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# Colorado Transmission Planning Stakeholder Outreach Meeting 11.05.2013

# Agenda

- Welcome and Administrative Matters
  - Webcast Instructions
  - [Transmission Planning Website Information](#)
  - Introductions
  - Purpose of Meeting
- Updates to previously discussed projects
- Review Stakeholder input from August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and input received through CCPG.
- Questions

# Introduction and Purpose

- Continuation of Tri-State's efforts to coordinate the planning for additional electric transmission in Colorado.
- The best transmission planning is done on a comprehensive, transparent, state-wide basis and takes into account the needs of all stakeholders.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of 4 annual meetings in connection with development of 2014 Ten Year Plan.
- **Purpose:** Update projects discussed at previous meetings, review stakeholder comments to date, and introduce new planned transmission projects.

# Tri-State Transmission Planning Objectives

- Ensure reliable transmission service to meet the needs of Tri-State's Network Customers
- Provide reliable point-to-point transmission service in support of Tri-State's obligations to its transmission customers
- Ensure the present and future reliability of Tri-State's interconnected transmission system
- Anticipate and plan for load growth among Tri-State's Member Systems and other entities served by or from Tri-State's transmission system
- Coordinate transmission improvements, additions, and interconnections with neighboring Transmission Providers (TPs) to ensure there are no negative impacts, no duplication of facilities, and to meet the needs of other TPs and stakeholders when possible
- Provide a meaningful opportunity for stakeholders to provide input into the planning process to promote efficient utilization and development of the transmission system

## **Project Update: Keota 345:115 kV**

**Description:** 115 kV load serving connection on LRS-Story 345 kV line.

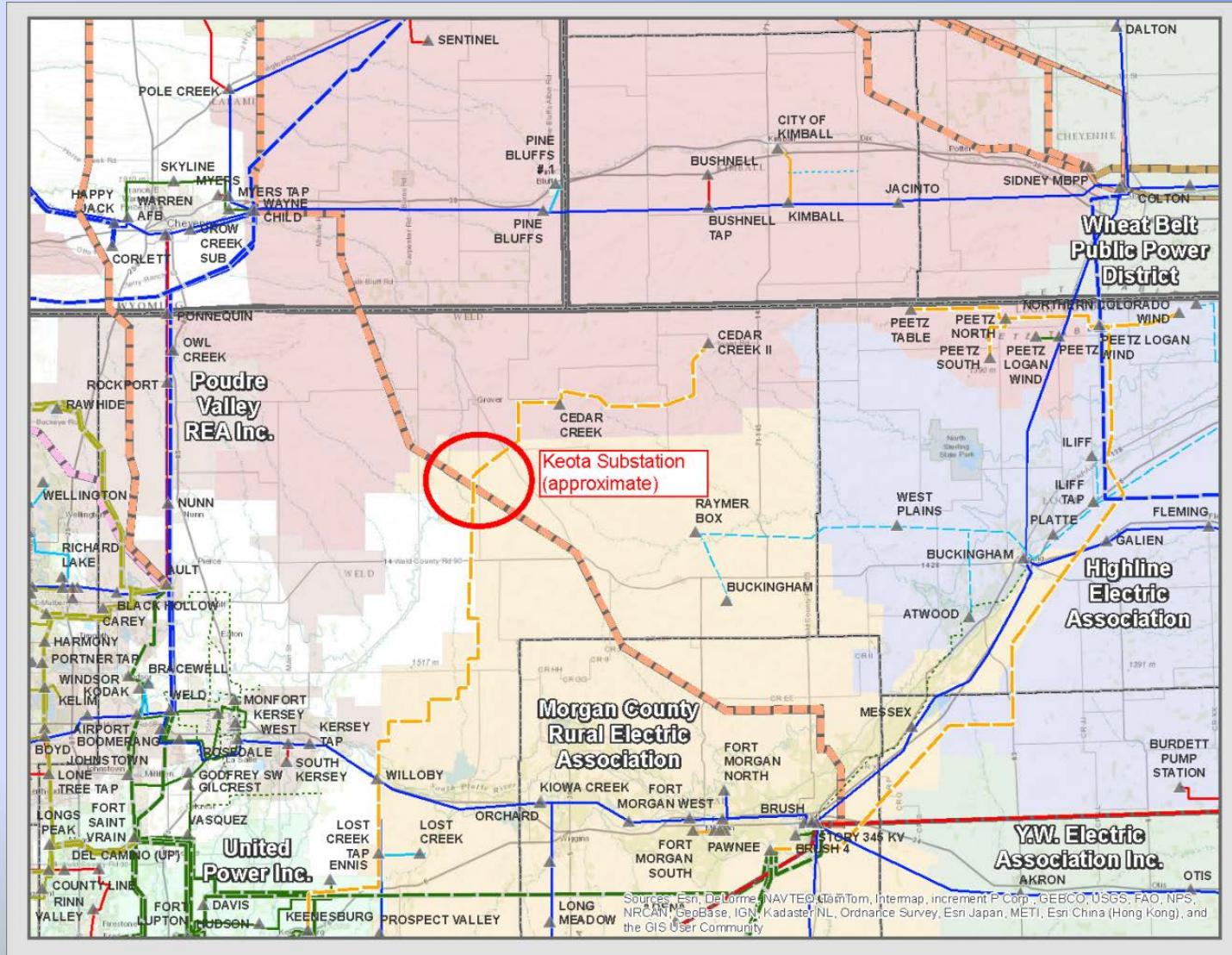
**Purpose:** Load-serving in eastern Colorado.

**Status Update:** Conceptually, the 345 kV portion of project remains unchanged.

The nature of the load serving 115 kV topology is maturing based on specific delivery point request and will include some radial 115 kV lines.



# Keota 345:115 kV Project



# Stakeholder Input: Last Meeting

Tri-State Generation & Transmission  
Transmission Planning Stakeholder Meeting  
August 6, 2013 Q and A

Name	Affiliation	Question	Response	Webinar	In Meeting
James Slagle	Westwood	How does Colorado SB252 impact Tri-State's planning/projects renewables?	The new legislation may have a large impact. . Our network customers give us their load and resource forecasts and we create plans to meet their needs. The true impact will not be known until these are provided to Transmission Planning		X
Al Trujillo	Colorado Parks & Wildlife	Would Tri-State send a letter to Colorado Parks and Wildlife stating that we plan to continue to work with them to mitigate risks transmission projects have on Lesser Prairie-Chicken species and habitat?	Yes. We will give this information to the Senior Manager of Environmental to draft the letter.		X
Richard Nerzig	Duke Energy	The presentation indicated that the Burlington Wray upgrade had shifted from a 2015 to 2016 in service date. My question is whether there is a more specific timeframe (in 2016) for the in service date? Looking ahead, does Tri-State anticipate early 2016, mid 2016, or late 2016? Appreciate any guidance you can offer.	Unfortunately, we do not have a more specific timeframe for the expected in-service date for the Burlington - Wray 230 kV project. As construction activities ramp up and there is more certainty in the siting and permitting activities, we should have a better estimate for completion.	X	

# Stakeholder Input: CCPG

- CCPG provides opportunities for stakeholder interaction:
  - [http://www.westconnect.com/planning\\_ccpg\\_stakeholder.php](http://www.westconnect.com/planning_ccpg_stakeholder.php)
  - Provides Stakeholder the opportunity to:
    - make comments
    - ask for clarification on transmission projects
    - request CCPG or an impacted Transmission Provider to conduct a reliability planning studies



# Stakeholder Input: CCPG

- Stakeholder requests for clarification and studies:
  - Lamar Burlington 2015 PSCO ERP and SB 252
  - Strengthen Colorado – New Mexico Tie (Path 48)
  - Strengthen Colorado – New Mexico Tie Eastern Path
  - San Luis Valley – Front Range Alternatives
  - Radial Gen Tie Extension

## For More Information

- [www.tristategt.org/TransmissionPlanning](http://www.tristategt.org/TransmissionPlanning)
  - Comment Form
  - Transmission Planning Documents
  - Presentation
- Email: [TransmissionPlanning@tristategt.org](mailto:TransmissionPlanning@tristategt.org)

# Feedback and Alternatives

- To provide comments and alternative solutions, email [TransmissionPlanning@tristategt.org](mailto:TransmissionPlanning@tristategt.org)
- These same forms are available through CCPG
- Tri-State to evaluate those alternative solutions provided, prepare recommendations for inclusion in its 10-year plan, and notify the CCPG and you
- Next meeting: January 28, 2014
- Filing at Colorado PUC on February 1, 2014.

**Questions?**