



Northern Colorado Area Plan: Ault to Cloverly Transmission Project – Construction Update

What's Happening?

Transmission line construction on all segments is complete, including nearly 20 miles of new 230 kV transmission infrastructure installed. Crews plan to energize the line later this summer, after substation construction is complete.

Construction at the Husky, Collins Street and Cloverly substations continues in earnest. Crews will continue to install/connect cable and control-work components at each substation. We estimate all work at substations to be completed in late summer.

Construction will pause Memorial Day and the weekend prior to observe our national holiday and remember and honor our fallen American heroes.

What's Next?

Upcoming construction activities include:

- **Restoration:** Restoring the right of way as closely as possible to its original condition is important to us. We remove construction debris and matting, smooth rough areas, and seed and mulch to stabilize the ground and establish new vegetation. For areas with special restoration conditions, likely those on agricultural properties, we work with landowners to comply with their unique circumstances. Weekly and monthly inspections take place thereafter until vegetation regrowth reaches seventy percent.
- **Substations:** Continue construction through summer 2024.
- **Energize:** Once work is completed at each substation, the new 230 kV transmission line will be energized.



Completed segment of 230 kV transmission line along Highway 85.



Safety Note

Safety is at the core of everything we do. At work and at home. As you prepare your property this growing season, always practice safety when gardening and landscaping.

Here are safety tips:

- **Always call 811 before you dig.** It's the law.
- **Depth can be deceptive.** Depth of utility lines can change over time with erosion, storms, floods, soil condition, heaving in winter from frost, and changes to landscaping.
- **What you don't know can hurt you.** Even if you've lived in your home for 30 years, things can and do change in your yard.
- **Does it smell like rotten eggs?** If you damage a natural gas line and notice a sulfur or rotten egg-like smell, move quickly away from the area. Once safely away, call 911 first, then your gas utility company to investigate and repair.
- **Hand digging.** Before you can work near an underground utility line, you must first hand-dig to expose the line and verify its location and depth.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**



How to Reach Us

While this e-newsletter provides a brief construction update, the project website, xcelenergynortherncoloradoareaplan.com, will also be updated regularly with the latest construction and schedule details.

We welcome your questions and comments. Contact us at **888.678.7640** or **NorthernColorado@XcelEnergy.com**. An Xcel Energy agent will respond promptly to your message.

Thank you for your patience as we work to strengthen the electric system serving you.

Kind regards,

NCAP Project Team