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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Gillian Charles

**SUBJECT: Gateway West Transmission Line Development Update** 

## **BACKGROUND:**

Presenter: John Chatburn, Administrator, Idaho Office of Energy Resources

Summary: Mr. Chatburn will present an overview of the proposed Gateway West

project, a 1,000 mile high-voltage transmission line connecting the Windstar substation in Glenrock, Wyoming to the Hemingway substation in Melba, Idaho. This project is a joint collaboration between Rocky Mountain Power and Idaho Power and has been in the planning and development process since 2007. According to the development schedule,

line segments will be completed beginning in 2019, with a final project

completion date projected for 2024.

Relevance: The development of the proposed Gateway West project would help

relieve existing transmission line congestion, increase regional transmission transport capacity (from Wyoming and Idaho into the Columbia Basin, for example), and could encourage the development of

new renewable resources in the area.

Workplan: Power Division Workplan (2016/2017) - A.4.3. Generation Resources –

Track emerging technologies and development trends related to

generating resources and utility-scale storage.

Background: The development of new transmission lines is a significant undertaking that requires years of planning, coordination with various regional and

federal agencies, public outreach, and environmental impact

assessments.

More Info: See the Gateway West Project website at

http://www.gatewaywestproject.com/ for detailed information, maps, and

project updates.

## **GATEWAY WEST** Transmission Line Project

## **Project Overview Map**

