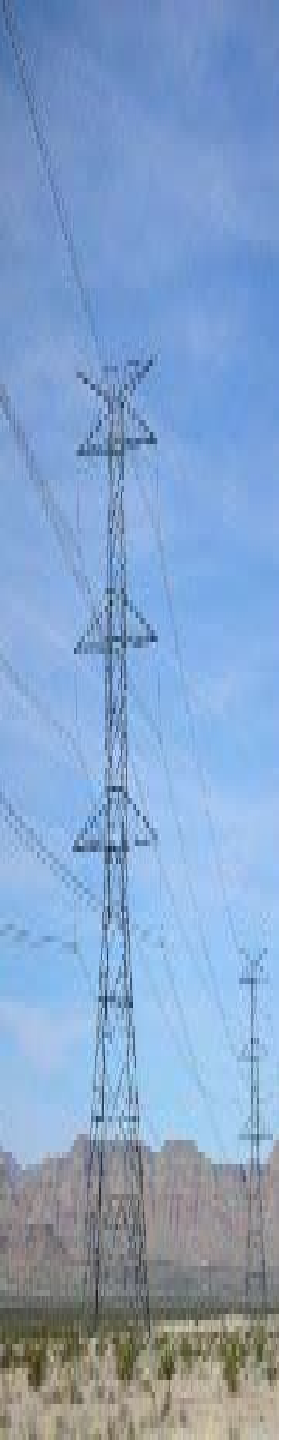
Applicant Project Website (URL):

Agency Permits Required:

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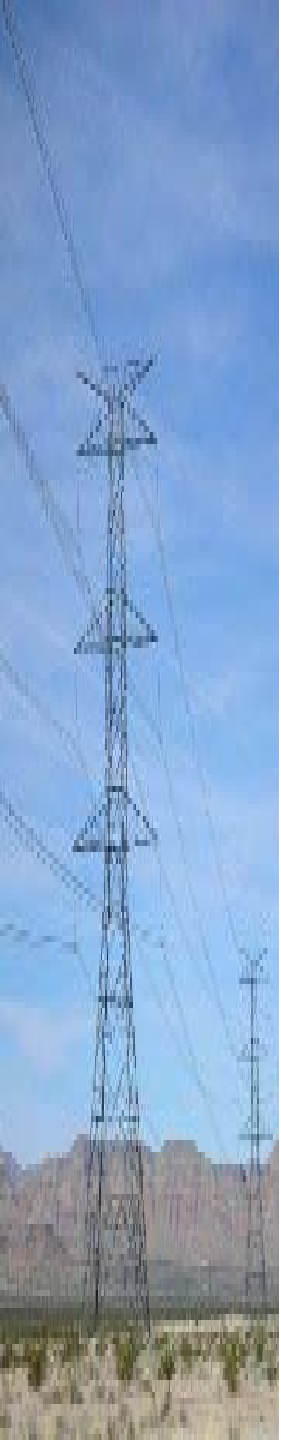
eTrans Improvements

- Addition of fields for Co-leads & Cooperating Agencies
- Streamlining of NEPA table
- Automatic Gantt Chart functionality based on NEPA and Permit schedule
- Will be rolled out within the next two months



Vital Information

- eTrans database (for project manager input) – <http://federal.form.doe-etrans.us>
- Public website – <http://www.doe-etrans.us>



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