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Trans-Elect Project Overview

California Path 15 Facts



On October 18, 2001, Trans-Elect, Inc. joined Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham in an first-of-its-kind, public-private partnership to expand California's Path 15. Trans-Elect is a participant to have an exclusive focus on electric transmission ownership and operation.

The System – The Path 15 upgrade project will cost \$300 million. The Path 15 transmission bottleneck in central California has been blamed for a number of the region's power problems.

Location and System Assets – Path 15 is an 84-mile stretch of electrical transmission lines in the Central Valley connecting Southern California with the northern part of the state. The Path 15 upgrade is expected to provide 1,500 megawatts (MW) in the south-to-north direction, creating a combined system of 5,400 MW, or roughly enough electricity to power 1.5 million households.



Transmission towers ready

Trans-Elect's Role will encompass 80 percent of the Path 15 project. Trans-Elect's private partners are Western Area Power Administration, who will be project manager and control 10 percent of the project, and Pacific Gas & Electric Company, who will be responsible for substation construction, representing another 10 percent of the project.



Current Status – Path 15 expansion was announced on October 18, 2001. More detailed agreements were developed over the next 90 days such as a project description, participants' obligations, estimates and transmission rights. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2003. The new 500 kV transmission line would be operational as early as Summer 2004.

Benefits – Trans-Elect joined with the Department of Energy and others in the Path 15 project because it is consistent with one of our goals – improving transmission capacity in North America. The

creative and forward-thinking public-private partnerships like the Path 15 project, we are helping to design the model that can address transmission bottlenecks across North America.

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