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## **Unique project provides competitive electric transmission access to transmission-constrained area**

*DATC offers transmission capacity on San Luis Transmission Project, using economies of scale to enhance grid access*

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. – Duke-American Transmission Co. announced today that it will conduct an open solicitation process for up to 600 megawatts of bi-directional electric transmission capacity on the proposed San Luis Transmission Project being developed in California’s San Joaquin Valley.

The San Luis Transmission Project is a public-private partnership between Western Area Power Administration, Bureau of Reclamation, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and Duke-American Transmission Co. to economically provide electricity for federal water supply deliveries to water customers in the San Joaquin Valley and Bay Area. Project beneficiaries include regional farmers, water agencies and electric wholesale customers. Significantly, the economies of scale brought to the project also create transmission opportunities for renewable energy developers in the San Joaquin Valley.

SLTP involves construction of a new 85-mile, 230,000-volt transmission line connecting WAPA’s substation in Tracy to the San Luis, O’Neill and Dos Amigos substations in the Los Banos area, paralleling existing transmission facilities through non-irrigated ranch land. The project will be part of WAPA’s Sierra-Nevada Region transmission system within the Balancing Authority of Northern California, offering transmission access to points of delivery adjacent to CAISO interties with WAPA/BANC. The project has received the required permits as part of the National Environmental Policy Act process and is projected to be in service in 2023.

DATC is financing the project in its entirety and will offer transmission capacity in accordance with the provisions of WAPA’s Open Access Transmission Tariff. DATC submitted a filing to FERC (ER19-1338) on March 15, 2019, to establish conditions for the capacity release. The amount of capacity available will be contingent upon final determination of capacity needs to serve Reclamation.

“The San Joaquin Valley is rich in natural resources and clean energy opportunities but lacks a strong transmission grid to facilitate renewable energy development,” said DATC President Randy Satterfield. “This project will provide transmission access that will enable solar, storage and wind projects to be developed within and near the valley.”

DATC will accept proposals for the available transmission capacity during an open solicitation window from 8 a.m. EST on April 15, 2019 to 5 p.m. EST on May 15, 2019. Interested parties



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**About Duke-American Transmission Co.** — A transmission developer equally owned by Duke Energy and American Transmission Co. Duke Energy's regulated utilities serve customers in six states in the Southeast and Midwest. ATC is the nation's first transmission-only utility. It owns and operates more than 9,890 miles of transmission lines and 568 substations in the Midwest. DATC owns 72 percent of the transmission service rights to the Path 15 transmission project, an 84-mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line in central California. [www.datcllc.com](http://www.datcllc.com)

**About Western Area Power Administration** — A power marketing administration within the U.S. Department of Energy responsible for marketing and transmitting more than 25,000 gigawatt-hours of clean, renewable hydropower annually from 57 federal hydroelectric powerplants owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and International Boundary and Water Commission in 15 western and central states. WAPA authorizes construction of transmission or may act independently to build transmission in the region. [www.wapa.gov](http://www.wapa.gov)

**About the Bureau of Reclamation** — A federal agency under the U.S. Department of the Interior. It is the largest wholesale water supplier in the country and the nation's second largest producer of hydroelectric power. In its Mid-Pacific Region, Reclamation owns, operates and manages the dams, power plants and canals of the Central Valley Project. [www.usbr.gov](http://www.usbr.gov)

**About San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority** — A California joint powers agency responsible for operation and maintenance of the South of Delta Central Valley Project facilities. It represents 28 federal and exchange irrigation, M&I and wetland water service contractors within the western San Joaquin Valley, San Benito and Santa Clara counties. [www.sldmwa.org](http://www.sldmwa.org)