

Power for the Plains

Driving Economic Development and Job Creation



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As part of Xcel Energy's plan to deliver reliable and cost-effective energy to Texas and New Mexico communities, we have completed construction of more than 225 miles of new transmission line in southeast New Mexico and the southern Texas Panhandle in 2018. The new projects represent nearly \$240 million in investment and strengthen opportunities for local communities and businesses.

Another 225 miles of transmission line are currently under construction in the area, totaling over \$300 million in investment. The largest project being built, the nearly 170-mile TUCO-Yoakum-Hobbs 345-kilovolt (kV) line, is expected to be complete in 2020.

About Power for the Plains

As part of Power for the Plains, Xcel Energy has invested in over 800 miles of new transmission lines since 2011 in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. More than 700 additional miles of transmission line will be constructed through 2021. The transmission expansion represents more than \$3 billion in investment. View more information on the current and planned transmission projects at powerfortheplains.com.



Crews work on stringing conductor for the Monument Tap-Byrd Tap 115 kV transmission line west of Hobbs, N.M.

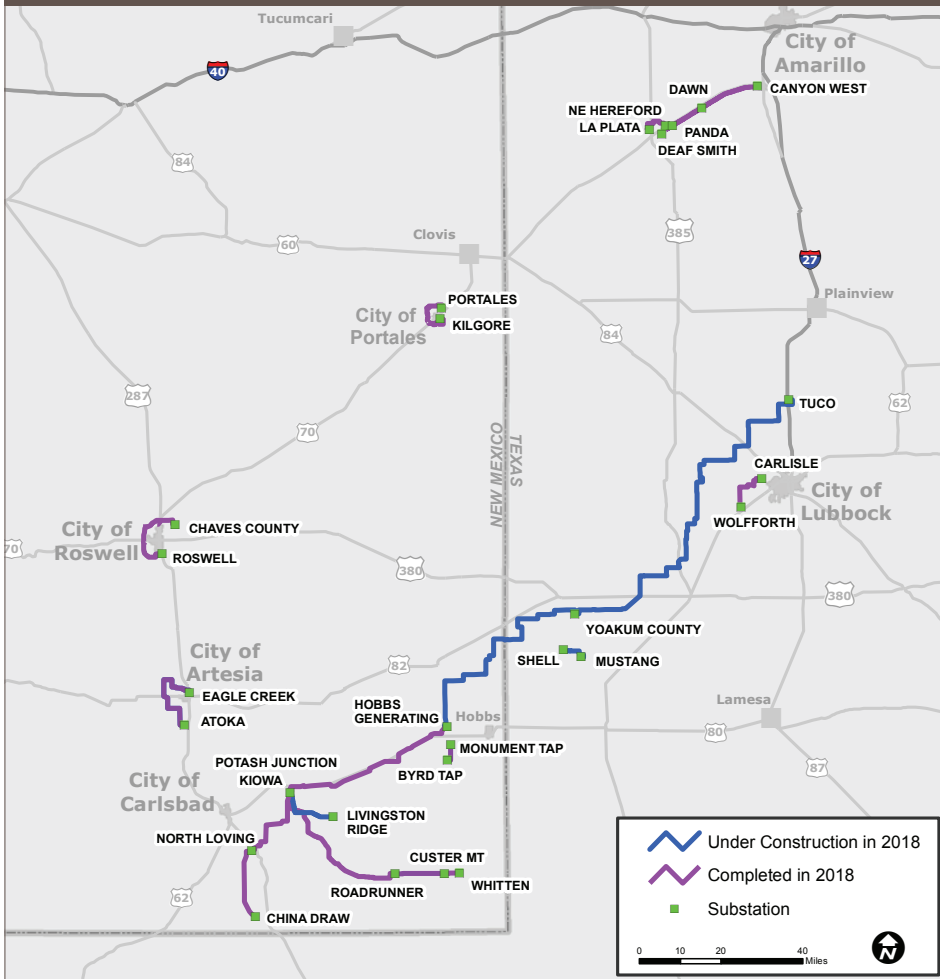
New investment in New Mexico

Xcel Energy’s New Mexico service area is one of the fastest growing economies in the United States. The company plans to invest another \$165 million on two new 345 kV transmission line projects and has accepted a Notice to Construct the lines from the Southwest Power Pool. Both proposed projects will increase electric reliability and create capacity for planned industrial load growth in the area.

The proposed Eddy County-Kiowa 345 kV transmission line project includes approximately 34 miles of line between the existing Eddy County Substation (located about 10 miles southeast of Artesia, N.M.) and the Kiowa Substation (about 15 miles northeast of Carlsbad). The proposed in-service date for the project is November 2020.

The proposed China Draw-Phantom-Roadrunner 345 kV transmission line project in New Mexico includes approximately 40 miles of transmission line connecting the China Draw Substation (located about 22 miles south of Carlsbad), the proposed Phantom Substation (located about 18 miles southeast of Malaga), and the existing Roadrunner Substation (about 20 miles northwest of Jal). The proposed in-service date for the project is November, 2021. Both projects require approval from the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

Current Power for the Plains Projects



A steel structure is set on the Monument Tap-Byrd Tap 115 kV project which was energized in November. The project will improve electric reliability and meet growing demand in New Mexico.



Safety is a top priority for our employees, contractors and customers. Earlier this year, we partnered with local leaders, including the New Mexico Department of Transportation, to recognize improvements on local highways that have seen an increase in traffic due to industrial growth.

Transmission projects completed in 2018

Title	State	Voltage	Length (miles)	In-service date	Cities	Counties
Custer Mountain-Whitten	NM	115 kV	4	Jan 24, 2018	Jal	Eddy, Lea
Roswell Loop	NM	115 kV	24	Jan 31, 2018	Roswell	Chaves
Wolfforth-Carlisle	TX	230 kV	13	March 27, 2018	Lubbock	Lubbock, Hockley
NE Hereford-La Plata	TX	115 kV	8	March 30, 2018	Hereford	Deaf Smith
Kiowa-Roadrunner	NM	345 kV	42	April 27, 2018	Carlsbad	Eddy
Roadrunner-Custer Mountain	NM	115 kV	10	May 11, 2018	Jal	Lea
Hobbs-China Draw	NM	345 kV	86	May 30, 2018	Hobbs, Carlsbad	Lea, Eddy
Portales Loop	NM	115 kV	21	July, 2018	Portales	Roosevelt
Canyon West-Dawn -Panda-Deaf Smith	TX	115 kV	26	Nov 1, 2018	Canyon, Dawn, Hereford	Randall, Deaf Smith
Monument Tap-Byrd Tap	NM	115 kV	4	Nov 20, 2018	Hobbs	Lea

Transmission projects currently under construction

Title	State	Voltage	Length (miles)	In-service date	Cities	Counties
Atoka-Eagle Creek	NM	115 kV	25	Dec 18, 2018	Atoka, Artesia	Eddy
TUCO-Yoakum-Hobbs	NM/TX	345 kV	168	June 1, 2020	Abernathy, Brownfield, TX, Hobbs, NM	Hale, Lea
Potash Junction -Livingston Ridge	NM	115 kV	15	April 15, 2019	Carlsbad	Eddy
Mustang-Shell CO2	TX	115 kV	9	April 30, 2019	Denver City	Yoakum

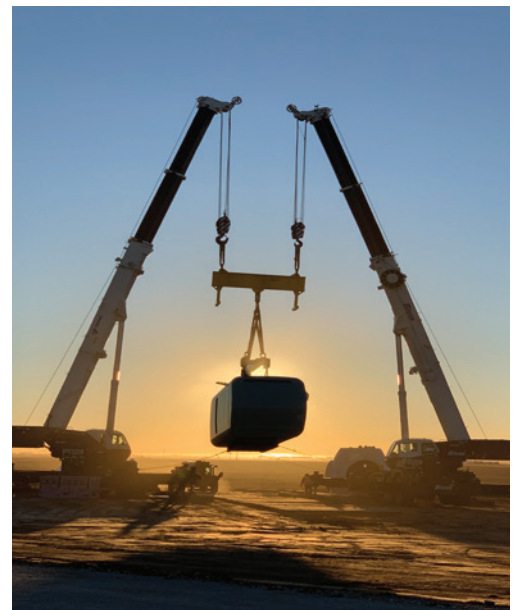
Delivering Clean Energy

Turbines are starting to go up at the Hale Wind Project in Hale County, Texas. The 478-megawatt wind farm includes building a new 14-mile transmission line and substation to bring the wind power onto the grid. “Investing in clean energy now will power our region’s economy for years to come,” said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy – New Mexico, Texas. “We are excited to partner with the community to give them clean, reliable energy as soon as possible.”



Hale Wind Project

- Creates more than 300 construction jobs, 20 full-time employees
- Boosts tax revenue for county and local schools through lease payments
- Will deliver enough renewable energy to power 184,000 homes



Crews off-load the nacelle which houses all of the generating components for a wind turbine.