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**Background.** No later than April 30 of each year, each electric utility shall file with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) its proposed new construction or extension of transmission facilities for the next three calendar years, commencing with the year following the filing. The purpose of this filing is to advise the Commission of planned transmission system development and inform their decision as to whether those projects require a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) or are considered in the ordinary course of business. This report covers 2021 and the three-year planning period 2022 through 2024.

**Transmission projects.** The transmission and/or substation projects 1 through 12 below have been included in previous Rule 3206 filings. An update to the status of these facilities is being provided pursuant to Rule 3206(d)(I)(G). Where applicable, references are included to past Commission decisions on the previous Rule 3206 filings, including determinations pursuant to Colo. Rev. Stat. § 40-5-101 that the projects were necessary in the ordinary course of Black Hills’ business, and thus, no CPCNs for the projects were required.

**Energy storage systems.** Consideration of energy storage systems among project alternatives is a requirement within Rule 3206. This rule requirement was established by the Commission on November 28, 2018 in Decision C18-1124; the rule requirement became effective on March 2, 2019. The rule requirement is codified at Rule 3206(d)(I)(D). Black Hills is not proposing any new projects that were not proposed and provided in a previous Rule 3206 filing. Accordingly, because there are no new projects after Rule 3206(d)(I)(D) became effective, this Rule 3206 filing does not address the consideration of any new alternatives that were not previously examined and addressed.

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**Projects Placed into Service:**

These projects have been completed and placed into service. Therefore, these will be removed from future Rule 3206 filings.

1. Desert Cove-Midway 115 kV Line Rebuild  
(Decision No. C18-0843; see Project Sheets, Page A-33)  
The project cost was approximately of \$6.4 million and was placed in service 1/22/2021
2. Airport Memorial to Nyberg 115 kV Rebuild  
(Decision No. C19-0638; see Project Sheets, Page A-39)  
The project cost was approximately \$3 million and was placed in service 2/22/2021
3. Boone-La Junta 115 kV Line Rebuild  
(Decision No. C17-0539; see Project Sheets, Page A-25)  
The project cost was approximately \$15.2 million and was place in service 1/17/2020.

**Projects with Updated Scope or Status, Filed Pursuant to Rule 3206(d)(I)(G):**

These projects have had a change in the project scope or status since the previous Rule 3206 filing.

4. La Junta 115 kV Area Upgrades  
(Decision No. C09-1240; see Project Sheets, Page A-8)  
This project is considered cancelled and has been replaced with two new projects: South Fowler Substation and Boone-South Fowler 69 kV to 115 kV Conversion.
5. West Station–Hogback 115 kV Transmission Project  
(Decision No. C17-0539-E; see Project Sheets, Page A-19)  
Previously named “West Station-West Cañon 115 kV Transmission Project.”  
The project’s estimated cost is \$24 million, and the in-service date is January 2023. This reflects a one-year delay from the 2020 Rule 3206 filing.
6. Hogback 115/69 kV Substation  
(Decision No. C17-0539-E; see Project Sheets, Page A-20)  
Previously named “Cañon City Area 115/69 kV Substation.”  
The planned project has an estimated cost of \$9.9 million and an in-service date of January 2022. This reflects a one-year delay from the 2020 Rule 3206 filing. The in-service date of this substation will coincide with the planned in-service date of the West Station-Hogback 115 kV line in Q1 2023.

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- 7. West Station-Greenhorn 115 kV Line Rebuild**  
(Decision No. C18-0843; *see* Project Sheets, Page A-36)  
The planned project has an estimated cost of \$7 million and an in-service date of January 2023. This reflects a four-month delay and a \$2.5 million increase from the 2020 Rule 3206 filing.
- 8. South Fowler Substation**  
(Decision No. C19-0638; *see* Project Sheets, Page A-13)  
This project, along with the Boone-South Fowler 69 kV to 115 kV Conversion project, is considered a replacement for the La Junta 115 kV Area Upgrade project. The planned project has an estimated cost of \$5.1 million and an in-service date of January 2022. This reflects a three-month delay from the 2020 Rule 3206 filing.
- 9. Boone-South Fowler 69 kV to 115 kV Conversion**  
(Decision No. C19-0638; *see* Project Sheets, Page A-10)  
This project, along with the South Fowler Substation, is considered a replacement for the La Junta 115 kV Area Upgrade project. The planned project has an estimated cost of \$11.8 million and an in-service date of January 2022. This reflects a \$5.2 million increase and a nine-month acceleration from the 2020 Rule 3206 filing. This cost increase reflects the need to move from wood to steel structures due to the river crossing.
- 10. Rodrigues 115 kV Distribution Substation**  
(Decision No. C19-0638; *see* Project Sheets, Page A-42)  
Formerly known as Salt Creek Substation, the planned project is under evaluation to determine the best alternative of two available options. The preferred alternative has an estimated cost of \$7M and has an in-service date of June 2023. This reflects a \$0.6 million increase and an eighteen-month delay from the 2020 Rule 3206 filing.
- 11. Pueblo West 115 kV Distribution Substation**  
(Decision No. C20-0477; *see* Project Sheets, Page A-28)  
The planned project has an estimated cost of \$5.4 million and an in-service date of January 2023. This reflects a \$0.9 million increase and a two-year delay from the 2020 Rule 3206 filing.
- 12. North Penrose 115 kV Distribution Substation**  
(Decision No. C20-0477; *see* Project Sheets, Page A-31)  
The planned project has an estimated cost of \$6.7 million and an in-service date January 2022. This reflects a \$2.2 million increase and a one-year delay from the 2020 Rule 3206 filing. The in-service date of this distribution substation will coincide with the planned in-service date of the West Station-Hogback 115 kV line in Q1 2023.

# Appendix A

## Project Sheets

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## La Junta 115 kV Area Upgrades

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Black Hills Colorado Electric
<b>Additional Project Participants:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>	Increase load serving capability and reliability in the La Junta and Rocky Ford areas of BHCE's service territory.
Voltage Class:	115 & 69 kV
Facility Rating:	Varies
Point of Origin/Location:	Varies
Point of Termination:	Varies
Intermediate Points:	
Length of Line (in Miles):	
Type of Project:	Substation & Transmission Line
Development Status:	Cancelled/Replaced
Routing:	
Subregional Planning Group:	CCPG
<b>Purpose of Project:</b>	Improved reliability in the La Junta area.
<b>Estimated Cost (in 2019 Dollars):</b>	N/A
<b>Schedule:</b>	
Construction Date:	N/A
Planned Completion/In-Service Date:	N/A
Regulatory Info:	Approved - Colorado PUC: Decision No. C09-1240
Regulatory Date:	October 28, 2009
Permitting Info:	
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**La Junta 115 kV Area Upgrades**

**Description.** The La Junta 115 kV Area Upgrades project, as initially scoped, consisted of a new parallel 115 kV and 69 kV line between the Tri-State and Black Hills La Junta substations. The connection of the two substations, which are approximately 0.5 miles apart, would provide increased reliability to the local area. An increase in 115/69 kV transformation capacity at the BHCE-owned La Junta substation, a 69 kV capacitor, a larger 115/69 kV transformer at Boone, and local terminal equipment upgrades were also a part of this project to enhance load service in the area. As the project drivers evolved over time, the need to operate the 115 kV tie line normally open became apparent. Joint participation in the project became no longer of value to Tri-State. The scope of the project was reviewed in 2015, and it was determined that the benefits of the project did not justify the cost. The 115 kV and 69 kV lines between the two La Junta substations were thus removed from the project scope, and the other projects remained.

The project included the replacement of the Boone 115/69 kV transformer, which was completed in October 2016 at a cost of \$2.7 million. Other portions of the project as previously planned have not been completed. These include the addition of a second La Junta 115/69 kV transformer (50 MVA), which was previously planned for completion and operation in Q4 2019 at an estimated cost of \$2.0 million. In addition, previously planned upgrades to the La Junta area 115 kV and 69 kV system included replacement of limiting terminal equipment and a new 6 MVAR, 69 kV capacitor. The project also included a planned second 69 kV capacitor, but that addition has been suspended.

**Consideration of project alternatives including energy systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The project is cancelled.

**Decision.** In Decision No. C09-1240, the Commission determined that the project was in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was not necessary.

**Update.** The project scope as described in previous filings and ruled on in Decision No. C09-1240 was reviewed in its entirety. Following a recent review of the integrity of the 69 kV infrastructure in the area, it was confirmed that a significant number of lines need to be rebuilt within the near-term planning horizon. Additionally, requests for load interconnection and requests to wheel energy across the BHCE transmission and sub-transmission system were evaluated. These developments impact the overall needs of the local transmission system, so several alternatives were studied to develop the best comprehensive solution for the area. For that reason, the La Junta 115 kV Area Upgrades project, as submitted in previous Rule 3206 and Rule 3627 filings, is no longer considered a “planned” project. It has been replaced by the “South Fowler Substation” and the “Boone-South Fowler 69 kV to 115 kV Conversion” projects as described in this filing.

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**Boone-South Fowler 69 kV to 115 kV Conversion**

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Black Hills Colorado Electric
<b>Additional Project Participants:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>	Rebuild the existing 69 kV line from Boone to S. Fowler Tap west of Rocky Ford, CO.
Voltage Class:	115 kV
Facility Rating:	221
Point of Origin/Location:	Boone 115 kV
Point of Termination:	South Fowler 115 kV (new)
Intermediate Points:	
Length of Line (in Miles):	19
Type of Project:	Transmission Line Rebuild
Development Status:	Planned
Routing:	
Subregional Planning Group:	CCPG
<b>Purpose of Project:</b>	Asset integrity
<b>Estimated Cost (in 2021 Dollars):</b>	\$11.8 Million
<b>Schedule:</b>	
Construction Date:	2021
Planned Completion/In-Service Date:	January 2022
Regulatory Info:	Approved – Colorado PUC Decision No. C19-0638
Regulatory Date:	July 25, 2019
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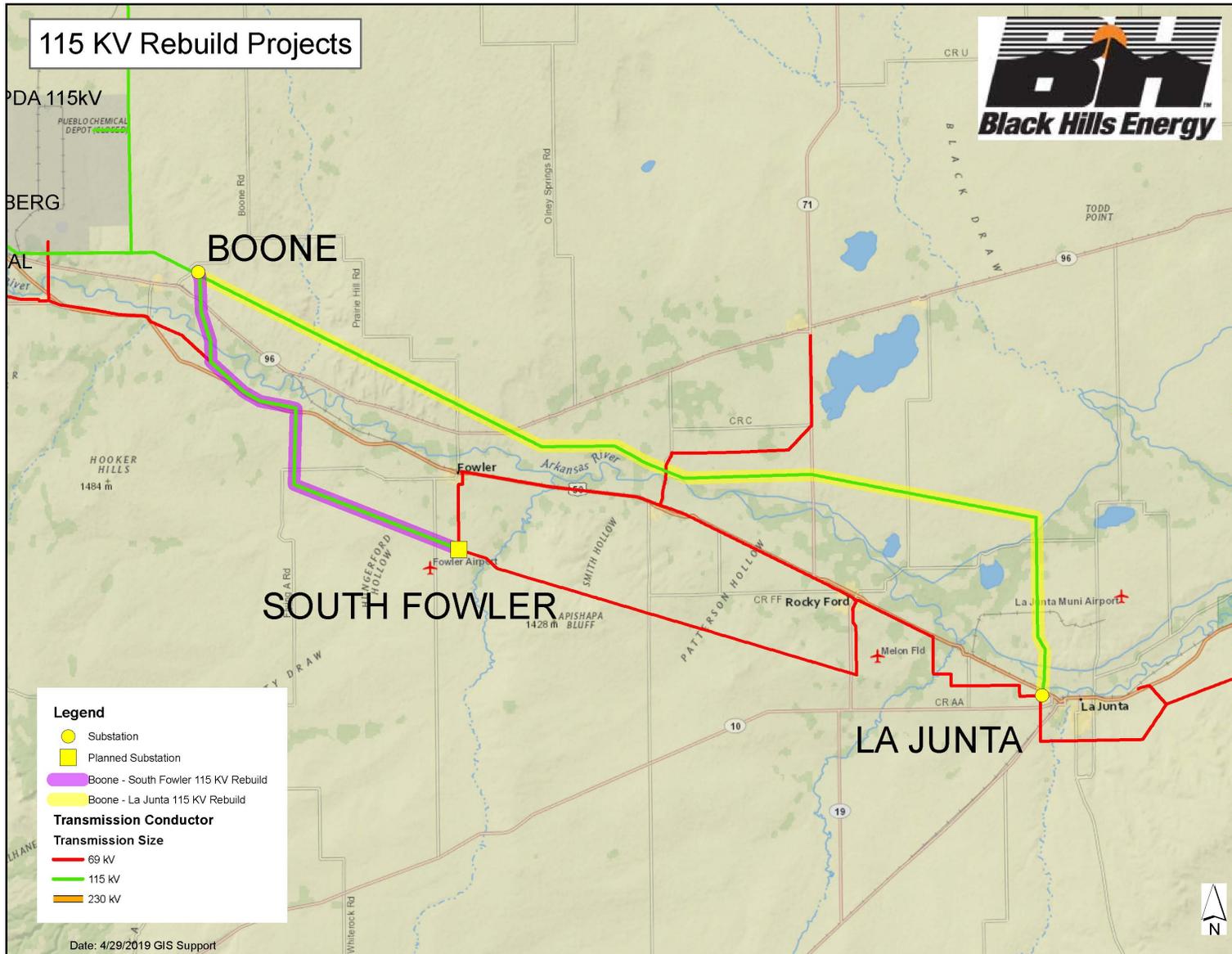
**Description.** This project is to rebuild the existing 69 kV line between Boone and South Fowler Tap substations. The initial portion of line from Boone to Boone Tap will be constructed using 795 ACSR on double circuit structures to maintain a connection from Boone to Huerfano on the existing 69 kV line while accommodating the new Boone-South Fowler 115 kV line. From the Boone Tap location, the new line will continue on single circuit steel monopole structures to the South Fowler Tap location. The rebuild of the existing 19-mile Boone-S. Fowler Tap 69 kV line is needed to improve reliability on the line. When considering the length of the line and the interest in additional capacity between Boone and the La Junta/Rocky Ford local network for load and generation interconnections, it was decided to construct and operate the line at 115 kV. In order to accommodate the voltage upgrade, a new 115/69 kV substation at South Fowler is planned and described elsewhere in this report.

Noise and EMF analysis was performed for various typical transmission project design configurations, including the same line design as the planned Boone-South Fowler 69 kV to 115 kV Conversion project. This was done to determine the anticipated noise and magnetic field levels of the project for comparison against the standards specified in Rule 3206 (f) and Rule 3206 (e), respectively. That analysis was referenced for this project. See Appendix B, page B-20 for summary details on the noise and field study.

**Consideration of project alternatives including energy storage systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The project was designed and planned prior to the rule requirement effective date of March 2, 2019.

**Decision.** In Decision C19-0638, the Commission determined that the original project was in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was not necessary.

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## South Fowler Substation

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Black Hills Colorado Electric
<b>Additional Project Participants:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>	Increase load serving capability and reliability in the La Junta and Rocky Ford areas of BHCE’s service territory.
Voltage Class:	115 & 69 kV
Facility Rating:	80 MVA
Point of Origin/Location:	South Fowler Tap
Point of Termination:	South Fowler Tap
Intermediate Points:	
Length of Line (in Miles):	
Type of Project:	Substation & Transmission Line
Development Status:	In Construction
Routing:	
Subregional Planning Group:	CCPG
<b>Purpose of Project:</b>	Improved reliability in the Rocky Ford area.
<b>Estimated Cost (in 2021 Dollars):</b>	\$5.1M
<b>Schedule:</b>	
Construction Date:	2020
Planned Completion/In-Service Date:	January 2022
Regulatory Info:	Approved – Colorado PUC Decision No. C19-0638
Regulatory Date:	July 25, 2019
Permitting Info:	
Permitting Date:	
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**South Fowler 115 kV Substation**

**Description.** The ‘South Fowler 115 kV Substation’ and the ‘Boone-South Fowler 69 kV to 115 kV Conversion’ projects are intended to replace the previously planned La Junta 115 kV Area Upgrades project. Following a recent review of the integrity of the 69 kV infrastructure in the area, it was confirmed that a significant number of lines need to be rebuilt within the near-term planning horizon. Additionally, requests for load interconnection and requests to wheel energy across the BHCE transmission and sub-transmission system were evaluated. These developments impact the overall needs of the local transmission system, so several alternatives were studied to develop the best comprehensive solution for the area.

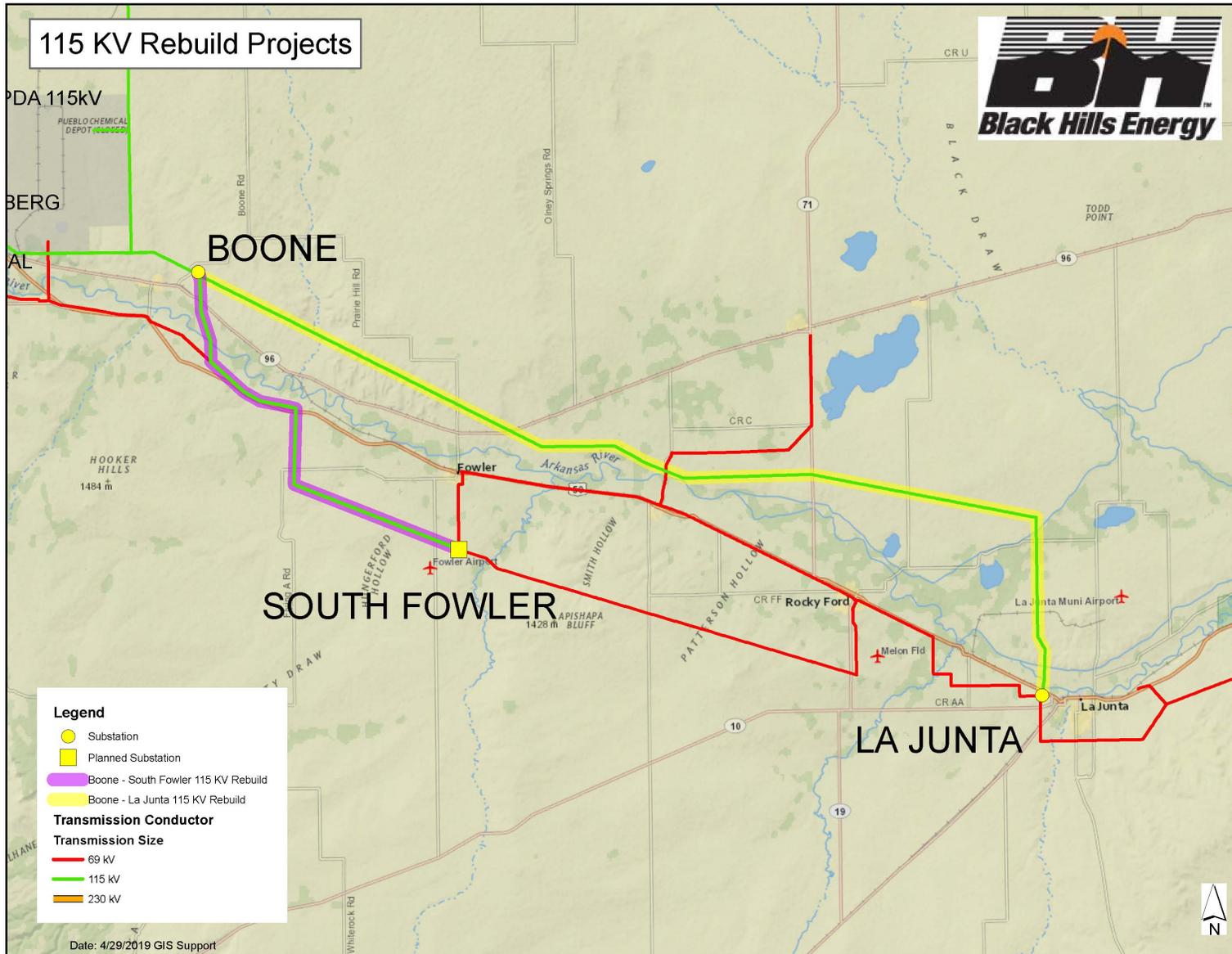
A new 115/69 kV South Fowler substation and 80 MVA transformer was selected as the preferred alternative to the La Junta 115 kV Area Upgrades project. The new substation provides several benefits to the local transmission and sub-transmission system. It allows the Boone-La Junta 69 kV line rebuild, which is an asset integrity project, to be rebuilt as a 115 kV line, offering additional capacity to the area. It also provides operational flexibility when rebuilding other aged 69 kV lines in the local area. Another benefit of the project is that it provides a second, geographically diverse 115/69 kV delivery point to the area, as opposed to adding a second transformer to the existing La Junta 115/69 kV substation. Following a detailed project review, it was determined that expanding the existing 115/69 kV La Junta Substation to accommodate a second transformer as initially planned would be very challenging from both a physical space and construction outage standpoint. The new South Fowler substation would facilitate a La Junta substation outage at a later date to upgrade the existing transformer with a larger one if that project is pursued. Finally, the new South Fowler substation will improve the reliability to the local sub-transmission system by sectionalizing the existing Boone-Rocky Ford 69 kV line. The new substation will be designed to accommodate additional reactive voltage support devices as needed.

The engineering and design work associated with the substation portion of the project will be performed to ensure that the completed project will meet the established noise and magnetic field requirements as stated in Rule 3206 (f) and Rule 3206 (e), respectively. Namely, the noise level of the substation will not exceed 50 db(A) at a distance of 25 feet beyond the property line, and the magnetic field level at the property line, one meter above the ground will not exceed 150 MilliGauss.

**Consideration of project alternatives including energy storage systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The project was designed and planned prior to the rule requirement effective date of March 2, 2019. Additional note: the capacity needs of the South Fowler/La Junta electric system are in excess of what can be cost-effectively provided by energy storage alternatives.

**Decision.** In Decision C19-0638, the Commission determined that the project was in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was no necessary.

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**West Station-Desert Cove 115 kV Rebuild Project**

**Project Sponsor:** Black Hills Colorado Electric  
**Additional Project Participants:**  
**Project Description:** Rebuild West Station to Desert Cove 115 kV line

Voltage Class: 115 kV  
Facility Rating: 221 MVA  
Point of Origin/Location: West Station 115 kV  
Point of Termination: Desert Cove 115 kV  
Intermediate Points:  
Length of Line (in Miles): 4  
Type of Project: Transmission Line  
Development Status: In-service  
Routing:  
Subregional Planning Group: CCPG

**Purpose of Project:** Improve reliability in the Pueblo area

**Actual Cost:** \$3.3 Million

**Schedule:**

Construction Date: 2015  
In-Service Date: January 2016  
Regulatory Info: Approved - Colorado PUC: Decision No. C13-0879  
Regulatory Date: July 26, 2013  
Permitting Info:  
Permitting Date:

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While the West Station-Desert Cove 115 kV Rebuild Project was shown as “In-Service” in the 2016 Rule 3206 report, it is included here because this rebuild utilized double circuit structures in order to accommodate part of the new West Station-Hogback 115 kV line. Since the projects are coupled in that regard, this project was retained in Appendix A to provide background information.

**West Station-Desert Cove 115 kV Rebuild Project**

**Description.** Three individual line segments comprise the parallel path between West Station on the south end and Midway on the north end. The West Station-Desert Cove 115 kV line is one of those segments that had reached its maximum utilization in planning assessments. The project rebuilt the 4 mile line segment between West Station and Desert Cove.

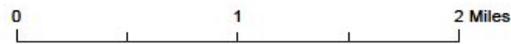
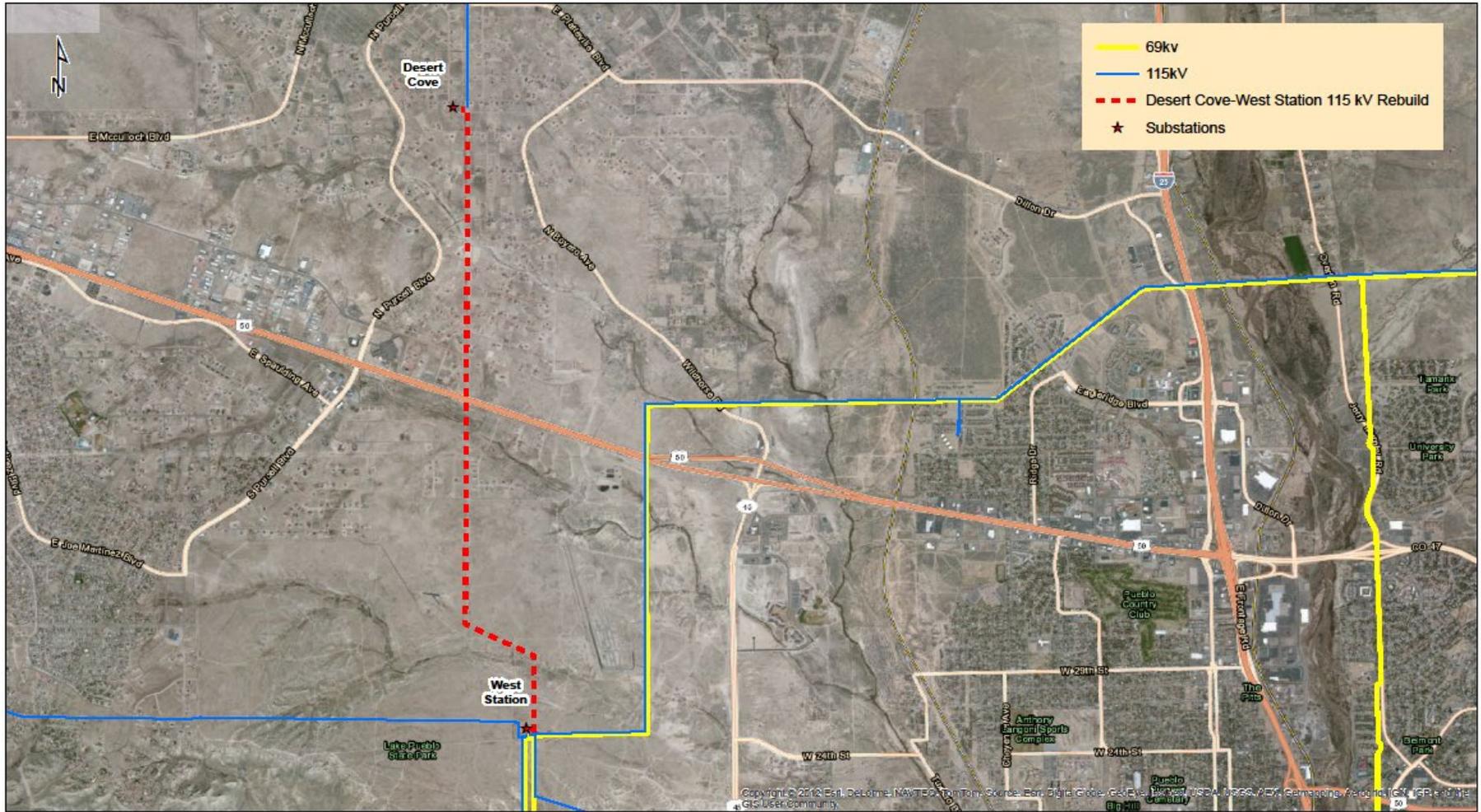
The project consisted of double circuit 115 kV construction utilizing 795 kcmil 26/7 Strand ACSR “Drake” conductor within the existing right-of-way. The use of double circuit structures for this project will accommodate the proposed West Station-West Cañon 115 kV line.

**Consideration of project alternatives including energy storage systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The project was designed and planned prior to the rule requirement effective date of March 2, 2019.

**Decision.** In Decision No. C13-0879, the Commission determined that the project was in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was not necessary.

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**Desert Cove-West Station 115 kV Rebuild**



Map Printed 04/23/2013  
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**West Station-Hogback 115 kV Transmission Project**

**Project Sponsor:** Black Hills Colorado Electric  
**Additional Project Participants:**  
**Project Description:** New 115 kV line from West Station to a new load service substation in Cañon City (Hogback).

Voltage Class: 115 kV  
Facility Rating: 221 MVA  
Point of Origin/Location: West Station 115 kV  
Point of Termination: New Hogback 115/69 kV Substation  
Intermediate Points: Pueblo West Sub (new), N. Penrose Sub (new)  
Length of Line (in Miles): 35  
Type of Project: Transmission Line and Substation  
Development Status: In Construction  
Routing:  
Subregional Planning Group: CCPG

**Purpose of Project:** Increased reliability

**Estimated Cost (in 2021 Dollars):** \$24 Million

**Schedule:**

Construction Date: 2019  
Planned Completion/In-Service Date: Q1 2023  
Regulatory Info: Approved – Colorado PUC: Decision No. C17-0539-E.

Regulatory Date: July 10, 2017  
Permitting Info:  
Permitting Date:

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## **Hogback 115/69 kV Substation**

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Black Hills Colorado Electric
<b>Additional Project Participants:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>	New 115/69 kV substation west of Cañon City on the West Station – Hogback 115 kV line. Formerly known as “Cañon City Area 115 kV/69 kV Substation” in 2018 Rule 3206 Report.
Voltage Class:	115 kV
Facility Rating:	80 MVA
Point of Origin/Location:	Hogback 115/69 kV substation
Point of Termination:	
Intermediate Points:	
Length of Line (in Miles):	N/A
Type of Project:	Substation
Development Status:	In Construction
Routing:	
Subregional Planning Group:	CCPG
<b>Purpose of Project:</b>	Increased reliability and load growth capacity.
<b>Estimated Cost (in 2021 Dollars):</b>	\$9.9 Million
<b>Schedule:</b>	
Construction Date:	2020
Planned Completion/In-Service Date:	Jan 2022
Regulatory Info:	Approved – Colorado PUC: Decision No. C17-0539-E.
Regulatory Date:	July 10, 2017
Permitting Info:	
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**West Station-Hogback 115 kV Line and New Hogback Substation**

**Description.** Given their interrelatedness, we describe these two previously reviewed projects together. The proposed West Station – Hogback 115 kV line (formerly referred to as the West Station-West Cañon 115 kV line) would provide additional import capacity along with increased reliability into the Cañon City 115 kV system. The new line will also provide a second connection into the Penrose distribution system, eliminating the impacts of a single outage loss of load. Additionally, the new line will accommodate a new Pueblo West distribution substation to relieve existing distribution system constraints and facilitate developing load growth in that community. Past TPL-001-4 reliability<sup>1</sup> and interconnection studies along with current summer peak operational studies have shown overloads on the Portland-Skala, Skala-Cañon City, and Portland-West Station #1 and #2 115 kV lines. The West Cañon 230/69 kV transformer, which supports the Cañon City network from the west end, is a long lead time piece of equipment that adds additional overload scenarios to the above mentioned 115 kV lines if the transformer were to fail. A corrective action plan has been developed per the TPL-001-4 standard to provide a solution. A limited number of options to alleviate the 115 kV line overloads were available for consideration due to the geographic challenges and transmission system configuration. Due to the nature of the system, rebuilding the existing 115 kV lines feeding into the Cañon City network would be challenging due to operational constraints as they are the only source into Cañon City. The best overall option was identified as a new 115 kV line that would feed into the Cañon City network from the 115 kV West Station substation. The new line will provide additional capacity into the load center and eliminate the need to sectionalize the existing 115 kV system to prevent post-contingency overloads. The new line will also provide the ability to reliably rebuild the constrained 115 kV line segments between Portland and Cañon City at a future time. A new 115/69 kV substation west of Cañon City was added to the project since it would decrease the loading issues on the existing Portland & Cañon City 115/69 kV transformers as identified in past reliability studies and provide increased operational flexibility. This substation is labeled as Hogback in the project map below. A summary of project components is as follows:

- The West Station - Desert Cove 115 kV rebuild project was previously completed using double circuit structures to accommodate the new West Station to West Cañon 115 kV circuit up to Desert Cove. The new transmission line will continue on from Desert Cove to a new 115/69 kV substation west of Cañon City (Hogback). This project will be constructed within existing right-of-way where possible, and new right-of-way will be obtained in a manner to minimize disruption.
- Construct a new 115/69 kV Hogback substation located to the west of the Cañon City area to support the Cañon City 69 kV network. Upgrades to the existing 69 kV facilities may be required to integrate the new substation into the 69 kV network.
- Obtain new right-of-way westward from the Desert Cove transmission corridor to the new Hogback substation for 115 kV single circuit H-Frame structures. The Hogback substation will

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<sup>1</sup> Including both BHCT TCPC & CCPG studies

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intersect the Cañon City Plant-West Cañon 115 kV line in the northwest corner of Cañon City which will complete the circuit to West Cañon.

- Since the West Cañon-Arequa Gulch 115 kV line is geographically nearby the proposed site of the new Hogback substation, bisecting it with the new substation would add additional reliability. This option will not be implemented initially, but the new substation will be designed to accommodate the additional terminals later to balance initial cost with future flexibility.
- The routing of the new transmission line will readily accommodate a proposed distribution substation in the Pueblo West community. The accommodation of the new Pueblo West substation will increase reliability and load serving capability in the Pueblo West area of the Black Hills system without materially impacting project costs or the planned benefits to the Cañon City area. Discussions with impacted customers during the permitting process resulted in changes to the line route to maintain project objectives while preserving customers' views.
- The routing of the new transmission line will accommodate a proposed distribution substation in the Penrose community. Penrose is currently served via single radial 69 kV line. The new North Penrose substation will increase reliability and load serving capability in the Penrose area of the Black Hills system without materially impacting project costs or the planned benefits to the Cañon City area.
- The facility rating of the West Station – North Penrose-Hogback 115 kV circuit will be at least 221 MVA Summer and 274 MVA Winter (795 ACSR Drake @ 100°C).
- The engineering and design work associated with the substation portion of the project will be performed to ensure that the completed project will meet the established noise and magnetic field requirements as stated in Rule 3206 (f) and Rule 3206 (e), respectively. Namely, the noise level of the substation will not exceed 50 db(A) at a distance of 25 feet beyond the property line, and the magnetic field level at the property line, one meter above the ground will not exceed 150 MilliGauss.
- The engineering and design work associated with the transmission line portion of the project was performed and also meets the established noise and magnetic field requirements.

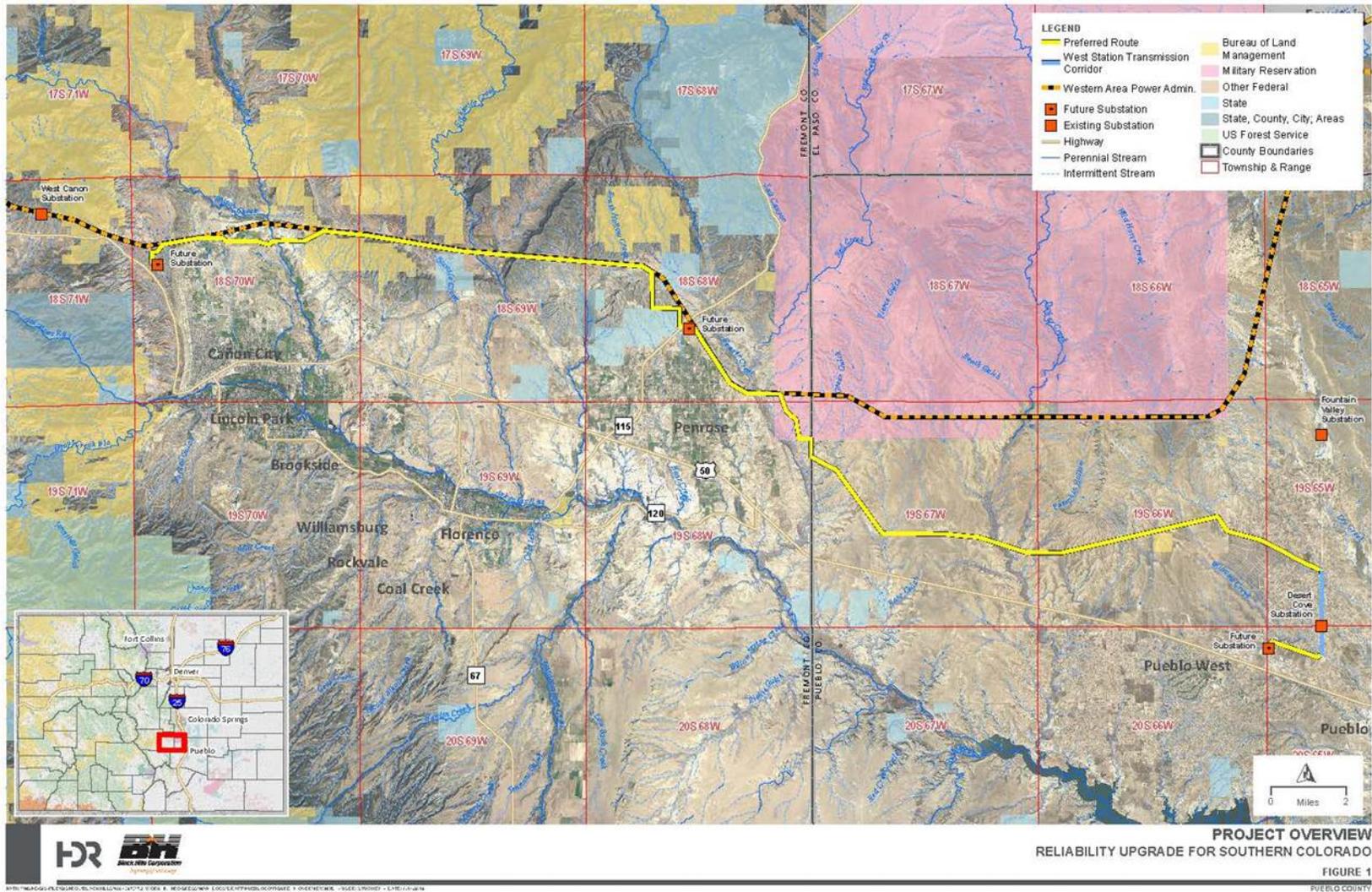
Black Hills initially included these two projects in the 2015 Rule 3206 filing for informational purposes only. Transmission planning analysis has subsequently refined the project scope. Potential joint participation was under consideration in the San Luis Valley Subcommittee within the Colorado Coordinated Planning Group (CCPG). There was absence of interest in joint participation by other entities as well as any foreseeable long-term drivers to justify construction at a higher voltage. The best-cost solution was determined to have the project designed, constructed, and operated as a single 115 kV circuit. The additional right-of-way that will be acquired will be 125 feet wide to accommodate an additional circuit or an increase in operating voltage if needed. The total overall cost is estimated at \$33.3 million, including the transmission line and the new Hogback substation.

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**Consideration of project alternatives including energy storage systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The two projects were designed and planned prior to the rule requirement effective date of March 2, 2019.

**Decision.** In Decision No. C17-0539-E, the Commission determined that the two projects were in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was not necessary.

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## Boone-La Junta 115 kV Line Rebuild

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Black Hills Colorado Electric
<b>Additional Project Participants:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>	Rebuild the 115kV line from Boone to La Junta.
Voltage Class:	115 kV
Facility Rating:	221 MVA
Point of Origin/Location:	Boone 115 kV
Point of Termination:	La Junta 115 kV
Intermediate Points:	
Length of Line (in Miles):	45
Type of Project:	Transmission Line Rebuild
Development Status:	In-Service
Routing:	
Subregional Planning Group:	CCPG
<b>Purpose of Project:</b>	Increased reliability
<b>Actual Cost:</b>	\$15.2 Million
<b>Schedule:</b>	
Construction Date:	2018
In-Service Date:	January 17, 2020
Regulatory Info:	Approved – Colorado PUC: Decision No. C17-0539.
Regulatory Date:	June 28, 2017
Permitting Info:	
Permitting Date:	
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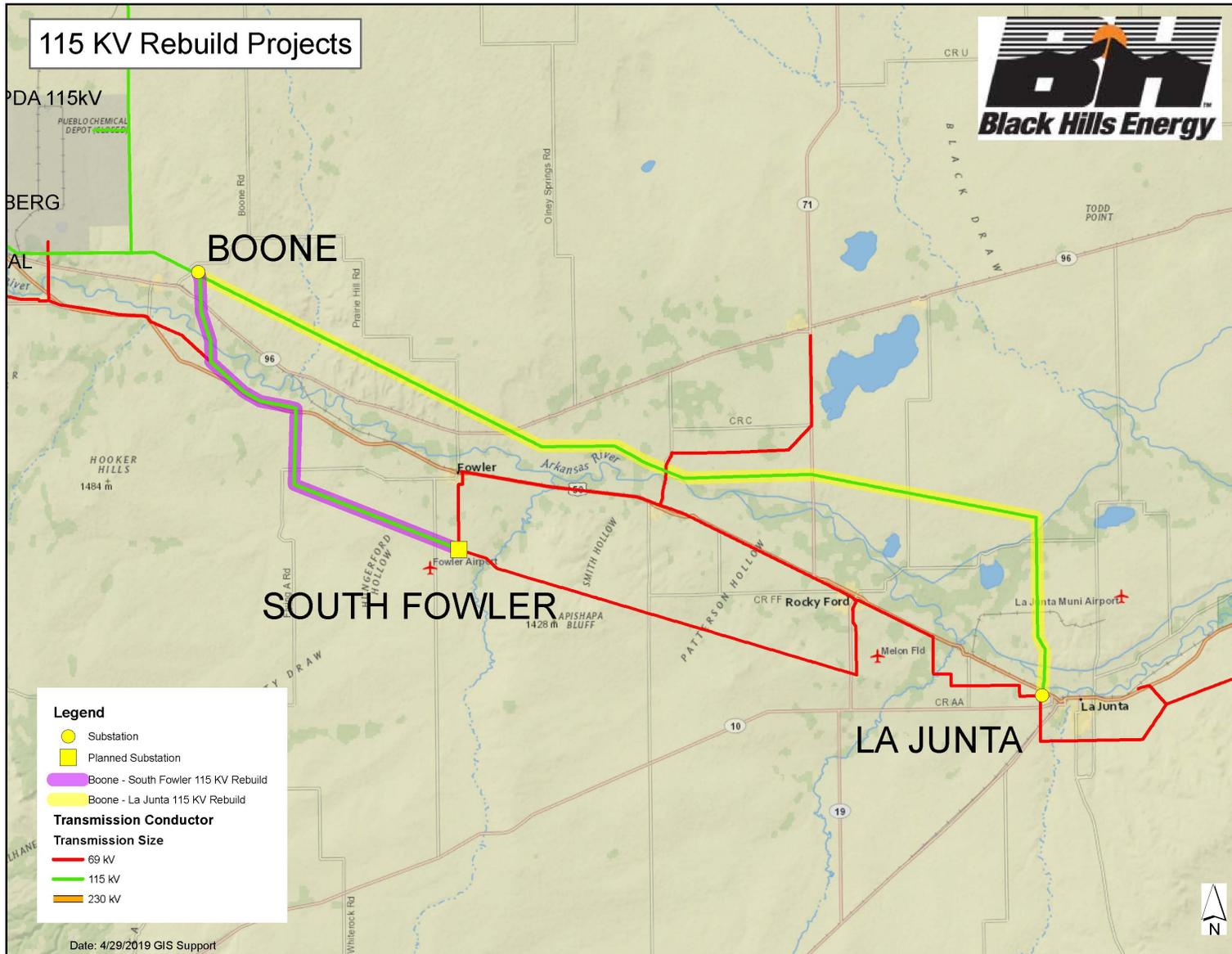
**Boone-La Junta 115 kV Line Rebuild**

**Description.** The Boone-La Junta 115kV line is at a point late in its lifecycle and needs to be rebuilt. The project will rebuild the 45-mile line with single circuit 115kV construction utilizing 795 kcmil 26/7 strand ACSR “Drake” conductor utilizing existing right-of-way. The noise and emf impacts associated with the West Station-West Canon transmission project were considered more impactful than this project and still met the established noise and magnetic field requirements as stated in Rule 3206 (f) and Rule 3206 (e), respectively. Therefore, that analysis was referenced rather than repeated for this project. See Appendix B, as filed in Proceeding No. 17M-0005E. The project will rebuild approximately 15 miles per year, with construction beginning in 2018 and will continue into 2020.

**Consideration of project alternatives including energy storage systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The project was designed and planned prior to the rule requirement effective date of March 2, 2019.

**Decision.** In Decision No. C17-0539, the Commission determined that the project was in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was not necessary.

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## Pueblo West 115 kV Distribution Substation

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Black Hills Colorado Electric
<b>Additional Project Participants:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>	New 115 kV distribution substation in Pueblo West; will intersect the West Station-Hogback 115 kV line.
Voltage Class:	115 kV
Facility Rating:	50 MVA
Point of Origin/Location:	Pueblo West, CO
Point of Termination:	
Intermediate Points:	
Length of Line (in Miles):	0
Type of Project:	Distribution
Development Status:	Planned
Routing:	
Subregional Planning Group:	CCPG
<b>Purpose of Project:</b>	Load service
<b>Estimated Cost (in 2021 Dollars):</b>	\$5.4 Million
<b>Schedule:</b>	
Construction Date:	2020
Planned Completion/In-Service Date:	Jan 2023
Regulatory Info:	Approved - Colorado PUC: Decision No. C20-0477
Regulatory Date:	
Permitting Info:	
Permitting Date:	
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**Pueblo West 115 kV Distribution Substation**

**Description.** This project consists of constructing a new distribution substation by intersecting BHCE’s planned West Station-Hogback 115 kV transmission line. The substation will be built to ultimately accommodate two 115/13.2kV, 25 MVA transformers, but only one bank will be installed initially. This project is required to serve new industrial agriculture load as well as contingency back-up for existing distribution infrastructure. The substation location is north of Highway 50 on the western edge of Pueblo West, CO.

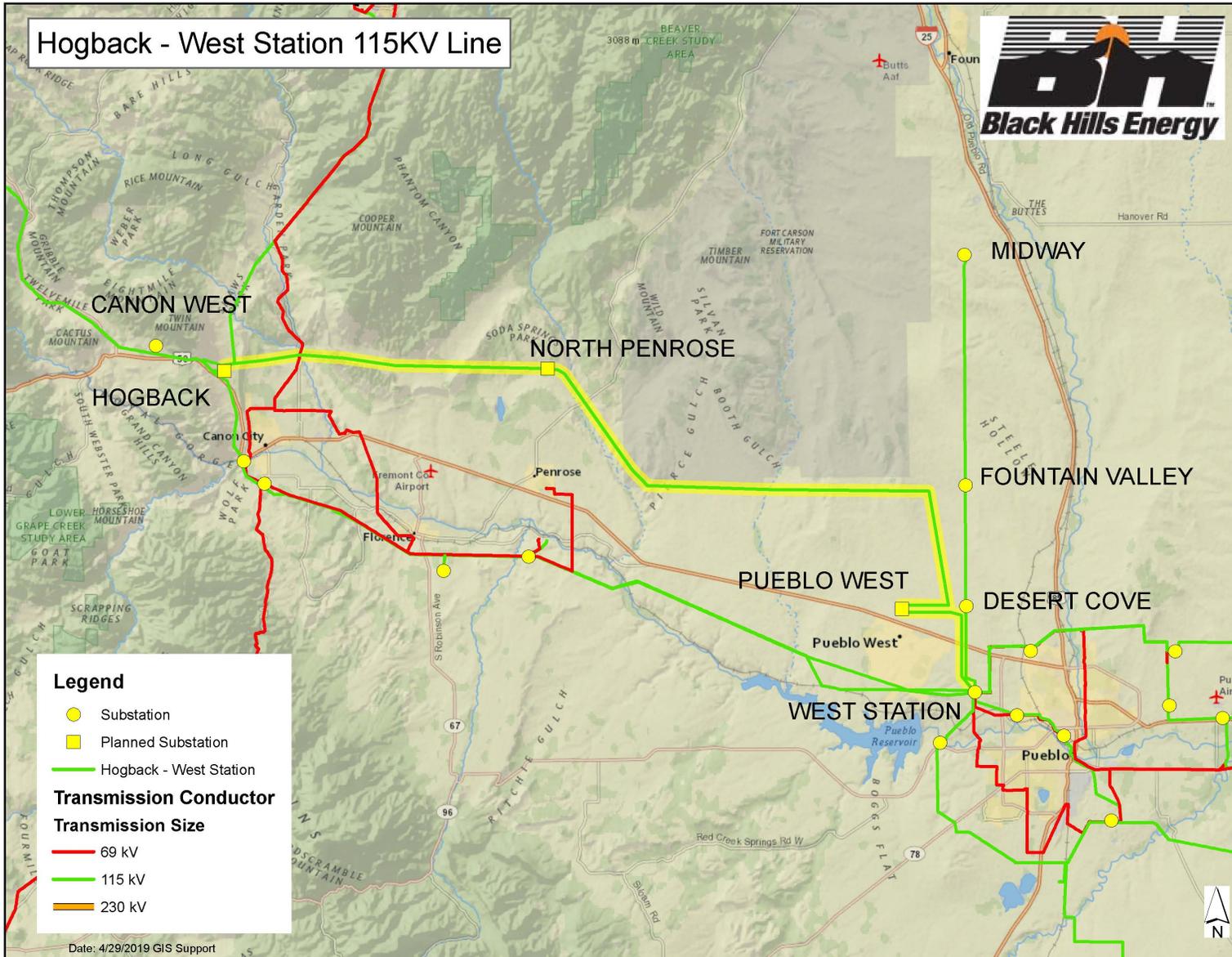
The engineering and design work associated with the substation portion of the project will be performed to ensure that the completed project will meet the established noise and magnetic field requirements as stated in Rule 3206 (f) and Rule 3206 (e), respectively. Namely, the noise level of the substation will not exceed 50 db(A) at a distance of 25 feet beyond the property line, and the magnetic field level at the property line, one meter above the ground, will not exceed 150 MilliGauss.

**Consideration of project alternatives including energy storage systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The project was designed and planned prior to the rule requirement effective date of March 2, 2019.

**Decision requested.**

In Decision No. C20-0477, the Commission determined that the project was in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was not necessary.

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**North Penrose 115 kV Distribution Substation**

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Black Hills Colorado Electric
<b>Additional Project Participants:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>	New 115 kV distribution substation near Penrose, CO; will intersect the West Station-Hogback 115 kV line.
Voltage Class:	115 kV
Facility Rating:	25 MVA
Point of Origin/Location:	Penrose, CO
Point of Termination:	
Intermediate Points:	
Length of Line (in Miles):	
Type of Project:	Distribution
Development Status:	Planned
Routing:	
Subregional Planning Group:	CCPG
<b>Purpose of Project:</b>	Load service
<b>Estimated Cost (in 2021 Dollars):</b>	\$6.7 Million
<b>Schedule:</b>	
Construction Date:	2021
Planned Completion/In-Service Date:	January 2022
Regulatory Info:	Approved - Colorado PUC: Decision No. C20-0477
Regulatory Date:	
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**North Penrose Area 115 kV Distribution Substation**

**Description.** This project consists of constructing a new distribution substation by intersecting BHCE’s planned West Station-Hogback 115 kV transmission line on the north side of Penrose, CO. The substation will be built to ultimately accommodate two 115/13.2kV, 25 MVA transformers, but only one bank will be installed initially. The community of Penrose is currently served via radial 69 kV line with limited contingency backup alternatives. This proposed distribution substation would provide an additional source to the community of Penrose as well as offload the 115/69 kV transformers at Portland, deferring the previously identified capacity constraint on the existing 42 MVA Portland #1 transformer.

The engineering and design work associated with the substation portion of the project will be performed to ensure that the completed project will meet the established noise and magnetic field requirements as stated in Rule 3206 (f) and Rule 3206 (e), respectively. Namely, the noise level of the substation will not exceed 50 db(A) at a distance of 25 feet beyond the property line, and the magnetic field level at the property line, one meter above the ground will not exceed 150 MilliGauss.

The completion date of the substation coincides with the completion of the West Station-Hogback 115 kV line in January 2022.

**Consideration of project alternatives including energy storage systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The project was designed and planned prior to the rule requirement effective date of March 2, 2019. Additional note: Providing back-up energy to radial loads under contingency conditions is a benefit provided by energy storage technology; however, the magnitude of the Penrose substation demand exceeds what could be cost-effectively served with an energy storage project.

**Decision requested.** In Decision No. C20-0477, the Commission determined that the project was in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was not necessary

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## **Desert Cove-Midway 115 kV Line Rebuild**

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Black Hills Colorado Electric
<b>Additional Project Participants:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>	Rebuild the 115 kV line from Desert Cove to Midway north of Pueblo, CO.
Voltage Class:	115 kV
Facility Rating:	171 MVA
Point of Origin/Location:	Desert Cove 115 kV
Point of Termination:	Midway 115 kV
Intermediate Points:	Fountain Valley 115 kV
Length of Line (in Miles):	14.8
Type of Project:	Transmission Line Rebuild
Development Status:	In-Service
Routing:	
Subregional Planning Group:	CCPG
<b>Purpose of Project:</b>	Increased thermal capacity
<b>Actual Cost:</b>	\$6.4 Million
<b>Schedule:</b>	
Construction Date:	2020
In-Service Date:	January 22, 2021
Regulatory Info:	Approved – Colorado PUC: Decision No. C18-0843.
Regulatory Date:	September 19, 2018
Permitting Info:	
Permitting Date:	
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**Desert Cove-Midway 115 kV Rebuild Project**

**Description.** The Desert Cove-Midway 115 kV line is commonly identified as an undersized transmission facility in most planning studies. The project will rebuild the 14.8 mile line with single circuit 115 kV construction utilizing 795 kcmil 26/7 Strand ACSR “Drake” conductor utilizing the existing right-of-way.

This project consists of rebuilding the existing 14.8-mile segment of 115 kV line between the Desert Cove and WAPA-owned Midway 115 kV substations, including the intermediate Fountain Valley distribution substation. The project will be located within the existing right-of-way. The project is planned for single circuit 115 kV operation.

The project was identified to mitigate thermal loading issues that arose through various transmission planning assessments. The Desert Cove-Fountain Valley-Midway 115 kV line is one of three parallel paths between the BHCE transmission system and the interconnection point with several other utilities at Midway to the north. Certain conditions involving a prevailing power flow from south to north across the BHCE system, combined with the loss of one or more transmission elements, can result in the thermal loading on the line exceeding the established thermal capacity. Additional capacity is needed to avoid the overload risk, and replacing the existing 336 ACSR conductor with 795 kcmil 26/7 Strand ACSR “Drake” conductor was identified as the proposed solution. In addition to the reliability driver for this rebuild, the line was constructed in 1953 and is late in its expected lifecycle.

The maximum and winter continuous ratings of the planned 115 kV facility will be 171 MVA, assuming 795 ACSR conductor and line design rating of 100° C, and a maximum continuous operating voltage of 120.8 kV (105% of nominal). The new rating will be based on a non-BHCE terminal equipment limitation. The expected new ratings provide an increase over the current summer/winter rating of 119/153 MVA, respectively.

Noise and EMF analysis was performed for various typical transmission project design configurations, including the same line design as the planned Desert Cove-Midway project. This was done to determine the anticipated noise and magnetic field levels of the project for comparison against the standards specified in Rule 3206 (f) and Rule 3206 (e), respectively. That analysis was referenced for this project. See Appendix B, page B-20 for summary details on the noise and field study.

**Consideration of project alternatives including energy storage systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The project was designed and planned prior to the rule requirement effective date of March 2, 2019.

**Decision.** In Decision C18-0843, the Commission determined that the project was in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was not necessary.

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## **West Station-Greenhorn 115 kV Line Rebuild**

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Black Hills Colorado Electric
<b>Additional Project Participants:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>	Rebuild the 115 kV line from West Station to Greenhorn west and south of Pueblo, CO.
Voltage Class:	115 kV
Facility Rating:	221 MVA
Point of Origin/Location:	West Station 115 kV
Point of Termination:	Greenhorn 115 kV
Intermediate Points:	Burnt Mill and Pueblo Reservoir 115 kV
Length of Line (in Miles):	12.1
Type of Project:	Transmission Line Rebuild
Development Status:	Planned
Routing:	
Subregional Planning Group:	CCPG
<b>Purpose of Project:</b>	Asset integrity
<b>Estimated Cost (in 2021 Dollars):</b>	\$7 Million
<b>Schedule:</b>	
Construction Date:	2021
Planned Completion/In-Service Date:	January 2023
Regulatory Info:	Approved – Colorado PUC: Decision No. C18-0843.
Regulatory Date:	September 19, 2018
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**West Station-Greenhorn 115 kV Rebuild Project**

**Description.** The West Station-Greenhorn 115 kV line is at a point late in its lifecycle and will be rebuilt to replace the existing 336 ACSR conductor to increase the line’s capacity. The project will rebuild the 12.1 mile line with single circuit 115 kV construction utilizing 795 kcmil 26/7 Strand ACSR “Drake” conductor utilizing the existing right-of-way, and will include the intermediate Burnt Mill and Pueblo Reservoir distribution substations. The project construction will begin in 2021 and will be completed in January 2023.

The maximum (summer) continuous rating of the proposed 115 kV facility will be 221 MVA, assuming 795 ACSR conductor and line design rating of 100° C, and a maximum continuous operating voltage of 120.8 kV (105% of nominal). The maximum (winter) continuous rating of the 115 kV line will be 240 MVA. The expected new ratings provide an increase over the current summer/winter rating of 119/153 MVA, respectively.

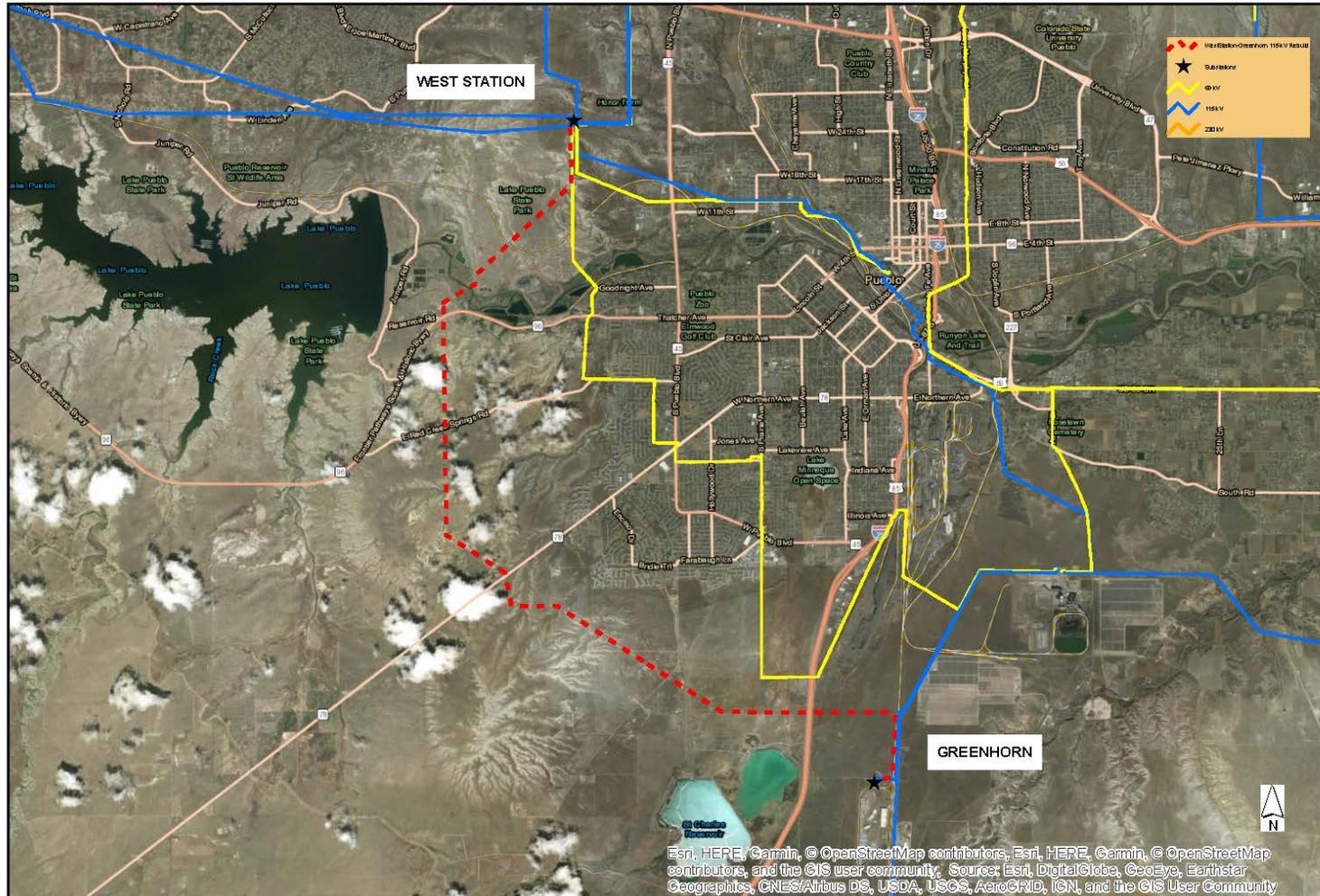
Noise and EMF analysis was performed for various typical transmission project design configurations, including the same line design as the planned West Station-Greenhorn project. This was done to determine the anticipated noise and magnetic field levels of the project for comparison against the standards specified in Rule 3206 (f) and Rule 3206 (e), respectively. That analysis was referenced for this project. See Appendix B, page B-20 for summary details on the noise and field study.

**Consideration of project alternatives including energy storage systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The project was designed and planned prior to the rule requirement effective date of March 2, 2019.

**Decision.** In Decision C18-0843, the Commission determined that the project was in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was not necessary.

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## **Airport Memorial to Nyberg 115 kV Rebuild**

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Black Hills Colorado Electric
<b>Additional Project Participants:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>	Rebuild the 115 kV line from Airport Memorial to Nyberg in Pueblo, CO.
Voltage Class:	115 kV
Facility Rating:	221 MVA
Point of Origin/Location:	Airport Memorial 115 kV
Point of Termination:	Nyberg 115 kV
Intermediate Points:	
Length of Line (in Miles):	5
Type of Project:	Transmission Line Rebuild
Development Status:	In-Service
Routing:	
Subregional Planning Group:	CCPG
<b>Purpose of Project:</b>	Asset integrity
<b>Actual Cost:</b>	\$3 Million
<b>Schedule:</b>	
Construction Date:	2022
In-Service Date:	February 22, 2021
Regulatory Info:	Approved – Colorado PUC Decision No. C19-0638
Regulatory Date:	July 25, 2019
Permitting Info:	
Permitting Date:	
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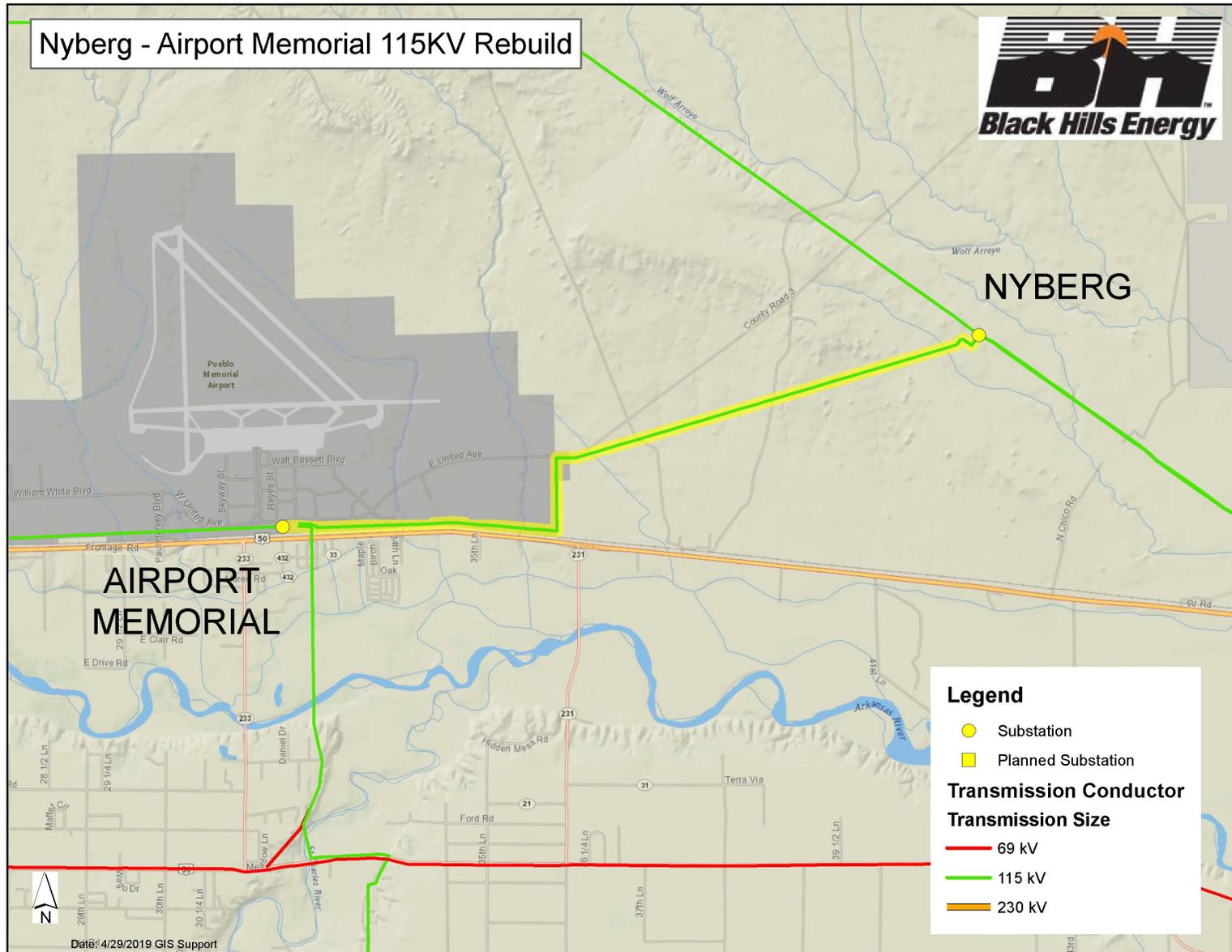
**Description.** The Airport Memorial-Nyberg 115 kV line currently utilizes 336 ACSR with an operating temperature of 90 degrees C. This line will exceed its thermal rating following the simultaneous loss of the Boone-Comanche 230 kV and Nyberg-Baculite Mesa 115 kV lines during high west-east flows across the BHCE system. Overloads on this line were identified in previous 10-year planning assessments, generation interconnection studies, and the 2015 SB07-100 analysis for resource injections at Nyberg. The total online generation at Baculite Mesa may need to be limited in the operational timescale during periods of high West-East flows and certain outage combinations until the line is upgraded to replace the undersized conductor. This project will rebuild the line with 795 ACSR and replace the limiting breaker CT and line jumpers at Airport Memorial.

Noise and EMF analysis was performed for various typical transmission project design configurations, including the same line design as the planned Airport Memorial-Nyberg project. This was done to determine the anticipated noise and magnetic field levels of the project for comparison against the standards specified in Rule 3206 (f) and Rule 3206 (e), respectively. That analysis was referenced for this project. See Appendix B, page B-20 for summary details on the noise and field study.

**Consideration of project alternatives including energy storage systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The project was designed and planned prior to the rule requirement effective date of March 2, 2019.

**Decision.** In Decision C19-0638, the Commission determined that the project was in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was not necessary.

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## **Rodriguez 115 kV Distribution Substation**

<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	Black Hills Colorado Electric
<b>Additional Project Participants:</b>	
<b>Project Description:</b>	Formerly known as Salt Creek. New 115 kV distribution substation in Pueblo; will intersect the Reader-Pueblo 115 kV line.
Voltage Class:	115 kV
Facility Rating:	25 MVA
Point of Origin/Location:	Pueblo, CO
Point of Termination:	
Intermediate Points:	
Length of Line (in Miles):	0
Type of Project:	Distribution
Development Status:	Planned
Routing:	
Subregional Planning Group:	CCPG
<b>Purpose of Project:</b>	Load service
<b>Estimated Cost (in 2021 Dollars):</b>	\$7 Million
<b>Schedule:</b>	
Construction Date:	2020
Planned Completion/In-Service Date:	June 2023
Regulatory Info:	Approved – Colorado PUC Decision No. C19-0638
Regulatory Date:	July 25, 2019
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**2019 Rule 3206 Report – Appendix B – Noise and EMF Study Report**

**Rodrigues 115 kV Distribution Substation**

**Description.** The project is driven by the need to increase transformation capacity at the existing Freemary 69/13.2 kV substation. There is limited space to increase transformation capacity at the Freemary substation, so other options were considered. One option is to construct a new Freemary substation on a new, larger parcel of land to the south. A second identified alternative is to construct a new 115/13.2 kV distribution substation (Rodrigues Substation) to the northwest of Freemary and interconnect to the adjacent Reader-Pueblo 115 kV line. The substation will be built to ultimately accommodate two 115/13.2kV, 25 MVA transformers, but only one bank will be installed initially. In addition to meeting the transformer capacity needs at Freemary, the latter option was selected as the preferred option since it would reduce loading on the 115/69 kV transformers serving the Pueblo sub-transmission network. The Rodrigues substation would also provide the benefit of offloading the Blende 69 kV substation, which is anticipated to reach capacity within the 10-year planning horizon. The Rodrigues alternative essentially replaces two 69/13.2 kV projects.

At the time of the 2019 Rule 3206 filing, land availability and corresponding feasibility of connecting to existing distribution feeders to the Rodrigues Distribution Substation is under evaluation. If a viable location is not confirmed, the initial proposal to rebuild the Freemary 69/13.2 kV substation at a new location will be pursued.

The engineering and design work associated with the substation portion of the project will be performed to ensure that the completed project will meet the established noise and magnetic field requirements as stated in Rule 3206 (f) and Rule 3206 (e), respectively. Namely, the noise level of the substation will not exceed 50 db(A) at a distance of 25 feet beyond the property line, and the magnetic field level at the property line, one meter above the ground, will not exceed 150 MilliGauss.

**Consideration of project alternatives including energy storage systems (Rule 3206(d)(I)(D)).** Not applicable. The project was designed and planned prior to the rule requirement effective date of March 2, 2019.

**Decision.** In Decision C19-0638, the Commission determined that the project was in the ordinary course of business and that a CPCN was not necessary.