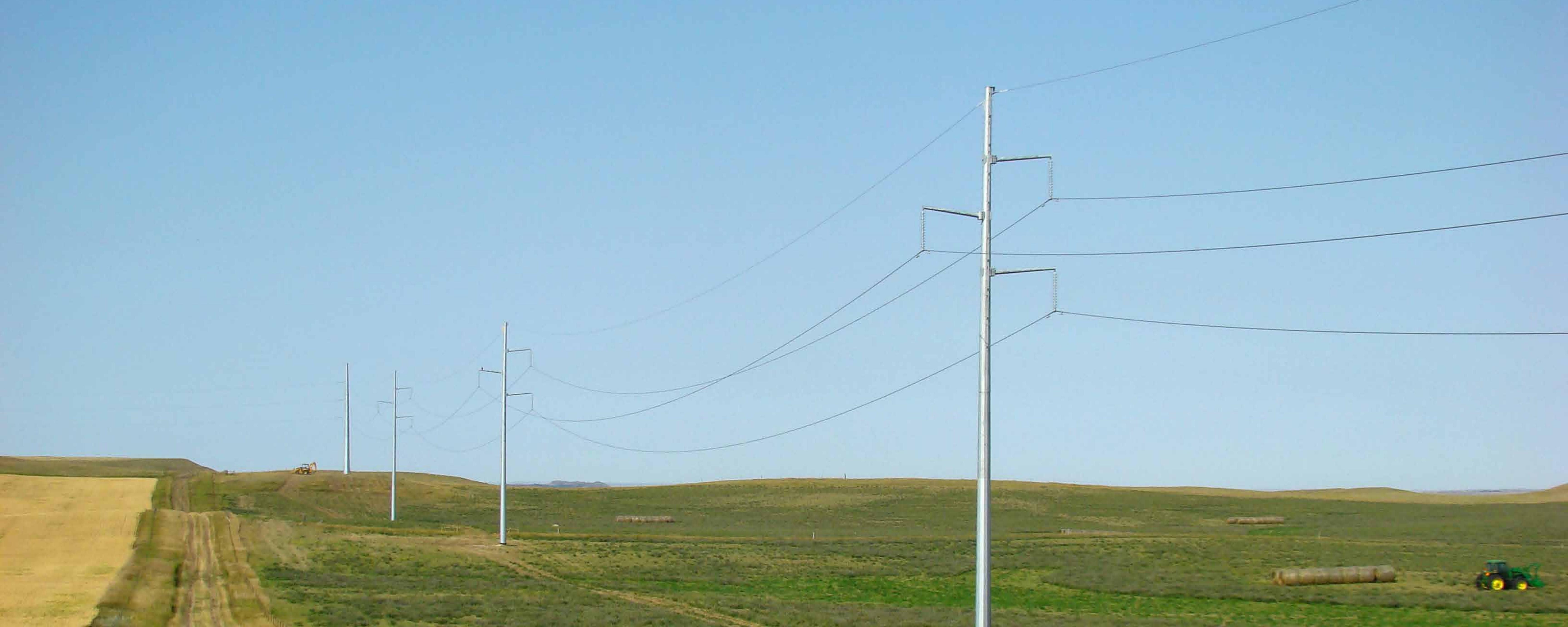


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ENVIRONMENTAL & PERMITTING



N.D. Public Service Commission Corridor Certificate and Route Permit

Ensures the location, construction, and operation of the transmission facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and citizens of North Dakota

Public Service Commission Process



County Conditional Use Permits, Special Use Permits (Williams, Mountrail, Burke, Divide counties)

Other permits and approvals as required:

- » 40+ federal and state agencies are invited to provide input

Considerations

Exclusion areas cannot be considered for route:

- » National, state, and county parks
- » National and state historic sites, monuments, and wilderness areas
- » Critical habitat*
- » Within 1,200 feet of intercontinental ballistic missile sites*

Avoidance areas can be considered only if there is no reasonable alternative:

- » National and state wildlife refuges, grasslands, and game management areas*
- » Historical resources*
- » Geologically unstable areas*
- » Within 500 feet of a residence, school, or business*
- » Irrigated land*

* Project area constraint



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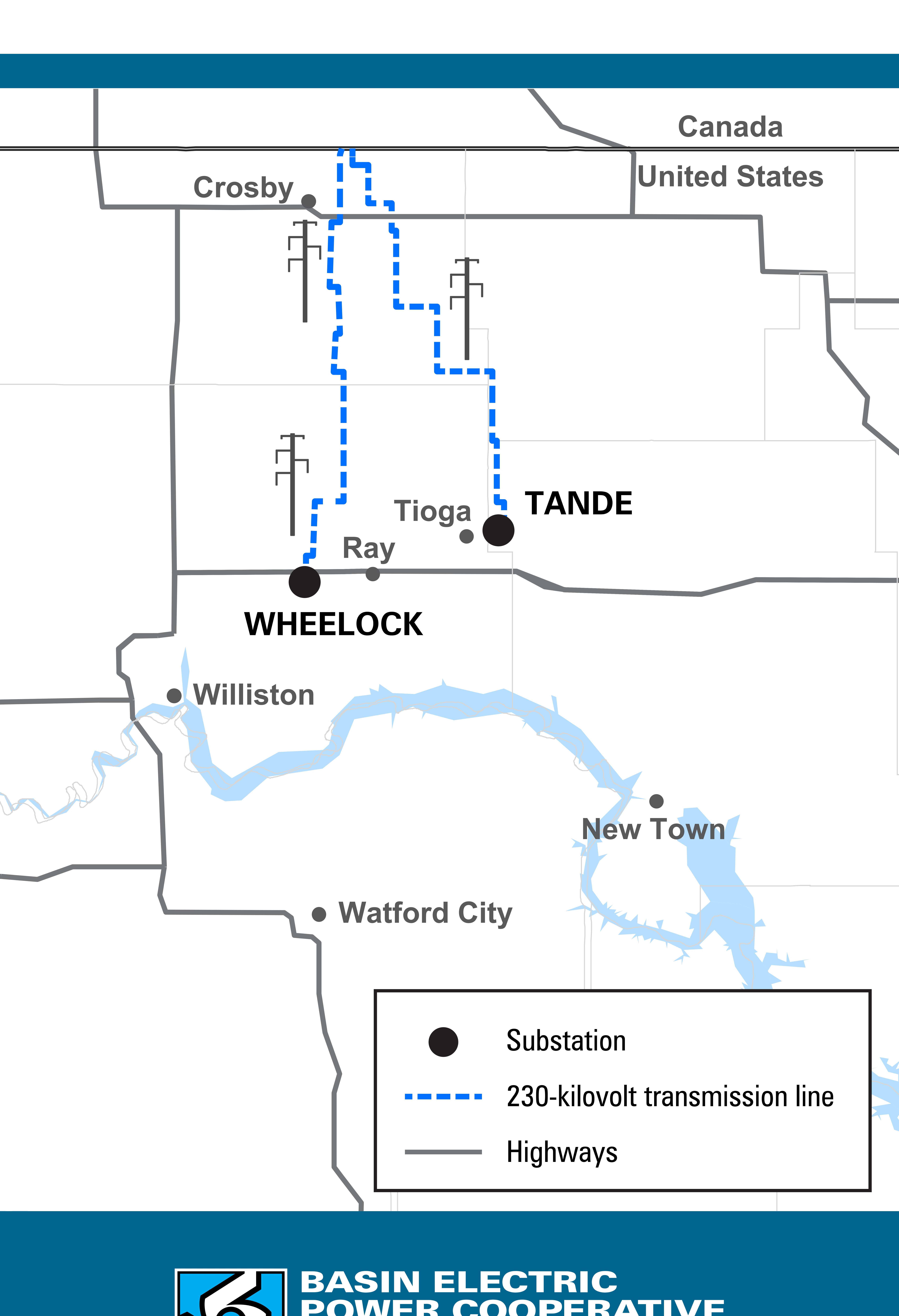
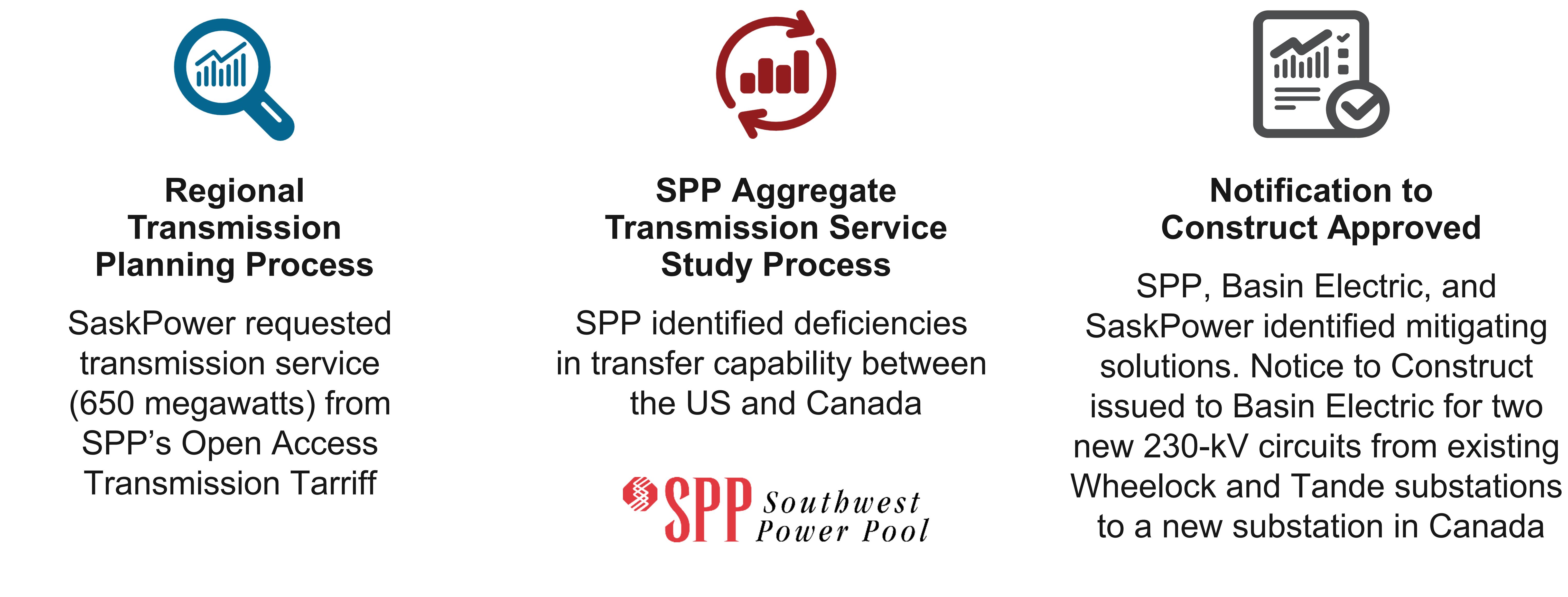
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The project will provide export and import capabilities of up to 650 megawatts. The project was deemed necessary for the reliability of the local and regional transmission system by Southwest Power Pool, a regional transmission organization.

Project Identification Process



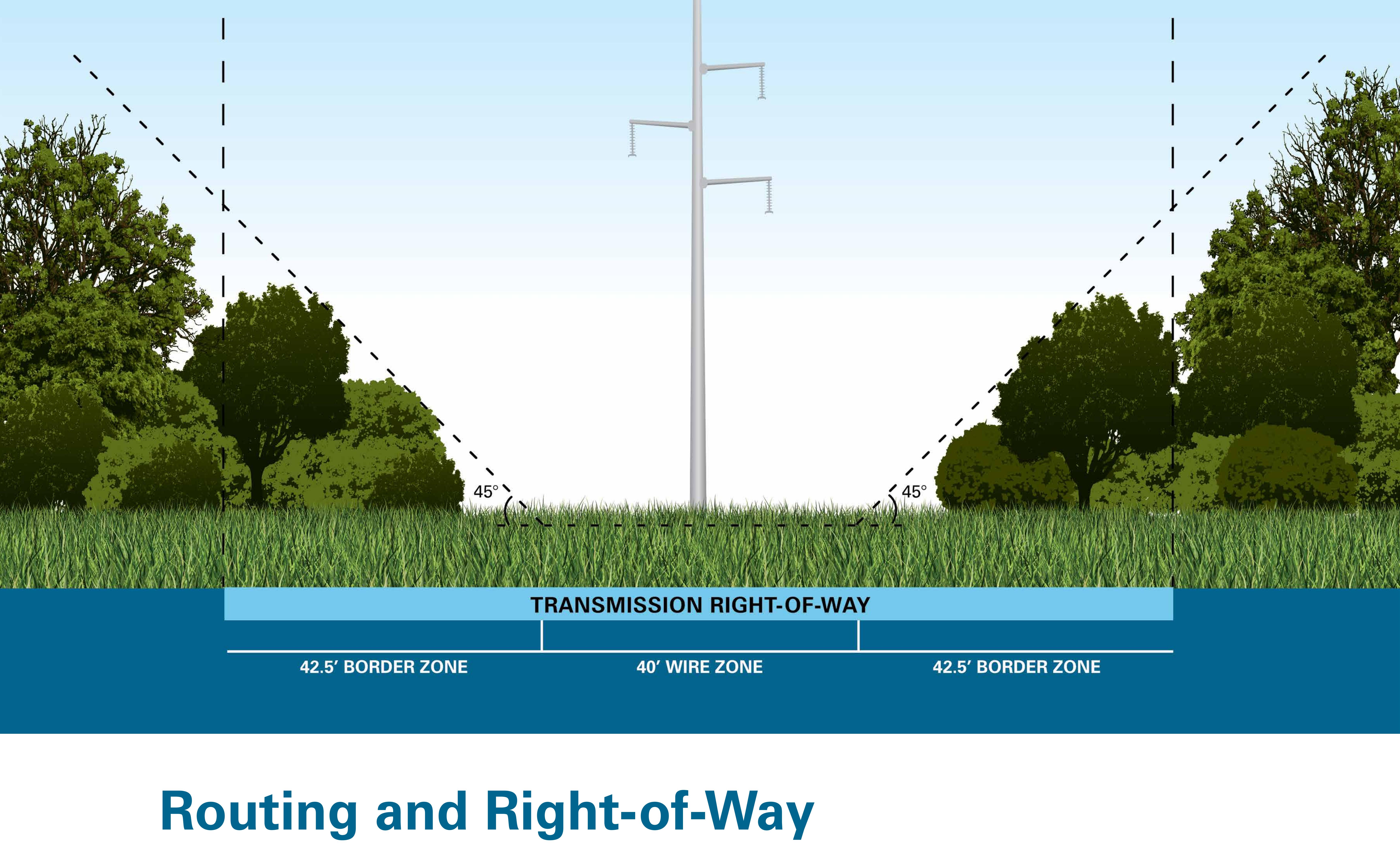
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RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT



Routing and Right-of-Way

- » Identify corridor area
- » Gather landowner feedback and request survey permissions
- » Follow property/quarter lines where possible
- » Establish preferred route
- » Secure right-of-way access
- » Consider land use such as planting and harvesting schedules
- » Apprise landowners of construction schedule



Construction, Reclamation, and Maintenance

- » Remove vegetation and structures that interfere with conductor clearance or structure access
- » Install gates, culverts, and access roads
- » Compensate landowners for crop or property damage
- » Restore work areas and access roads not required for line maintenance
- » Inspect line periodically via air or ground
- » Manage vegetation to prevent trees from causing fires or outages
- » All disturbed areas will be reclaimed back to as close to original condition as possible and will include decompaction if necessary



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STRUCTURES

Typical 230-kilovolt structure

Structure: Galvanized steel monopoles

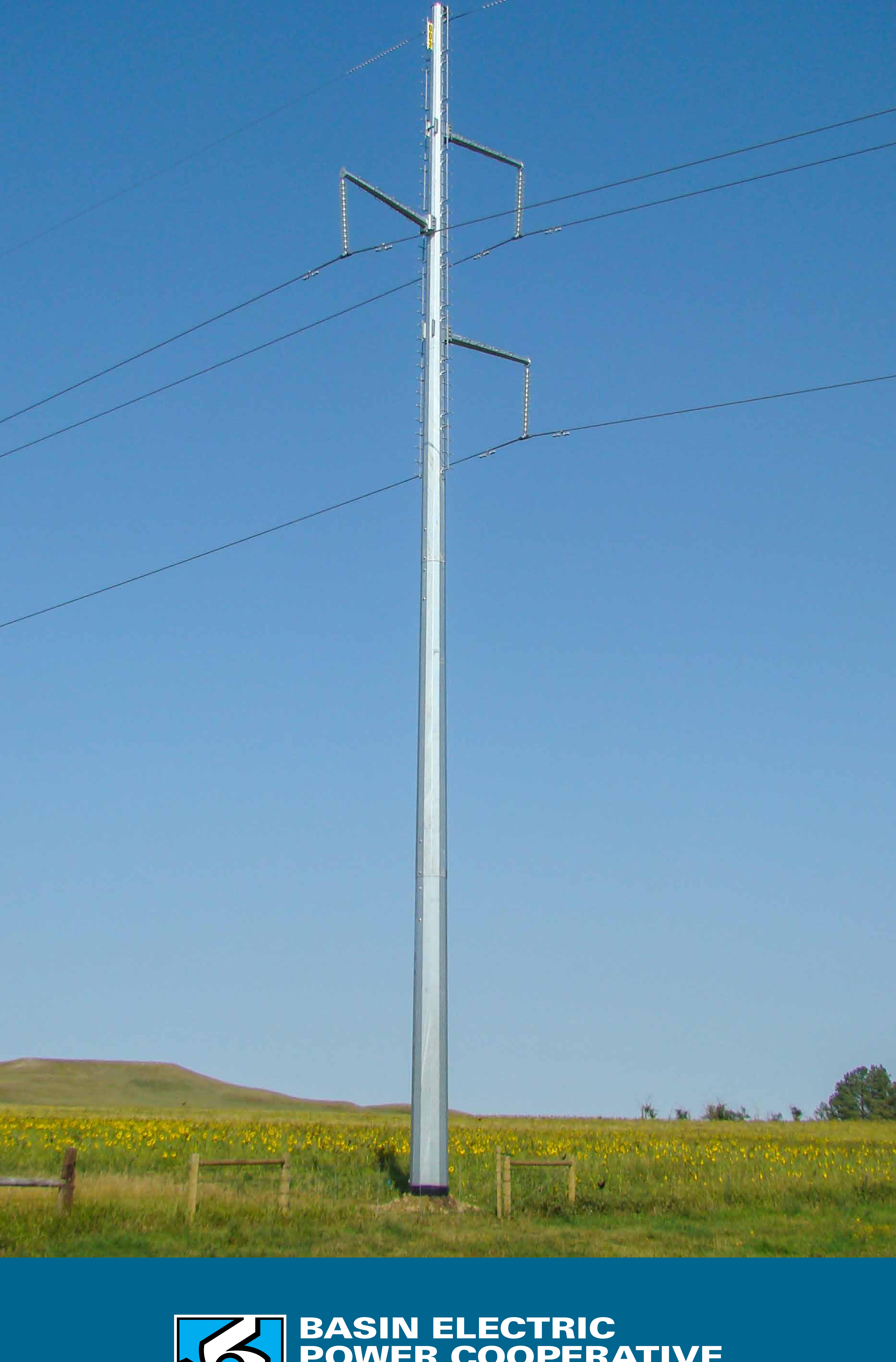
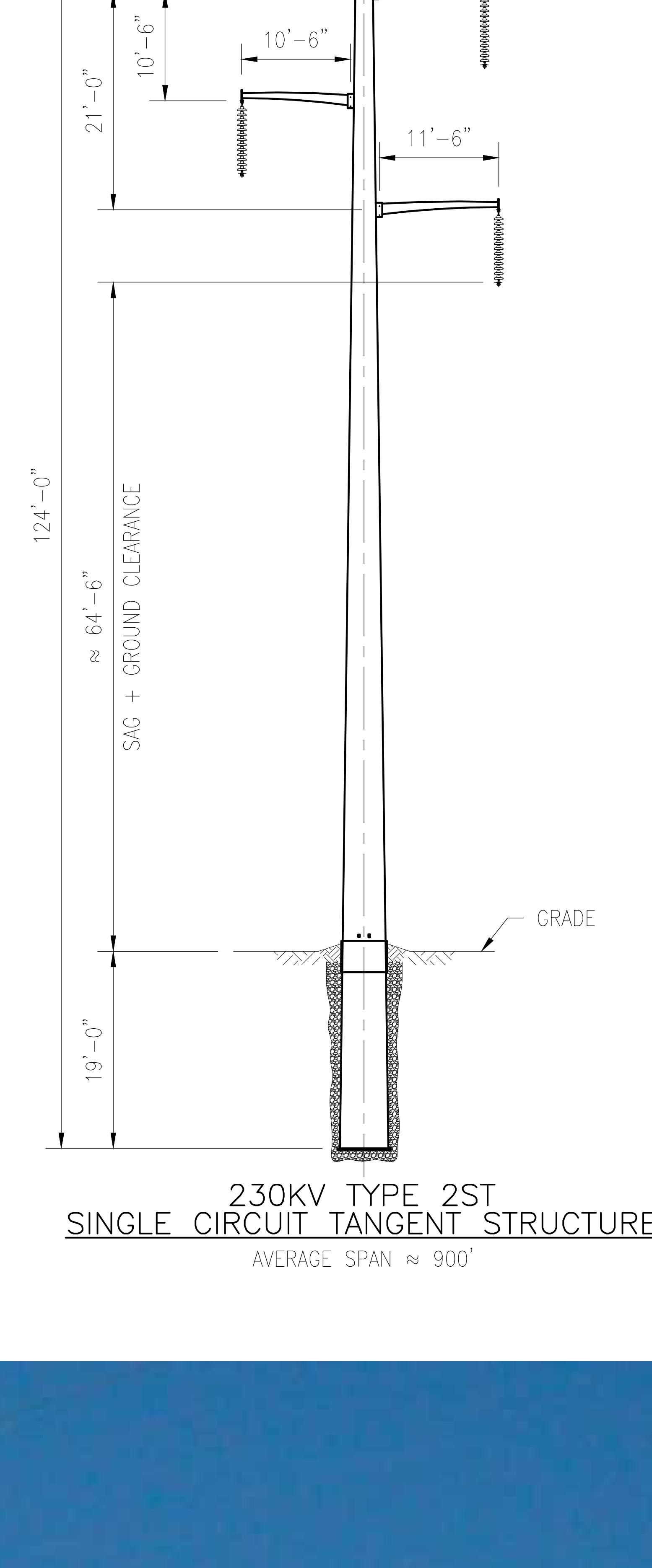
Foundation: Direct embedded (Drilled concrete piers at angle structures)

Span: Average 900 feet between structures

Height: 80-120 feet

Clearance: Minimum 26 feet at mid-span in maximum sag conditions

Easement: 125 feet wide, centered on structures



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