



# COLUSA-SUTTER TRANSMISSION LINE

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## Proposed Colusa-Sutter Transmission Line Project

### Project Fact Sheet

#### Background

The Western Area Power Administration (Western) and Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) are studying potential environmental impacts of a proposed new 500-kilovolt electric transmission line in portions of Colusa and Sutter counties to help meet Northern California energy needs. The Colusa-Sutter Transmission Line, or CoSu Line, would provide SMUD with a new connection to the existing California-Oregon Transmission Project (COTP) line in Colusa County by linking it to a proposed new substation near the existing O'Banion Substation in neighboring Sutter County, with potential modifications to SMUD's existing Elverta Substation in Sacramento County. The line would also allow other Western customers access to import and export energy benefitting all of Northern California.

#### Why the CoSu Line?

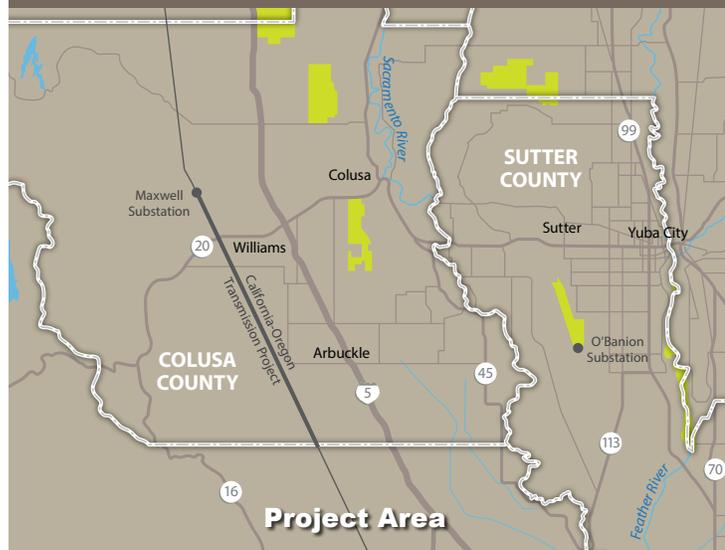
The CoSu Line is needed to enhance the reliability of the electrical grid in Northern California and increase SMUD's ability to import power from and export power to other energy markets, particularly the Pacific Northwest. SMUD is a customer of Western. Western's existing transmission facilities do not have enough capacity to meet customer's needs for increased service, so the CoSu Line is being proposed as a solution to meet this need.

#### Project Corridor Study Areas

Western and SMUD are currently considering and reviewing two corridor study areas and a segment alternative for the CoSu Line:

- A **Northern Corridor Study Area** running west to east off of the COTP from northwest of Williams to the O'Banion Substation in Sutter County.
- A **Southern Corridor Study Area** running west to east from west of Arbuckle to the O'Banion Substation.
- A **Segment 1 Alternative** to provide a different north-to-south route for the **Northern Corridor Study Area**.

View the corridor study area maps at [www.cosuline.com](http://www.cosuline.com).



## Environmental Review Process

Western and SMUD are beginning an environmental review in the form of a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) to examine potential environmental effects of the CoSu Line. In this first phase of the environmental review, Western and SMUD are seeking comments on the scope of issues to be analyzed in the Draft EIS/EIR. The scoping period is open for a period of 122 days, from Friday, December 18, 2015, through Monday, April 18, 2016. **The scoping period has been extended beyond what was originally announced.**

You can participate in the scoping process by submitting your comments.

## Public Scoping Period

Submitting your comments on issues or potential impacts of the CoSu Line helps Western and SMUD to determine the scope of the environmental analysis. The public scoping period is open until Monday, April 18, 2016. You can submit comments to:

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## Environmental Review Process Schedule



You are encouraged to stay informed about the CoSu Line by:

- Visiting the website: [www.cosuline.com](http://www.cosuline.com)
- Signing up for the project mailing and email list: [www.cosuline.com/maillinglist](http://www.cosuline.com/maillinglist)
- Submitting general questions to [info@cosuline.com](mailto:info@cosuline.com)

Western and SMUD will keep you informed through local newspapers, community briefings and presentations, and public meetings at key milestones during the environmental review process.