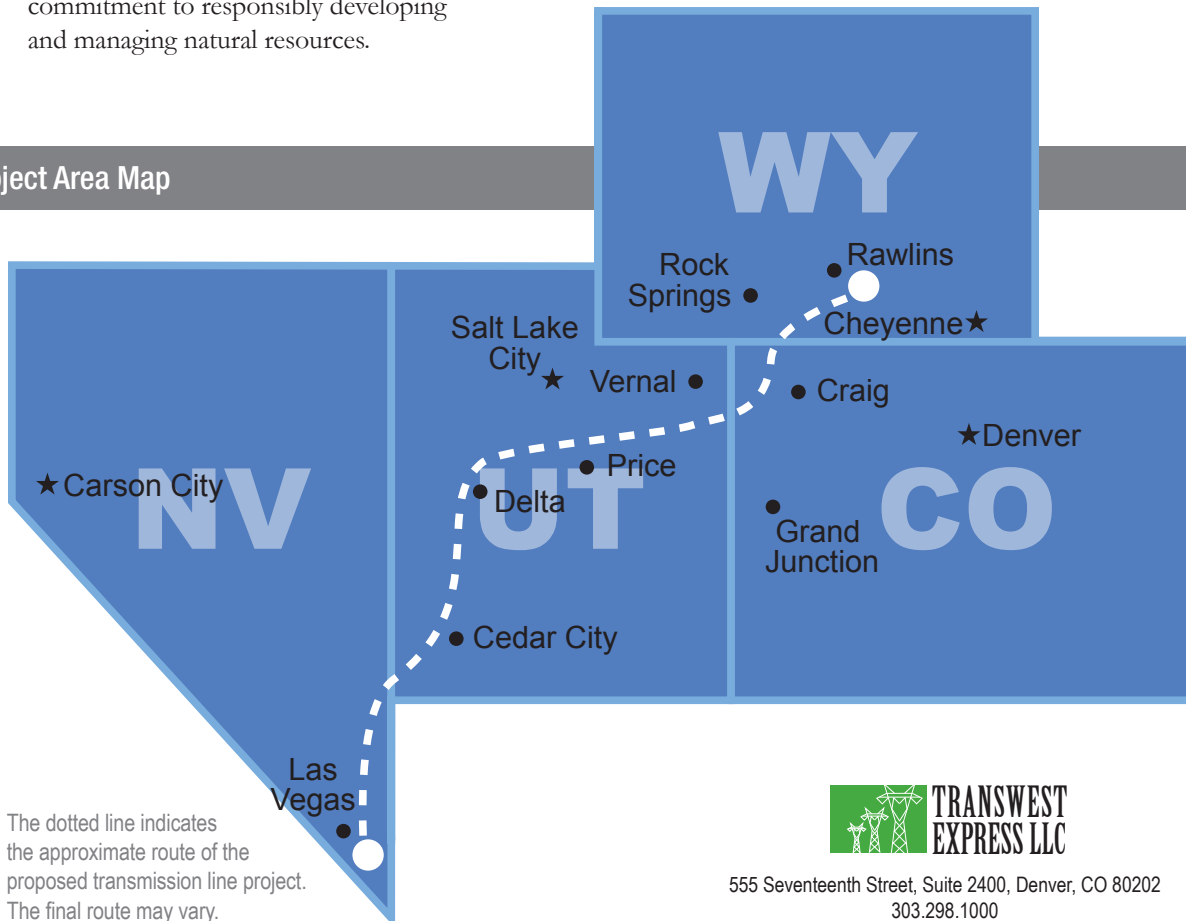


## About TransWest Express LLC

TransWest Express LLC is a wholly owned affiliate of The Anschutz Corporation, a privately held company based in Denver, Colorado. The Anschutz Corporation, through its affiliates, has been actively involved in the West for over 75 years in the fields of ranching, agriculture, and energy development. The Anschutz Corporation's activity and investments in the energy field reflect a strong commitment to responsibly developing and managing natural resources.

### Project Area Map



The TransWest Express Transmission Project is an extra-high-voltage direct current transmission system. The system will begin in south-central Wyoming near Rawlins, extend through northwestern Colorado and central Utah, turn southwest into southern Nevada, and end near Hoover Dam. The TWE Project will deliver renewable energy produced in Wyoming to the Desert Southwest, ultimately helping to contribute to a cleaner world and a stronger electrical grid.



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## What benefits will the project bring?

The TWE Project will provide the transmission infrastructure and capacity necessary to reliably and cost-effectively deliver approximately 3,000 megawatts of clean and sustainable electric power generated in Wyoming to Arizona, Nevada and southern California. Wyoming has a large concentration of high-quality, low-cost renewable resources in the form of wind energy. The TWE Project will transmit this electric power to the Desert Southwest region where the demand for renewable energy is the greatest.

The TWE Project will:

- Broaden consumers' access to domestic, clean, renewable energy sources.
- Contribute to meeting national, regional and state environmental policies, including state-mandated renewable portfolio standards and greenhouse gas reduction targets.
- Meet increasing customer demand with improved electrical system reliability.
- Provide system flexibility and increased access to the grid for third-party transmission users.
- Expand regional economic development through creating hundreds of jobs and enlarging the property tax base.
- Maintain the standard of living associated with highly reliable electricity service.

Further, multiple third-party studies show the significant economic benefits of tapping Wyoming's high-capacity wind energy to meet a portion of California's renewable energy demand. For example, WECC's 10-Year Regional Transmission Plan economic analysis determined that if California met just 20 percent of its demand with Wyoming wind, California ratepayers could save on the

order of \$600 million every year, even with the cost of transmission included.

Western Area Power Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Energy, is jointly funding project development and is proposing to jointly own the project. In October 2011, a new federal "Rapid Response Team for Transmission" selected the TWE Project as a priority for accelerating the federal permitting process – one of seven projects selected in the U.S. and the only project that will interconnect with California.

## How will the planning proceed?

TransWest Express LLC conducted a corridor feasibility study to identify the proposed transmission line route and alternative routes, many of which are located within or adjacent to federally designated or proposed utility corridors, or parallel existing transmission lines or pipelines.

In 2008, TransWest Express LLC applied for federal rights-of-way because the proposed route and the alternative routes for the transmission line cross federal land that is mainly administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. The proposed project is a major federal action requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The BLM and Western Area Power Administration are joint lead agencies responsible for preparing the EIS and are coordinating with other federal, state and local government cooperating agencies.

The EIS analyzes actions that may affect the quality of the environment. The BLM and Western seek agency and public input on potential issues to be addressed in the EIS. Based on this input, the BLM and Western analyze the proposed route for the transmission line and reasonable alternatives to that route. Public scoping

was held January-April 2011. The Draft EIS was announced in July 2013. After addressing comments on that draft, the agencies will issue a Final EIS. A Record of Decision is expected in 2014. Construction of the project is estimated to take two to three years.

## What does the project look like?

The proposed route for the 600 kilovolt direct current transmission line is 725 miles in length, with a typical right-of-way width of 250 feet. Two substation/converter stations, approximately 200 acres in size, will be constructed at each terminating point. Transmission structure heights may vary from 100 feet to 180 feet depending upon structure type, terrain, span and line crossings.

### Structures under consideration

