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NEWS RELEASE: Electric utilities file applications seeking certificates of public convenience and necessity to begin construction of transmission line segment.

BOISE (April 20, 2026) – Rocky Mountain Power and Idaho Power have filed applications with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission seeking certificates of public convenience and necessity that would allow the utilities to begin construction of a proposed transmission line segment that is designed to provide an additional 2,000 megawatts in transmission capacity.

Segment E-8 of the Gateway West project is a 500-kilovolt line that will start at the Midpoint Substation near Jerome, Idaho, and run to the Hemingway Substation near Melba, Idaho. Segment E-8 also will connect to Idaho Power’s proposed 500-kilovolt Mayfield Substation.

The utilities stated that Segment E-8 will add transmission capacity and deliver energy to the Treasure Valley from Mountain Home and the Magic Valley in the Twin Falls area. Construction on Segment E-8 is scheduled to begin in October of 2027 and will be completed in three phases. Phase I and II will connect the Hemingway Substation to the Mayfield Substation while phase III will extend the Mayfield Substation to the Midpoint Substation. Phase III is expected to begin in 2030.

Idaho Power will hold 99 percent ownership in the segment and Rocky Mountain Power’s parent company, PacifiCorp, will hold the remaining 1 percent.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7741 and puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7740.