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Subject: public comment onto transmission line placement

To Whom This May Concern,

Noted that public comment has been requested onto placement of new electric transmission lines, my input is that badly needed is a system from the Lamar, Colorado substation outward each direction.

The basis for this view is that a large wind farm already exists and produces all the power which can be carried by the present line to the west from the region just south of Lamar extending into Bent County. Additional wind projects are on the drawing board which cannot get power outward without new transmission lines. Tri-State has lines around Arapahoe, Colorado heading north and another around Vilas, Colorado traveling north to the Lamar substation. These lines are for all purposed full now. Projects in Kiowa, Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Prowers, Bent, and Baca counties are on hold until transmission lines are available. From Lamar substation Tri-State has recent studies/plans to put in transmission lines heading west, north, northwest to the front range communities and connections to the western states and southwest into New Mexico. A connection from Lamar into Kansas at the Holcomb/Garden City coal plant was planned until the coal generation expansion was stopped. Numerous wind projects are being built in Kansas and Oklahoma which could also be made available for the Western States from this transmission package. Thereby would appear that transmission line from Lamar substation in each direction would be a huge benefit to power users from all parts of the Plains into the West.

Thank you for your considerations and time.

Sincerely,

Donald Oswald
Commissioner of Kiowa County, Colorado