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Boone-South Fowler 69 kV to 115 kV Conversion

Project Sponsor: Additional Project Participants: Project Description:	Black Hills Colorado Electric
	Rebuild the existing 69 kV line from Boone to S. Fowler Tap west of Rocky Ford, CO.
Voltage Class: Facility Rating: Point of Origin/Location: Point of Termination: Intermediate Points: Length of Line (in Miles): Type of Project: Development Status: Routing: Subregional Planning Group:	115 kV 221 Boone 115 kV South Fowler 115 kV (new) 19 Transmission Line Rebuild Planned
Purpose of Project:	Asset integrity
Estimated Cost (in 2021 Dollars):	\$11.8 Million
Schedule:	
Construction Date: Planned Completion/In-Service Date: Regulatory Info: Regulatory Date: Permitting Info: Permitting Date:	2021 January 2022 Approved – Colorado PUC Decision No. C19-0638 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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