

SOUTHLINE

TRANSMISSION PROJECT

PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Southline Transmission Project is a proposed 355-mile electric transmission line that will include both the development of new lines and improvements to existing lines in southern New Mexico and southern Arizona.

The project sponsor will be hosting meetings in the coming weeks to gather public input prior to the formal Federal environmental review process that will begin later this fall. Once the official Federal process begins, the Bureau of Land Management and the Western Area Power Administration will host scoping meetings as part of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review.

In September, please visit with our project team to:

- Learn about the proposed project and its purpose and schedule
- Review potential route alternatives using an interactive map station
- Share information about your interests, as well as land and resource issues
- Learn about the upcoming environmental review processes
- Learn about current and future public engagement opportunities
- Learn about technical aspects of transmission

*Please stop by anytime **between 5pm-8pm** at one of the meetings listed below.
Please note there will not be a formal presentation at these meetings.*

Lordsburg, NM
September 21

Lordsburg High School Cafeteria
501 W. 4th Street
Lordsburg, NM 88045

Deming, NM
September 22

Mimbres Valley Special
Events Center
2300 E. Pine Street
Deming, NM 88030

Willcox, AZ
September 27

Willcox Community Center
312 W. Stewart Street
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tucson, AZ
September 28

Four Points by Sheraton
University Plaza Ballroom
1900 East Speedway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85719

Marana, AZ
September 29

Marana Health Center
13395 N. Marana Main Street
Marana, AZ 85653

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Habr  personas que hablan en espa ol en cada una de las reuniones.



WELCOME TO THE SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION PROJECT PRE-NEPA PUBLIC MEETINGS ON ROUTING ALTERNATIVES

5:00pm – 8:00pm

No formal presentation – please stop by any time to meet with us

Thank you for joining us for our first round of public meetings for the Southline Transmission Project. These meetings are being held prior to the formal environmental review process to:

- **Share information** about the proposed project and potential route alternatives
- Create an opportunity for you to **meet with the project team** and ask questions
- Allow the project team to **learn about your interests** and **potential land/resource issues**
- Visit our **interactive GIS mapping station** to see where the potential route alternatives are and provide feedback

Project staff and consultants will be available from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at each station to discuss the project and answer your questions.

STATION	DESCRIPTION
Project Overview	Learn about the Southline Transmission Project and find out more about why the project is being developed and what benefits it brings. Meet the project team and learn about the history of the project.
Project Schedule, Environmental Review Process, and Public Process	Review the overall project schedule and understand how these meetings will help to inform the environmental review process. Learn about the environmental review processes for the project and understand how you can continue to be involved in project development.
Routing Process and Maps	Learn about how the potential route alternatives were developed, review project area maps, and visit our GIS mapping station to see where the potential route alternatives are relative to your areas of interest.
About Transmission	Learn about how the transmission system works, see examples of structures that might be used, and learn more about technical aspects of the project.
Comment Station	To make sure we receive your thoughts and comments, please visit our comment station to provide written or verbal comments.

We anticipate that the formal environmental review process will begin in October 2011 with scoping meetings led by the Bureau of Land Management and Western Area Power Administration. The information presented at those meetings will build from what we learn from this first round of public meetings.

WHAT IS THE SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION PROJECT?

The Southline Transmission Project is a proposed transmission line designed to collect and transmit electricity across southern New Mexico and southern Arizona, bringing electric system benefits to the Desert Southwest, one of America's fastest-growing regions. The Southline Transmission Project is being designed to minimize land and resource impacts by selecting a route along existing corridors such as abandoned rail lines, and by improving existing transmission lines where feasible – an innovative approach that respects the region's communities and natural and cultural resources. The project will consist of two segments:

- A new **225-mile, 345 kilovolt (kV) double-circuit transmission line** between the existing substations at Afton (NM) and Apache (AZ)
- A series of improvements to **approximately 130 miles of existing transmission lines** between the Apache (AZ) and Saguaro (AZ) substations.



WHY IS THE SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION PROJECT NEEDED?

- **To sustain growth** – The Desert Southwest is expected to experience substantial long-term growth, creating increased demand for energy.
- **To ensure reliability** – There are limited existing electrical connections in the area and many older lines that are approaching the end of their useful lives, raising reliability risks.
- **To relieve congestion** – Additional transmission capacity in the region is needed to help local utilities increase access to the most cost-efficient energy sources.
- **To provide renewable energy** – Satisfying the renewable energy requirements of western states requires access to and economic transmission of renewable resources; a major challenge facing renewable energy development is insufficient transmission access.

WHAT BENEFITS DOES THE SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION PROJECT BRING?

- **Cost-effective, reliable electricity** – By interconnecting with more than 10 substations along its route, the Southline Transmission Project will enable local utilities to meet energy demands.
- **Local economic development** – The Southline Transmission Project will facilitate local economic development through project construction, enhanced power reliability, and by enabling additional local renewable energy development.
- **Resource conservation** – Working from federal and state energy and land use planning efforts, using existing infrastructure, and developing a route along existing infrastructure corridors will minimize land use conflicts.
- **Renewable energy** – The Southline Transmission Project will enable renewable energy projects to connect to the electric system, helping states in the Desert Southwest meet renewable energy requirements.
- **Smart, coordinated approach** – The Southline Transmission Project team has worked closely with local utilities and other transmission providers since 2009 to ensure the Southline Transmission Project meets local needs and improves the region's electric system.

SUMMER - FALL
2011

Public engagement and outreach, including public workshops to develop routing alternatives

2011 - 2012

Federal, state, and local permitting processes

2013 - 2014

Right-of-way acquisition, procurement, and construction

2015

Targeted in-service date

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU

As part of our planning process, we will be holding public workshops on routing alternatives. We strive to respond rapidly to all inquiries, including requests for meetings and presentations. Please visit our website to sign up for updates and to access the latest information.