

Wallula to McNary

230kV transmission line project

Project overview

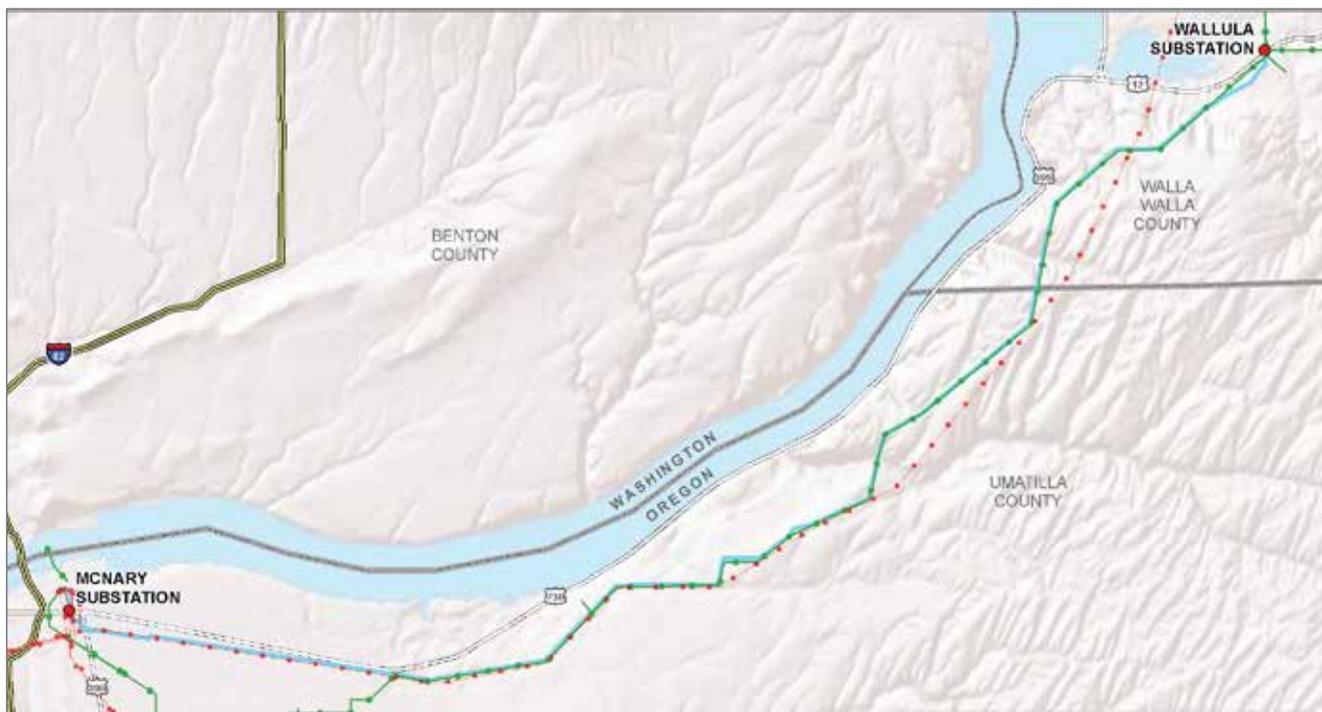
In order to continue to provide reliable, safe and cost-effective energy to our customers, provide needed customer transmission service, and support renewable energy development, Pacific Power is developing a new transmission line between Wallula, Washington and Umatilla, Oregon. This 30-mile, 230-kilovolt transmission line will be built on a 125-foot-wide right of way and connect existing power substations at Wallula and the McNary substation at Umatilla.

Pacific Power began working with landowners and federal, state and local permitting agencies on this transmission line in 2008. In 2013, we delayed development of the transmission line to allow our customers to determine need and commit to moving the project forward.

In 2014, our customers indicated they have a need for this transmission line. Since then we have been finalizing our permitting processes and appraising rights of way (ROW). We anticipate completing permitting activities and ROW acquisition in 2016, beginning construction in 2017, and placing the line in service by the end of that year.

Throughout this process, Pacific Power has and will continue to minimize impacts to the community and local environment from project development, construction and maintenance, and will regularly update and inform customers and the public.

The transmission line is part of the company's ongoing investment program to ensure strong regional electrical infrastructure to cost-effectively meet the needs of our customers and the region.



The blue line shows the route for the portion of the new transmission line that will begin construction in 2017. Pacific Power is adding this transmission line to better serve customers and support new renewable energy development. The red and green lines show existing transmission lines.

Customer benefits

- Improves reliability
- Supports local economic development
- Addresses future energy demand growth and development
- Supports the region's renewable energy goals and environmental priorities

Public information process

- **Public involvement:** Pacific Power will continue to involve the public in the development of this transmission line. This includes continued outreach to landowners, community leaders, local and state agencies, tribes and others.
- **Public input:** Throughout the permitting phase of this project, Pacific Power gathered public input on transmission line routing through public open houses and consultation with landowners, agencies, tribes and local governments. We will continue to gather input through direct discussions with landowners.
- **Public information:** We will keep the public informed throughout the process of building this line by posting informational materials online and distributing them to landowners and interested citizens.
- **Project website:** pacificpower.net/energygateway
Look for Segment A – Wallula to McNary under Energy Gateway.

Pacific Power incorporated community input in determining final route

- Pacific Power selected this transmission line route as the preferred option in order to minimize impact based on environmental, land use, social, cost and technical factors.
- This selected route best addresses the siting preferences of landowners, stakeholders, tribes and local government entities that we consulted from 2008-2016.



A typical wood pole 230kV structure that will be used in the new transmission line project.

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Project timeline

2014-2016

- Update needed permits

2015-2016

- Work with landowners to obtain rights of way

2017

- Construct the transmission line
- Place the line in service for customers

For additional information, please visit

pacificpower.net/energygateway

