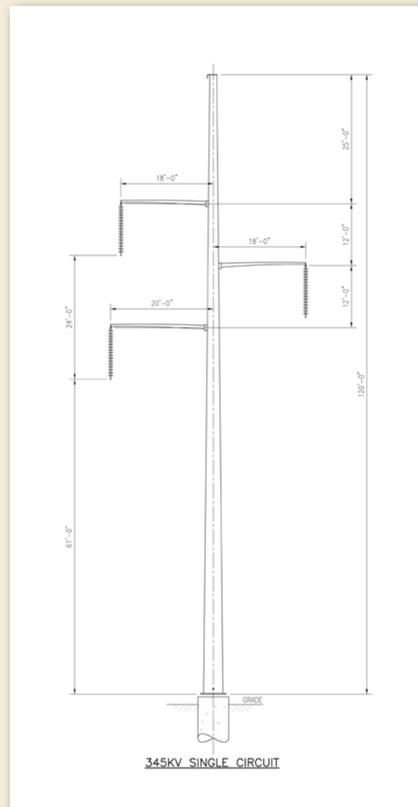


LAND & EASEMENT ACQUISITIONS

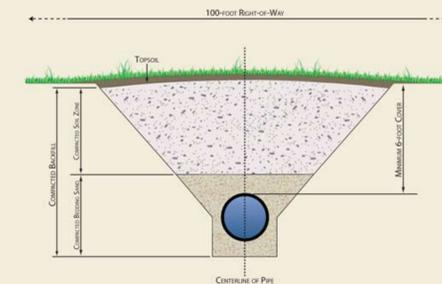
DEER CREEK STATION

Typical Single-Pole Structures

Used for 345-kV lines



Typical Natural Gas and Water Pipeline Characteristics



Water Pipeline Vents



Construction of Water Pipeline

Project Land Requirements

To meet project objectives, Basin Electric would need to acquire long-term easements for the new transmission, gas pipeline and water pipeline rights-of-way. Normally, access by landowners within the easement is not restricted and agricultural activities can continue. Land for the generation facility would be purchased from private parties.

What Is an Easement?

An easement is a right to use land to construct, operate and maintain utilities. For the linear facilities, the typical right-of-way would be up to 200 feet wide for transmission lines and 100 feet wide for gas and water pipelines. Basin Electric would require easements for construction of the lines and access for maintenance.

The Easement Acquisition Process

Survey Permission

Basin Electric would meet individually with each landowner to ask permission to survey a centerline right-of-way for transmission line, gas and water pipeline locations. Basin Electric would use this information to prepare the necessary easement documents. It would also contact landowners when access is needed for resource surveys.

Compensation

Basin Electric would use market data from recent sales of similar properties to determine fair and appropriate compensation. Basin Electric would discuss the value of the easement for the right-of-way crossing each landowner's property and make every effort to reach a fair and reasonable settlement with landowners.

Construction and Operation

In addition to the easement agreement, Basin Electric would provide compensation for damage to crops, pasture land or other property affected during construction or resulting from the maintenance of the transmission line or pipelines. A Basin Electric inspector would monitor construction activities, and a right-of-way agent would be available to help resolve questions, concerns or problems during or after construction.