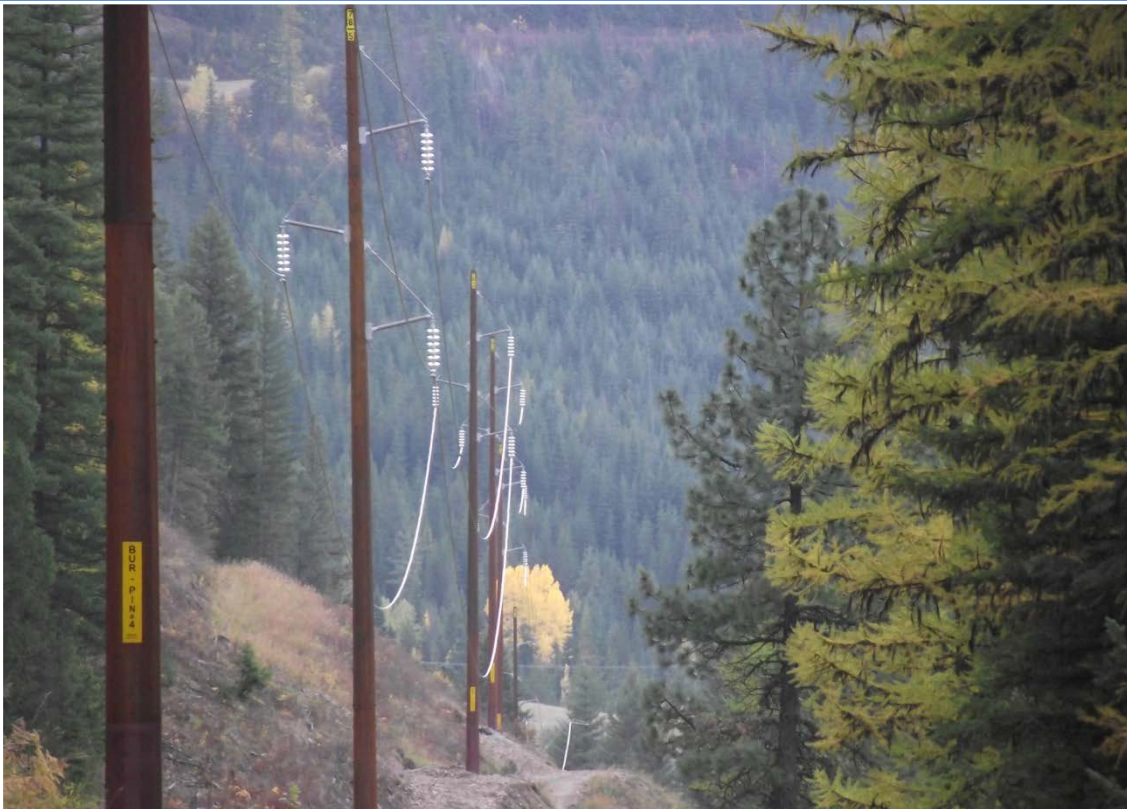


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# Electric Transmission System 2015 Asset Management Plan



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Front cover:

Steel Structures on the Burke – Pine Creek #4 115kV Line (October, 2013)  
1939 Original Construction  
2013 Major Rebuild

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## Purpose

System asset management plans are meant to serve a general audience from the perspective of long-term, balanced optimization of lifecycle costs, performance, and risk management. The intent is to help the reader become rapidly familiar with the system's physical assets, performance, risks, operational plans, and primary replacement and maintenance programs. Consistent annual updates of this plan provide the continuity required for useful historical information and continuous improvement of asset management practices.

For easy reference, a "Quick Facts" sheet is used to highlight key information and recommendations of this system-level asset management plan. At the individual program and project level, additional "Quick Facts" sheets may also be available. For more details, please visit the Asset Management Sharepoint site at [Asset Management Plans](#).

This update reflects the best available information as of December 31, 2014.

## Executive Summary

Consistent with last year's assessment, the primary message of this asset management plan is that the company must commit itself to sustainably replace the bulk of the aging transmission system over the next three decades. This is essential to achieve the company's strategic objectives of maintaining reliability levels while minimizing total lifecycle costs, requiring over \$624 million in capital replacement investment. As this represents a significant increase in capital investment as well as internal and external workloads from recent years, success demands strong company support and management. In order to be most effective and beneficial to customers and the company, it also requires fact-based prioritization and targeting of available funds to the riskiest elements of the system.

Key performance indicators for the transmission system showed a moderately worse result than targeted for 2014. Completed ground inspections were better than planned, and aerial inspections were on-track. Aging 115kV pole replacements were 51% below target, while aging 230kV pole replacements were 39% above target. Customer outages were 50% higher than targeted, while emergency spending was 130% higher than targeted. Finally, the follow-up repair backlog increased, ending the year with eight category 4 items overdue and the oldest item in the backlog at 23 months. Much of this may be due to improved identification and tracking methods that were recently implemented.

Replacement budget recommendations remain relatively unchanged at \$12 million for 115kV and \$9 million for 230kV. Planned budgets for 2015 and 2016 are relatively close to this recommendation. Additional

mandated, growth and reimbursable capital projects, as well as O&M work puts the total planned budget for Transmission Engineering at \$29 million for 2015, and is expected to remain at this level or increase for many years. This output level is nearly triple that of just a few years ago, while dedicated staff have only increased from five to six in the transmission engineering group. In order to reduce operational risks, it is strongly recommended that management consider assigning additional dedicated staff members, as well as proper equipment for safe and effective fieldwork.

Outages and unplanned spending nearly doubled in 2014 to over \$3 million, mostly as the result of a fire on Lolo-Oxbow 230kV which cost \$895k, and severe summer wind storms in Washington that raised overall unplanned spending on the 115kV system by over \$500k from last year.

Notable achievements in 2014 include:

1. Design and project management of an expanded number of mandated and system planning projects including LiDAR mitigation, at \$7.5 million in 2014 compared to \$4.0 million in 2013.
2. Completion of technically difficult work on Burke – Pine Creek #4 115kV, and cost effective work on Benton – Othello 115kV.
3. Approved 2015 budget closely matching the recommended replacement budget of \$12 million for 115kV and \$9 million for 230kV.
4. Effective transition of administrative maintenance work from departing staff, as well as hiring and productive output of new engineering staff.
5. Published a comprehensive set of construction standards for transmission engineering and effectively integrated the use of PLS-CADD software. Consistently using both as a baseline for continuous improvement, as a collaborative team effort.
6. Confirmation of system pole data including material and location, allowing for detailed expected service life information on each transmission line.
7. Development of relative probability, consequence, and risk indices for the system on a line-by line basis. This included detailed acquisition of new power delivery and outage data on each line.
8. Completed simulation studies for Cabinet – Noxon 230kV, Benewah – Pine Creek 230kV, and Hot Springs – Noxon #2 230kV circuits.
9. In cooperation with other utilities, initiated a major project to determine best design, construction, inspection and maintenance of self-weathering steel structures.

Beyond execution of approved construction, below is a list of recommended initiatives to further improve the long-term performance and stewardship of transmission assets.

1. Provide additional dedicated staff as appropriate, to handle long-term increased workloads in the Transmission Engineering group and support processes. Provide a dedicated truck and ATV for safe and effective fieldwork. Reduce end-to-end lead time from project initiation to project closeout.
2. Engage asset stakeholders within each major region of the transmission system in order to develop a comprehensive, prioritized capital project plan for the next 20 years.
3. Continue improving the transmission construction standards to reflect best practices in design and construction work. Engage line crews and regional staff.
4. Monitor the lead time for as-built construction updates to AFM, Plan and Profile (P&P) drawings, and the engineering vault files, with a target of six months. Carry out periodic quality audits of construction in the field and recorded data.
5. Develop a comprehensive inspection and planned maintenance program for steel transmission structures.
6. Develop a systematic air switch risk ranking method, replacement schedule, and inspection and maintenance program.
7. Complete rebuild simulation studies and business cases for Lolo – Oxbow 230kV and Noxon – Pine Creek 230kV circuits.
8. Determine the risks and appropriate mitigation work resulting from structural loads of distribution underbuild.
9. Complete a system-wide simulation study to support optimal Transmission asset inspection intervals as well as planned and unplanned replacement budget targets, including annual minor vs. major rebuild budgets.
10. Implement transmission outage software which will allow for accurate and efficient analysis of outages and causes on each transmission line.



## Assets

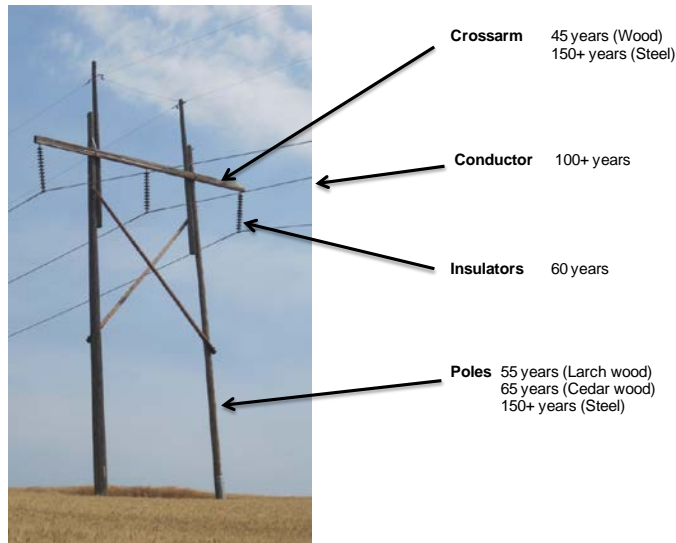
The tables and charts below provide a high-level summary of physical assets in the transmission system, replacement values, and expected service lives. Replacement values represent the cost to replace existing assets with equivalent new equipment in 2015 dollars, not including right-of-way purchases, capacity or ratings upgrades, mandated projects, and other work associated with growth-related installations.

Circuit Type	Average Replacement Cost/Mile		Miles	Total Replacement Cost
	Installation	Removal		
60kV Circuit	\$250,000	\$20,000	0.4	\$72,049
115 Single Circuit	\$400,000	\$20,000	1452.2	\$609,915,600
115 Underground Circuit	\$3,600,000	\$180,000	2.8	\$10,584,000
115 Double Circuit	\$525,000	\$20,000	23.9	\$13,014,600
230 Single Circuit	\$700,000	\$20,000	604.0	\$434,851,200
115-230 Double Circuit	\$850,000	\$20,000	55.3	\$48,145,800
230 Double Circuit	\$900,000	\$20,000	25.8	\$23,736,000
			2164.3	<b>\$1,140,319,249</b>
		Average Asset Lifecycle (Years)		70
	Annual Levelized Replacement Spending over Lifecycle			<b>\$16,290,275</b>

**Table 1: Primary Assets of the Electric Transmission System – Circuits**

Asset Category	Quantity			Expected Service Life (years)
	230kV	115kV	Total	
Structures	4990	16483	21473	65
Poles	9021	27401	36422	70
Air switches	2	188	190	40
Conductor (miles)	2055	4602	6657	100
Compression sleeves	1370	3068	4438	50
Insulators	22978	60202	83180	70

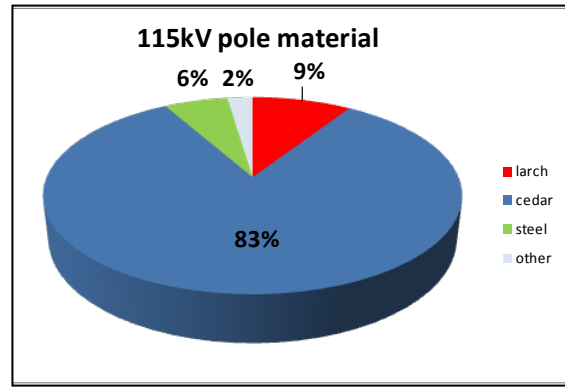
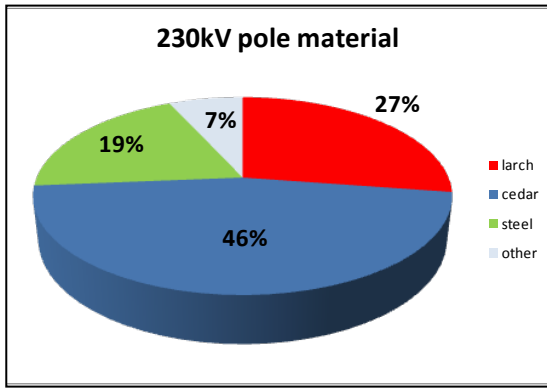
**Table 2: Component Assets and Quantities**



**Figure 1: Example Transmission Asset Components and Expected Service Life**

100	Steel Towers (galvanized steel)		
50	Steel Pole/Tubular structures (galvanized or painted)		
2585	Self-Weathering Steel Structures		
18817	Wood Pole Structures		
4	Hybrid Concrete/Steel structures		
0	Concrete Structures		
0	Aluminum Structures		
40	Laminated Wood Structures		
21596	Total Transmission Structures		
9.7	average # structures/mile		
3261	# self-weathering (cor-ten) steel poles		
50	# tubular galvanized steel poles		
8	# hybrid concrete/steel poles		
4892	# larch poles		
1192	# fir/other poles		
25510	# cedar poles		
40	# laminated wood poles		
34953	Total # Poles		
5660	# beyond expected service life		
16%	% beyond expected service life		
80	# of structures with buried galvanized steel foundations		
1014	# of structures with coated buried steel foundations		
unknown	# of structures with caisson concrete foundations		
2700	# of structures with anchors		

**Table 3: Transmission Structures and Poles**



pole material	larch	cedar	steel	other	total
service life	55	65	150	70	69
# 115 poles	2347	21198	1506	597	25648
# 230 poles	2545	4312	1813	635	9305
total # poles	4892	25510	3319	1232	34953

Table 4: 115kV vs 230kV Pole Materials

## Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The table below shows overall KPI results for 2014, which are monitored and recorded on a monthly basis throughout the year. The first four are leading indicators over which we have direct operational control. The final two KPIs are lagging indicators of system performance, which should have a causal link to the leading indicators. In other words, if we consistently execute well as demonstrated by the leading indicators, over time we should see satisfactory outcomes as manifested by the lagging indicators, and vice versa. When this does not occur, deeper investigation and root-cause analysis is justified, as something other than the expected causal relationship is potentially at play.

By these measures, performance was much better than planned for structural ground inspections. Aerial patrol inspections remained on-track overall. System-wide follow-up repairs from ground and aerial patrol inspections were significantly worse than planned for category 4 and 5 items. This may be primarily due to improved tracking methods. Aging infrastructure replacement was less than the levelized investment required to maintain system reliability over the long term for 115kV, but more than that required for 230kV, as roughly indicated by the number of older poles replaced.

Reliability performance was worse than planned and emergency spending significantly worse than the target average of the past few years.

Completed Structural Ground Inspections	Projected	Actual	Normalized
# wood poles ground inspected	2,400	3,449	0.70
Completed Structural Aerial Inspections	Projected	Actual	Normalized
% of 230kV system inspected	100	100	1.00
% of 115kV system inspected	70	70	1.00
Followup Repair Backlog	Projected	Actual	Normalized
# worksites overdue (> 1 year after inspection year)	10	8	0.80
# Category 4 or 5 items overdue (> 6 months since inspection, ground + aerial)	1	8	8.00
oldest item in backlog (# months since inspection)	18	23	1.28
Aging Infrastructure Replacement	Projected	Actual	Normalized
# 115kV wood poles older than 60 years replaced with steel	500	243	2.06
# 230kV wood poles older than 50 years replaced with steel	175	244	0.72
# air switches > 40 yrs old replaced	4	2	2.00
Reliability Performance	Projected	Actual	Normalized
Extended Unplanned Outages due to Transmission (Customer-Hrs)	133,142	200,972	1.51
# of Customers with Unplanned Transmission Outages > 3 Hrs	10,182	17,609	1.73
Emergency Spending	Projected	Actual	Normalized
230kV Emergency Spending	204,022	965,270	4.73
115kV Emergency Spending	1,116,997	2,078,216	1.86
total Emergency Spending	1,321,019	3,043,486	2.30

Unity Box Metrics	Weighting	2014 Result
Completed Structural Ground Inspections	20.00%	0.70
Completed Structural Aerial Inspections	20.00%	1.00
Followup Repair Backlog	15.00%	4.52
Aging Infrastructure Replacement	15.00%	1.45
Reliability Performance	15.00%	1.66
Emergency Spending	15.00%	2.30
Sum of Weight * Value	100.00%	1.83

Results
1 = Planned/On-Track
<1 = Better than Planned
>1 = Worse than Planned

**Table 5: Transmission KPIs and Unity Box Metrics**

It is strongly recommended that \$21 million per year over a 30-year timeframe is allocated for worn-out infrastructure replacements – \$12 million for 115kV, and \$9 million for 230kV. As we ramp up

replacement construction in the years ahead, we expect to meet or exceed these goals. We will continue to replace equipment primarily on the basis of recent inspection and condition assessments, however the age and respective service life of the system at a high-level provides a strong leading indicator of long-term system reliability.

Additional performance measures are tabulated below since 2009:

Performance Measure	Goal	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Remarks
Customer-Hours unplanned, extended outage due to transmission issues	113142	129,780	255,426	64,453	82,908	238,861	200,977	
# of customers of Tx related unplanned outages greater than 3 hrs	10182	12,197	16,478	6,644	5,409	17,135	17,609	
Tx emergency repair costs	\$1,321,019	\$1,401,539	\$1,442,969	\$1,029,597	\$1,409,972	\$1,630,943	\$3,040,313	
Avista crew safety: # recordable injuries from Transmission work	0	not avail	not avail	not avail	not avail	not avail	not avail	Unable to isolate to Transmission
Top 10 highest risk circuits	TBD	not avail	not avail	not avail	not avail	in progress	completed	
Top 10 worst performing components - by failures	NA	not avail	not avail	not avail	not avail	not avail	not avail	Not available from OMT data
Top 10 worst performing circuits by # of component failures	NA	not avail	not avail	not avail	not avail	not avail	not avail	Not available from OMT data

**Table 6: Additional Performance Measures, 2009-2014**

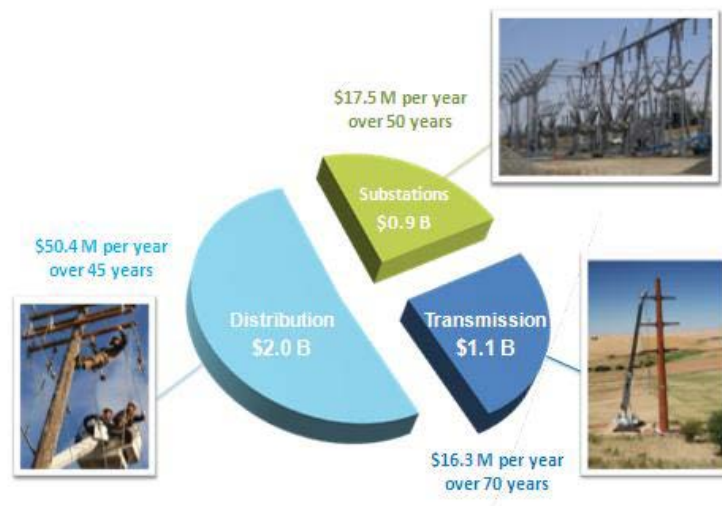
Note that important performance measures currently cannot be evaluated due to inadequate data availability. This includes safety incidents from transmission work, the total number of annual failures and respective failure modes for various transmission lines and system-wide asset components such as poles, air switches, crossarms, insulators, splice connections, and so forth. An ongoing, long-term effort is necessary to make this information available and assimilate into our set of KPIs and circuit risk rankings. It is also essential to taking the next steps in evaluating the benefit and value of asset management programs and projects for continuous improvement.

## Capital Replacement and Maintenance Investment

Levelized replacement spending is the annual spending required to replace the asset category in a perfectly level form over the asset’s service life in 2015 dollars, not including inflation. Prior to adjusting for uneven service life profiles, this provides a simple, rough-cut measure to compare against actual

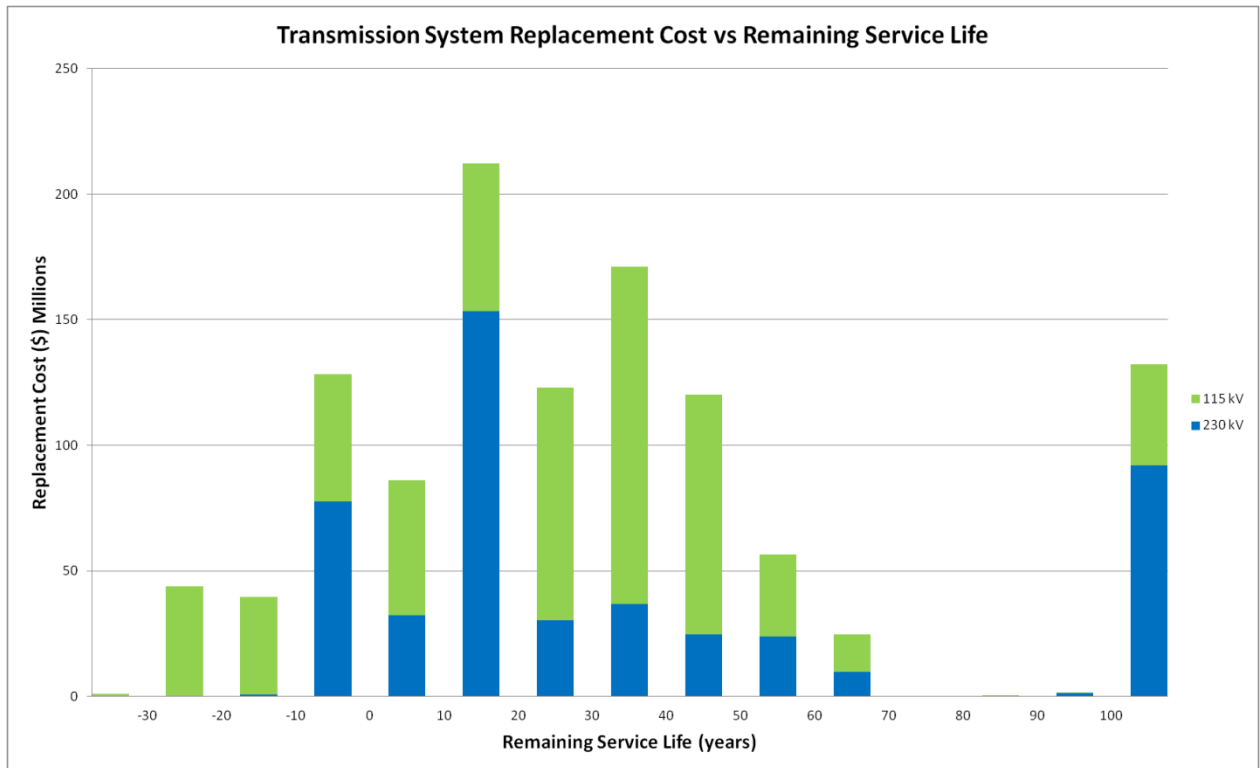
replacement spending each year, i.e. the minimum needed to keep up with aging infrastructure that places reliability at risk. This currently stands at \$16.3 million per year for the transmission system.

Relative to other major areas of the transmission and distribution (T&D) system, transmission assets have a longer service life, and the total replacement value of \$1.1 billion is on par with substation's \$0.9 billion and about half of distribution's \$2.0 billion. All together, levelized replacement spending is roughly \$84 million per year in perpetuity for Avista's T&D system (2014 dollars). However, as shorter lived wood materials are replaced with steel in the decades ahead, we expect overall service life to increase from 70 years to over 100 years for the transmission system. Assuming all other factors being equal, this in turn would reduce the minimum levelized spending to under \$12 million/year, roughly 50 years from now.



**Figure 2: Transmission and Distribution System Replacement Values, Average Service Life, and Levelized Replacement Spending**

The next step is to look more closely at the replacement cost of actual installed assets compared to remaining service life. This provides the basis for levelized replacement budgets given actual remaining service life profiles, as summarized in the following chart.



**Figure 3: Replacement Cost vs. Remaining Service Life**

Note that field assets costing \$234 million to replace are currently beyond expected service life, based on their age and statistical predictions of mean time to failure (everything to the left of 0 years in Figure 3 above). The oldest and greatest quantities of these assets are 115kV transmission lines. This represents a significant risk to the continued reliability of the transmission system, particularly for those 115kV circuits with more than 10 years past normal service life.

To address this issue, several alternatives present themselves in terms of long-term replacement policies, as shown in the table below. The 30-year replacement period is recommended at \$21.1 million per year, split between \$11.3 million for 115kV and \$9.8 million for 230kV. This policy, when coupled with an ongoing, annual risk assessment and targeting of funds, over the long term will effectively reduce risks and minimize total lifecycle costs.

The table below presents a simple levelization that reduces the volatility and operational business risk of ramping up and down construction work from year-to-year, while responsibly maintaining system performance. Again, it should be emphasized that in order to be most effective, this level of

replacement spending must be targeted at those assets that pose the greatest overall risk, as discussed in the Risk Prioritization section of this report.

Tx Capital Assets Service Life (yrs)	Levelized Replacement Period (yrs)	Cumulative Replacement Costs (\$)			Annual Levelized Replacement Spending (\$)
		115kV	230kV	Total	
-10 or less					
0 or less	10	\$134,307,405	\$78,477,092	\$212,784,497	\$21,278,450
10 or less	10	\$188,044,730	\$110,751,445	\$298,796,176	\$29,879,618
20 or less	20	\$246,950,622	\$264,119,590	\$511,070,211	\$25,553,511
30 or less	30	\$339,538,157	\$294,522,966	\$634,061,123	\$21,135,371
40 or less	40	\$473,944,191	\$331,318,848	\$805,263,038	\$20,131,576
50 or less	50	\$569,441,268	\$356,005,350	\$925,446,618	\$18,508,932
60 or less	60	\$602,081,970	\$379,756,364	\$981,838,334	\$16,363,972
70 or less	70	\$617,172,136	\$389,475,050	\$1,006,647,186	\$14,380,674

**Table 7: Levelized Replacement Spending Options**

A variety of data uncertainties result in +/- 5% confidence in the stated figures. In terms of replacement costs, the most significant uncertainty from year to year involves the volatility of contract labor.

Extensive work was recently completed to confirm 115kV and 230kV pole data, most importantly the identification of pole material and respective expected service life, which has greatly improved confidence levels.

The recommended \$21.1 million per year in levelized replacement spending over the next 30 years compares to \$7.9 actual replacement spending in 2014. Significant effort is underway to ramp up replacement construction in 2015 and sustain it over ensuing years. Other project categories include growth, mandated, and reimburseable capital projects, operations and maintenance (O&M) programs, and unplanned/emergency work. These figures are tabulated below for 2014. Spending associated with liability claims and the underground network are not included, due to data uncertainty. Please note that many construction projects involve a combination of replacement, growth, and mandated work, therefore these figures are rough approximations. Historically, upwards of 90% of transmission construction is through contractors.

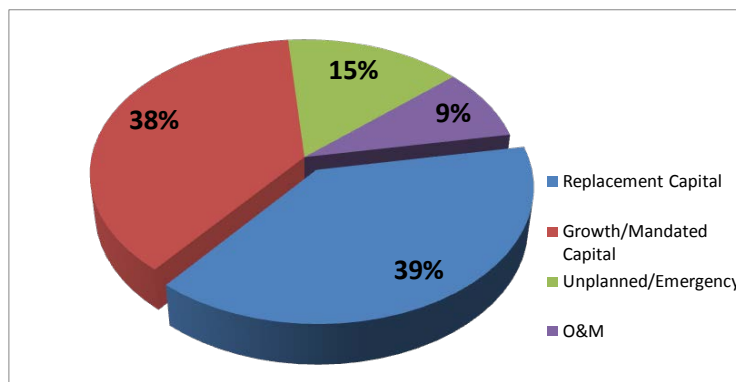


\$7,877,719	Replacement
\$7,499,457	Growth/Upgrade
\$3,040,313	Unplanned/Emergency
\$1,300,000	O&M - Veg Management
\$455,000	O&M - Other
<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>Reimbursable work completed</u>
<b>\$20,322,489</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$17,132,176	Total Planned non-reimbursable
\$17,282,176	Total Planned Capital (including reimbursable)
\$1,755,000	Total Planned O&M
\$3,040,313	Total Unplanned/Emergency Capital
unknown	Total Unplanned O&M

**Table 8: 2014 Transmission Spending**

2014 Tx Project Spend	Program/Project Description	ER	BI	Type
\$4,027,819	Asset Mgmt Trans Minor Rebuilds WA	2057	AMT12	Replacement
\$2,542,534	Benton-Othello 115 Recond	2457	FT130	Growth/Upgrade
\$2,239,224	Burke-Thompson A&B 115kV Transmission Rebul	2550	CT101	Replacement
\$1,976,969	LiDAR Mitigation Projects, Med Priority	2560	CT203, variou	Growth/Upgrade
\$1,398,420	Devils Gap-Lind 115kV Transmission Rebuild Proj	2564	ST302	Replacement
\$1,193,697	Benewah-Pine Creek 115kV - Low Priority Rtgs Mi	2579	CT304	Growth/Upgrade
\$687,777	Lewiston Mill Rd. 115 kV Substation Integration	1107	LT403	Growth/Upgrade
\$392,534	Xsmn Asset Management	2423	AMT81	Replacement
\$252,634	Clearwater 115 kV Transmission Line Upgrade	2571	LT402	Growth/Upgrade
\$210,211	Chelan-Stratford 115kV - Rbld Columbia River Xing	2574	BT304	Growth/Upgrade
\$163,495	Stratford Sub - 115kV Transm Integration	2563	BS302	Growth/Upgrade
\$135,493	Asset Mgmt Transmission Switch Upgrade	2254	AMT10	Replacement
\$76,152	Asset Mgmt Trans Minor Rebuilds ID	2057	AMT13	Replacement
\$28,359	Greenacres 115 Sub New Cons:Transmission Inte	2443	ST203	Growth/Upgrade
\$26,767	Moscow 230 Sub Rebuild: Transmission Integratio	2484	PT002	Growth/Upgrade
\$11,464	Irin 115kV Switching Stn: Transmission Integratio	2446	ST102	Growth/Upgrade
\$6,070	Benewah-Moscow 230kV - Structure Replacement	2577	PT305	Growth/Upgrade
\$5,480	Noxon 230 kV Stn Rebuild:Transmission Integratio	2532	AT300	Growth/Upgrade
\$1,467	Opportunity Sub 115kV Breaker Add - Tx Integratio	2552	ST307	Growth/Upgrade
\$611	Asset Mgmt Transmission Wood Sub Rebuild	2204	AMT08	Replacement

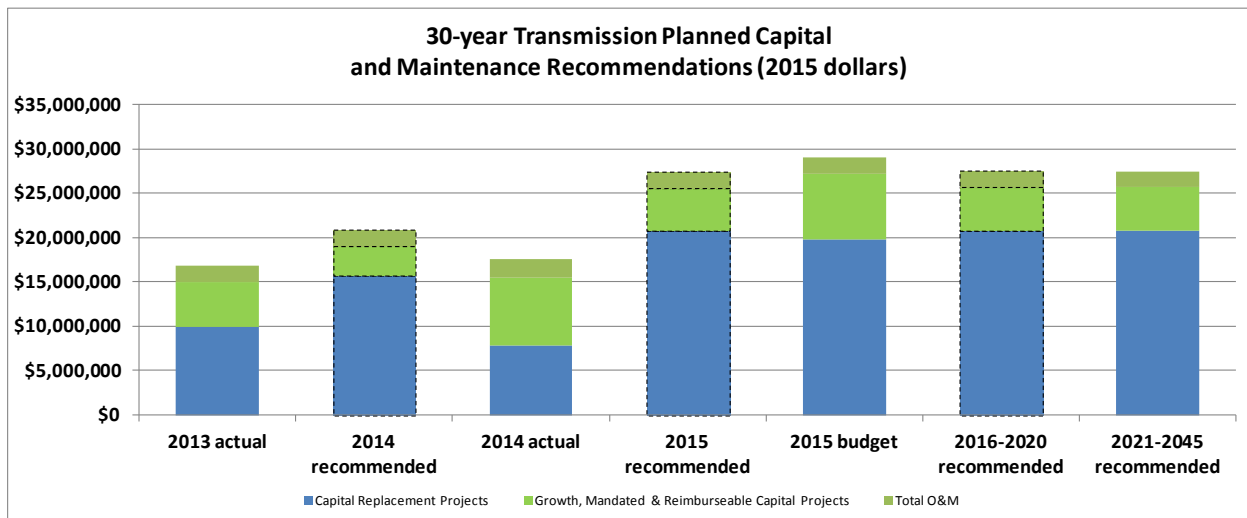
**Table 9: 2014 Planned Capital Projects (Non-Reimbursable)**



**Figure 4: 2014 Planned Capital, O&M, and Emergency Spending**

This shows that approximately 85% of spending was planned, vs. 15% unplanned in 2014. The percent of planned work should increase as planned replacements ramp up and unplanned/emergency spending is held constant or reduced. Growth and mandated projects (e.g. LiDAR projects) of \$7.5 million

resulted in 38% of total Transmission spending in 2014. Although the spending in this category is highly variable from year to year, a constant value of \$3 million is assumed for the future. A small increase of 2% per year is assumed for reimbursable projects such as road moves. O&M dollars may be reduced over the long-term, due to expected lower inspection costs of steel poles as they are used to replace existing wood poles, however this was not accounted for as it is somewhat uncertain and represents a relatively insignificant sum. Other figures represent recommendations for planned replacement and maintenance programs as specified in the Programs section of this report. Optimal planned spending may vary considerably after making adjustments for actual condition assessments as inspections are completed, capturing economies of scale opportunities when rebuilding larger sections of line, and taking into account cost of capital considerations from year to year. Notwithstanding these variables, the numbers below represent the minimum recommended investment for consistent, planned transmission work in the years ahead.



	Major Capital Replacement Projects	Growth/Mandated Capital Projects	Reimbursable Capital Projects	Air Switch Replacements	Minor Rebuilds & Repairs	Structural Ground Inspection	Structural Aerial Patrols	Vegetation Management	Fire Retardant Program	230kV Foundation Grouting	Capital Replacement Projects	Growth, Mandated & Reimbursable Capital Projects	Total O&M	Total Planned
O&M %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%				
Capital %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%				
2013 actual	\$8,785,633	\$3,965,832	\$1,136,787	\$150,556	\$970,036	\$294,000	\$94,595	\$1,100,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$9,906,225	\$5,102,619	\$1,788,595	\$16,797,439
2014 recommended	\$14,110,816	\$2,210,000	\$1,159,523	\$264,000	\$1,300,000	\$192,000	\$100,000	\$1,200,000	\$242,000	\$100,000	\$15,674,816	\$3,369,523	\$1,834,000	\$20,878,339
2014 actual	\$3,638,255	\$7,499,457	\$150,000	\$135,493	\$4,103,971	\$317,790	\$103,154	\$1,300,000	\$188,111	\$181,405	\$7,877,719	\$7,649,457	\$2,090,460	\$17,617,636
2015 recommended	\$18,667,888	\$3,000,000	\$1,870,600	\$392,507	\$1,700,000	\$216,000	\$100,000	\$1,200,000	\$242,000	\$100,000	\$20,760,395	\$4,870,600	\$1,858,000	\$27,488,995
2015 budget	\$18,111,134	\$5,524,000	\$1,870,600	\$220,000	\$1,514,000	\$216,000	\$100,000	\$1,200,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$19,845,134	\$7,394,600	\$1,816,000	\$29,055,734
2016-2020 recommended	\$18,496,395	\$3,000,000	\$1,908,012	\$264,000	\$2,000,000	\$216,000	\$103,154	\$1,200,000	\$242,000	\$100,000	\$20,760,395	\$4,908,012	\$1,861,154	\$27,529,561
2021-2045 recommended	\$18,496,395	\$3,000,000	\$1,946,172	\$264,000	\$2,000,000	\$216,000	\$103,154	\$1,200,000	\$242,000	\$0	\$20,760,395	\$4,946,172	\$1,761,154	\$27,467,721

Table 10: 30-year Planned Capital and O&M Recommendations

In short, in order to minimize lifecycle costs and maintain system performance, the bulk of the transmission system needs to be rebuilt over the next three decades, if not sooner. This is no small

endeavor, entailing significant financial and operational risk. Although construction and even design work may be contracted out, internal workloads will in all cases rise substantially in the years ahead for the Transmission Engineering group and supporting departments. A successful transition and sustained production of high quality design work and construction in the field – that will last well into the 22<sup>nd</sup> century – requires careful management and strong support across the company.

## Process Capability

As of 2010, total planned design, project management, and construction capital and O&M work for the Transmission system originating from the Transmission Engineering group was less than \$10 million per year. At that time, Transmission Engineering had a dedicated staff of five members – one manager, three engineers, and one technician – equivalent to roughly \$2.0 million per staff member. In 2015, total planned work amounts to \$29,055,734 with a dedicated staff of six members – one manager and five engineers – equivalent to \$4.8 million per staff member. This represents an output productivity increase of 242% in only a few years time. Hidden workloads such as mandated reporting and analysis from regulatory bodies such as NERC are also on the rise. In order to remedy operational risks and achieve management objectives, the need for additional staff, equipment and improved support processes should be considered a very high priority, seriously investigated and remedied as appropriate. A strong case can be made for example, for a dedicated field truck and ATV for the group, to avoid the use of personal vehicles on customer property and in dangerous, remote conditions that are routinely visited on-site. This will help ensure safer operations in the field and effective use of valuable engineering staff time.

Other opportunities for improved process capability include reducing overall project lead times, particularly from the time of internal project initiation to the beginning of construction, which has increased substantially. Construction timelines and total costs may also be reduced, for example by completing line projects in one or two years instead of three to five.

Continued engagement and integration with internal and contracted line crews to communicate and improve construction standards is also recommended as a way to improve overall process capability.

## Risk Prioritization

According to Wikipedia, risk is defined as “. . . 1. The probability of something happening multiplied by the resulting cost or benefit if it does. (This concept is more properly known as the 'Expectation Value' and is used to compare levels of risk)”

- from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Risk>

In mathematical form, this is expressed as:

$$\text{Risk/Benefit} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{Event Probability})_i * (\text{Event Consequence})_i$$

The transmission system’s major circuits were ranked by this formulation. The rankings will be used as a starting point for further deliberation among internal stakeholders, with the goal of allocating resources where they will have the most significant risk reduction. The rankings may also be used to justify inspection and follow-up work earlier than normally scheduled (currently a 15-year inspection cycle on each line). At minimum, the rankings will be used to prioritize the commissioning of detailed studies, simulations and development of business cases for major line rebuild projects.

The first component of risk for our transmission lines is the probability of a failure event, which we will refer to as the asset’s “**Probability Index**”. This is a normalized relative score from 1 (low unplanned event probability) to 100 (high unplanned event probability). The factors and respective weighting for the Probability Index are as follows, derived from a combination of the line’s condition, track record, and severity of operating environment. Each factor is scored from 1 (low) to 5 (high), based on a set of objective measures collaboratively developed by representatives in Asset Management, Transmission Design, System Planning, and System Operations groups. In the future, improved data and analysis may allow for actual probability estimates rather than relative scoring methods.

<b>% Weight</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
25	Unplanned outages/spending
20	Remaining service life
20	Time since last minor rebuild, # items identified for replacement
20	# of miles
15	Severity of terrain & operating environment (soil conditions, weather intensity, vegetation, relative probability of vehicle/equip. impacts, etc)

**Table 11: Probability Index Criteria and Weightings**

The second component of risk (event consequence), we will refer to as the asset’s “**Consequence Index**”. It is a measure of the severity of consequences should an unplanned failure event occur. This is also a normalized relative score from 1 (low severity = low event consequence) to 5 (high severity = high event consequence). The factors and respective weighting for the Consequence Index are as follows,

derived from the relative importance of the line in terms of power flow, its effect on the system should it become unavailable, the relative time and cost to effect repairs, and potential secondary damage based on safety, environmental issues and its proximity to other company and private property. In the future, improved data and analysis may allow consequences to be financially quantified, rather than relative scoring methods.

<b>% weight</b>	<b>criteria</b>
40	power delivery
20	potential damages (company/private/environmental)
15	access
15	system stability, voltage control and thermal problems
10	voltage & configuration

**Table 12: Consequence Index Criteria**

With these indices in hand, we have the ability to prioritize lines based on comparable risk levels, which we refer to as the line’s “**Reliability Risk Index**”, where

$$\text{Reliability Risk Index} = (\text{Probability Index}) * (\text{Consequence Index})$$

This is also normalized from a score of 1 (low risk) to 100 (high risk). In order to be worthwhile, it is essential that the risk index is useful to making practical business decisions. It must produce credible results to a wide variety of experts and decision makers, and it must be reliably reproduced each year without a great burden of effort. Over time, improvement in our ability to collect and use data may allow us to evaluate shorter segments of lines with greater ease, providing a refined view of system risk at the line segment or even structure level. This would facilitate a more detailed view of system risks and optimized mitigation efforts. The development and use of aids that help visualize results (e.g. color-coded system maps), may also be worthwhile.

The top 20 highest risk transmission lines are shown in the table below, and the complete list is included as Appendix A. This iteration only includes transmission lines and taps that are longer than one mile. An additional 37 short lines and taps not included in the risk index account for 14.3 additional miles, representing less than 0.7% of total Transmission system mileage.

2014 Transmission Probability, Consequence, and Risk Index Summary							
Transmission Line Name	Voltage (kV)	Length (miles)	Replacement Value	Probability Index	Consequence Index	Risk Index	Recent and Planned Work Description
Lolo - Oxbow	230	63.41	\$ 45,655,200	85.4	100.0	100.0	2015 Inspection and Rebuild Analysis
Noxon - Pine Creek	230	43.51	\$ 31,327,200	80.5	87.8	82.8	2015 Rebuild Analysis
Benewah - Pine Creek	230	42.77	\$ 30,794,400	68.3	87.8	70.3	Rebuild 2018-20, no reconductor \$27M
Walla Walla - Wanapum	230	77.78	\$ 56,001,600	68.4	83.7	67.1	2014 Minor Rebuild
Benewah - Boulder	230	26.15	\$ 18,828,000	67.1	72.9	57.3	2015 Minor Rebuild
Hot Springs - Noxon #2	230	70.05	\$ 50,436,000	66.0	68.8	53.2	2015 Minor Rebuild
Dry Creek - Talbot	230	28.27	\$ 20,354,400	51.4	78.3	47.1	2015 LiDAR mitigation
Latah - Moscow	115	51.41	\$ 21,592,200	96.0	41.7	47.0	2015 Inspection, may want to segment
Devils Gap - Stratford	115	86.19	\$ 36,199,800	100.0	39.0	45.6	2015-6 Minor Rebuild
Post Street - 3rd & Hatch	115	1.76	\$ 3,696,000	70	100	43	
Benewah - Moscow	230	44.28	\$ 31,881,600	61.1	59.3	42.5	Structure rebuild 2015-18 \$25M
Cabinet - Rathdrum	230	52.3	\$ 37,656,000	41.7	86.4	42.3	
Bronx - Cabinet	115	32.38	\$ 13,599,600	59.4	55.2	38.4	middle of 5yr rebuild more for capacity
Metro - Post Street	115	0.5	\$ 1,890,000	60	100	38	
Ninth & Central - Sunset	115	8.63	\$ 3,624,600	39.0	75.6	34.7	(check w/ Aaron on planned work), may want to segment
Burke - Pine Creek #3	115	23.79	\$ 9,991,800	67.0	44.4	34.6	2015 Minor Rebuild, addn rebuild 2017
Shawnee - Sunset	115	61.51	\$ 25,834,200	79.0	36.3	33.4	2013-14 Minor Rebuild Completed
Sunset - Westside	115	10.03	\$ 4,212,600	53.0	53.9	33.2	
Hawai - Lolo	230	8.27	\$ 5,954,400	28.9	93.2	31.6	major rebuild 2014
Burke - Pine Creek #4	115	23.13	\$ 9,714,600	69.0	37.6	30.4	addn rebuild 2017

**Table 13: Top 20 Most at Risk Circuits according to the Reliability Risk Index**

Note that the two underground 115kV circuits, Post Street – 3<sup>rd</sup> & Hatch, and Metro – Post Street both have a 100 consequence rating and probability ratings of 70 and 60, respectively. The consequence of unplanned outages on these lines is arguably much larger than those of any other line on the system as they serve the high density core of downtown Spokane. In other words, the risks listed above may be understated for these two lines. A strong recommendation for full replacement of both lines is advised in the near future – realistically within 5 to 10 years.

It is important to recognize that the risk index does not yet provide an absolute priority order for replacement and maintenance decisions – option costs to reduce risks must first be factored in. Specifically, cost option analyses must be performed to determine which project options result in the highest reduction of risk per dollar spent. According to best practice asset management principles, this analyses results in a system “**Criticality Index**” for each line in priority order, where each line would be ranked according to:

$$\text{Criticality Index} = (\text{Original Risk} - \text{Residual Risk}) / (\text{Option Cost})$$

Finally, other opportunities and benefits are factored in, also known as “bundling” in asset management parlance, to arrive at a final priority order for replacement and maintenance projects. These opportunities and benefits may come from various areas such as system planning for capacity and growth requirements, system operations, regulatory compliance, protection engineering and communications, operations, and power supply. After factoring in these priorities, a comprehensive

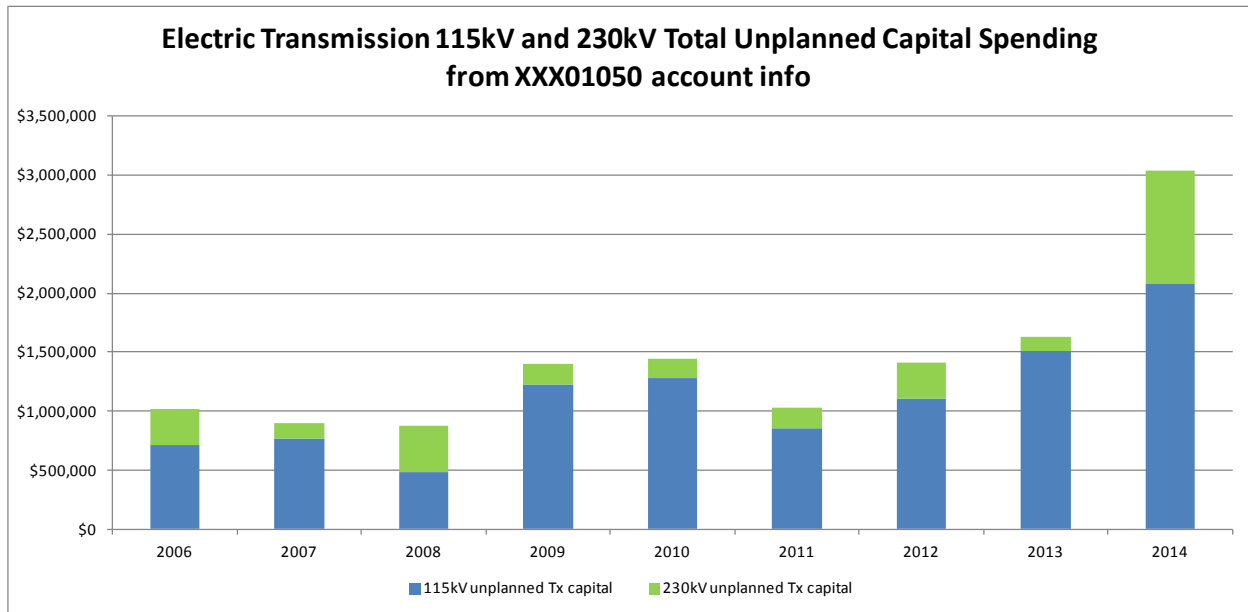
replacement and maintenance plan for 20 years may be developed, sequenced according to system operations restrictions and with higher levels of detail for projects within the 10 year timeframe. A good start in this direction may be accomplished through the concept of area mitigation plans which involve and integrate stakeholders within each major transmission area of the system (e.g. Big Bend, Spokane, Lewis-Clark, etc).

Ultimately, objective rankings must be useful and effective, helping the organization to arrive at the right business decisions with less effort. Asset management staff will continue to facilitate and support this collaborative undertaking, striving for improvement and strong results.

## Unplanned Spending

Unplanned spending represents capital replacement of those transmission assets that have unexpectedly failed and require prompt attention, typically by Avista crews (e.g. storm response events). Despite the variability that is correlated with fluctuations in weather intensity, unplanned spending is an especially important lagging indicator of system performance, trends, and the effectiveness of asset management programs. In addition to cost premiums incurred from overtime labor, unplanned work typically presents greater safety risks to the public and on-site Avista employees, as well as other risks including property damage, environmental, general liability, planned work delays, and additional rework costs following the event. We have set annual goals at the average of unplanned spending from 2009 through 2012, reflecting a desire to maintain system reliability. This results in “targets” of \$1.1 million for 115kV and \$210k for 230kV, for a total of \$1.3 million per year. Note that in past years we have consistently spent a much greater amount of total unplanned dollars on the 115kV system, at roughly four times the proportional value of capital assets when compared to the 230kV system. This is consistent with the fact that 230kV assets are felt to pose a higher potential consequence should they fail, and therefore we maintain them accordingly – deliberately effecting a lower frequency of unplanned events on the 230kV system, relative to 115kV. While this may be the case, it remains that the optimal target of unplanned spending has not been quantitatively determined for either system. This is a desired output from a future system model and analysis, involving the quantification and simulation of all significant risks and costs associated with unplanned events, maintenance and replacement work. Note that zero emergency spending is actually sub-optimal unless

there is zero tolerance for any risk – otherwise, it represents over-investment in the design configuration and actual condition of physical assets.



	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>115kV - WA</b>	\$312,958	\$609,438	\$265,221	\$874,996	\$649,760	\$585,250	\$499,341	\$1,123,122	\$1,640,237
<b>115kV - ID</b>	\$406,111	\$161,470	\$221,343	\$349,459	\$626,503	\$274,517	\$608,163	\$389,492	\$437,978
<b>115kV - all</b>	\$719,070	\$770,908	\$486,564	\$1,224,455	\$1,276,263	\$859,767	\$1,107,505	\$1,512,614	<b>\$2,078,216</b>
<b>230kV - WA</b>	\$215,228	\$97,946	\$215,416	\$57,721	\$73,482	\$156,491	\$58,976	\$89,984	\$13,286
<b>230kV - ID</b>	\$74,783	\$32,856	\$120,056	\$89,364	\$79,950	\$12,979	\$228,681	-\$134,091	\$945,631
<b>230kV - MT w/ Colstrip</b>	\$0	\$286,338	\$257,879	\$249,429	\$368,855	\$574,428	\$298,059	\$436,991	\$0
<b>230kV - MT w/o Colstrip</b>	\$0	\$1,590	\$59,590	\$27,525	\$13,275	\$0	\$72	\$18,910	\$0
<b>230kV - OR</b>	\$12,273	\$0	\$0	\$2,475	\$0	\$360	\$14,738	\$9,435	\$3,181
<b>230kV - all w/o Colstrip</b>	\$302,285	\$132,392	\$395,062	\$177,085	\$166,706	\$169,830	\$302,467	\$118,329	<b>\$962,097</b>
<b>115kV and 230kV (all)</b>	\$1,021,354	\$903,300	\$881,625	\$1,401,539	\$1,442,969	\$1,029,597	\$1,409,972	\$1,630,943	<b>\$3,040,313</b>

**Table 14: Transmission Unplanned and Emergency Spending, 2006 - 2014**

Total unplanned spending increased in 2014 to \$3.04 million, significantly higher than in any year recorded since 2006, and well above the target of \$1.3 million per year. This was due to major fire damage on Lolo-Oxbow 230kV, totaling \$895k, and major storm responses in Washington on the 115kV system.

Unfortunately, the use of 115kV blanket accounts does not allow for ready analysis of unplanned spending on individual 115kV circuits. This is necessary to get a better understanding of risk and asset prioritization on a line-by-line basis. New software is in the process of implementation by System Operations. This should be complete by 2016 with annual data available for analysis starting in 2017.



The figures above do not include spending on the 11% Avista ownership of the roughly 500 miles of 500kV Colstrip transmission and substation assets.

## Outages

Outages are a strong lagging indicator of system reliability and are highly correlated with unplanned and emergency spending. It is also the principle source of emerging trends and problem root cause analysis that is critical to maintaining system reliability over the long term. A full list of outage information for 2014 on a line-by-line basis is provided in Appendix B. Below are highlights of this information.

Primary data was obtained from both the annual Reliability Reports created by Operations Management and the Transmission Outage Reports (TOR) created by System Operations. The Reliability Report includes data on sustained outages (longer than five minutes) for Transmission related events that affect customers – it does not include any outages that do not affect customers. The TOR on the other hand, includes any transmission event (sustained or momentary), but it does not contain information about customer outages. Utilizing the TOR, System Operations compiles the Transmission Adequacy Database System (TADS), and associated mandated NERC reports for 230kV lines, but not for 115kV lines. It is important to analyze both the Reliability and TOR reports because they each contain different but important information regarding outages on the transmission system. This is currently a laborious process, as neither the Reliability nor TOR reports consistently list transmission lines that apply to each event. The Reliability Reports indicate substations and feeders associated with customer outages related to a transmission line outage, but not which transmission line that applies. Breaker identification is provided on the TOR and must be used to cross reference other information, in some cases multiple sources, to identify the applicable transmission line. New software is being implemented that will help identify outage events on each transmission line, greatly improving analysis capability. This data is expected to be available for analysis by 2017.

Based on the TOR data, there were 492 transmission line outages recorded in 2014, 180 of which were planned, 159 that were trip and recloses that lasted less than a minute, and 153 unplanned outages over one minute. Of these outages, only 51 caused an actual customer outage. The Transmission lines with the most sustained, unplanned outage occurrences are as follows (regardless if a line outage caused a customer outage):

<u>Line Name</u>	<u># Outages</u>
1. Devils Gap-Stratford 115 kV	22
2. Coulee-Westside 230 kV	12
3. Devils Gap-Lind 115 kV	12
4. Benewah-Pine Creek 115 kV	10
5. Burke-Thompson Falls A 115 kV	10
6. Latah-Moscow 230 115 kV	10
7. Moscow 230-Orofino 115 kV	9
8. Sunset-Westside 115 kV	9
9. Lind-Shawnee 115 kV	8
10. Shawnee-Sunset 115 kV	8

**Table 15: Transmission lines with the most unplanned outages in 2014**

Based on the Reliability Report, over 200,000 hours of unplanned customer outages were recorded in 2014. The transmission lines with the most unplanned customer-hours outage are as follows:

<u>Line Name</u>	<u>Customer Hours</u>
1. Mead Tap 115 kV	33823
2. Addy-Devils Gap 115 kV	33448
3. Bronx-Cabinet 115 kV	28352
4. Colbert Tap 115 kV	16192
5. Shawnee-Terre View 115 kV	13487
6. Benton-Othello Sw Sta 115 kV	10965
7. Benewah-Pine Creek 115 kV	10267
8. Devils Gap-Stratford 115 kV	7553
9. Post Falls-Ramsey 115 kV	6401
10. Devils Gap-Lind 115 kV	3155

**Table 16: Transmission lines that caused the most customer hours lost in 2014**

Over 17,000 customers experienced an outage that lasted longer than three hours, representing a slight increase from last year. The Transmission lines with the highest number of customers experiencing outages greater than 3 hours are as follows:

<u>Line Name</u>	<u># Customers experiencing Outages &gt;3 hrs</u>
1. Colbert Tap 115 kV	4093
2. Addy-Devils Gap 115 kV	3206
3. Benton-Othello Sw Sta 115 kV	2556
4. Mead Tap 115 kV	2324

5.	Shawnee-Terre View 115 kV	2270
6.	Bronx-Cabinet 115 kV	1585
7.	Devils Gap-Stratford 115 kV	1150
8.	Cabinet-Rathdrum 230 kV	402
9.	Hot Springs-Noxon #1 230 kV	21
10.	Benewah-Pine Creek 115 kV	2

**Table 17: Transmission Lines causing the most customer outages greater than 3 hours in 2014**

Overall, the data shows that the 115 kV system is significantly less reliable than the 230 kV system in terms of total outages and customers directly affected.

The causes for customer outages lasting longer than three hours increased for rotten crossarms, insulators, switch/disconnect, pole fires, cars hitting poles, and snow/ice events. These types of outages should be monitored closely as surveys indicate that outages lasting longer than three hours are the most important reliability factor driving customer satisfaction. Appropriate steps should be taken to prevent these outages in the future and to reduce repair time should an outage occur. Weather related outages caused the most customer-hours lost per occurrence.

It should be noted that two lines appear on all three of the ‘worst transmission line’ lists described above:

1. Benewah-Pine Creek 115 kV
2. Devils Gap-Stratford 115 kV

Extending the above lists to include the worst 20 lines, four other lines would appear on all three indices:

3. Benton-Othello Sw Sta 115 kV
4. Bronx-Cabinet 115 kV
5. Cabinet-Rathdrum 230 kV
6. Addy-Devils Gap 115 kV

Based on this information, closer monitoring for these lines is warranted. Benton-Othello 115kV is in the process of a major rebuild/reconductor that will be completed in 2017. Bronx-Cabinet 115kV is in the middle of a 5-year rebuild scheduled to be completed in 2017. Devils Gap-Stratford 115kV is scheduled for a minor rebuild in 2016 and should be considered for full rebuild. A rebuild/reconductor is planned for 2017-2018 on Addy - Devils Gap 115kV. A thorough rebuild analysis was completed for

Benewah-Pine Creek 230kV lines, recommending a \$27 million full rebuild of structures, no reconductor in 2018-2020. Cabinet – Rathdrum 230kV is a steel line in excellent condition, however trees that fell on the line on two separate occasions in December caused over 12 hours of outage time on the line with over 3 hours outage to 402 customers.

The outage causes for the last six years are summarized in the table below. In 2014 there were 172 feeder outages, but only 51 unique transmission events that caused those outages. Data for 2009 through 2013 previously analyzed indicated individual feeder outages stemming from a transmission outage (in many cases the same transmission outage caused more than one feeder outage), while the 2014 data was analyzed to indicate only the number of unique transmission outages for each subreason. For this reason the available data from 2009 to 2013 is not directly comparable to what is presented for 2014 at the current time.

Reason	Subreason	2014
Animal	Bird	
Animal	Animal - Other	
Animal	Squirrel	
Company	Company - Other	2
Equipment OH	Conductor - Pri	1
Equipment OH	Connector - Pri	
Equipment OH	Crossarm - Rotten	1
Equipment OH	Insulator	1
Equipment OH	Cutout/Fuse	
Equipment OH	Switch/Disconnect	4
Equipment Sub	Highside Breaker	1
Equipment Sub	Relay Misoperation	
Equipment Sub	Transformer	2
Equipment	Equipment - Other	2
Miscellaneous	See Remarks	
Planned	Planned - Forced Outage	1
Planned	Planned - Maint/Upgrade	5
Pole Fire	Pole Fire	1
Public	Car Hit Pole	1
Public	Public - Tree	
Public	Public - Other	3
Tree Fell	Tree Fell	
Undetermined	Undetermined	12
Weather	Weather - Lightning	3
Weather	Weather - Snow/Ice	8
Weather	Weather - Tree	
Weather	Weather - Wind	3
	<b>Grand Total</b>	51

**Table 18: Transmission Outage Causes, 2009-2014**

Weather related outages continue to dominate both in terms of number of occurrences and customer-hour outages. At over 60,000 hours, wind had the highest number of customer-hour outages. This

number is slightly higher than last year (55,000 customer-hours) and is mostly due to two back-to-back storms that hit in late July and early August. These wind storms not only caused the most customer outages for the year, but also caused widespread damage to the system, particularly in northern Spokane and Sandpoint where the storms hit the hardest.

The nine largest outage events for the year include three due to weather, one due to pole fires, three due to equipment failures, one because a car hit a pole, and one resulting from planned maintenance & upgrades. The pole fire event caused 29,000 hours in customer outages, but it was the only pole fire incident of the year to affect customers. The Milan Tap, Colbert Tap, and Mead Tap which tap off of BPA’s Addy-Bell #1 115 KV line, all sustained long outages due to this single pole fire incident. Another notable outage due to pole fires occurred on the Lolo-Oxbow 230 KV line. While this occurrence did not leave any customers without power, it did burn about 20 poles, resulting in a line outage lasting 24 days. Despite these two incidents, the lack of other pole fires in 2014 is a positive indicator of the system-wide fire protective coating program.

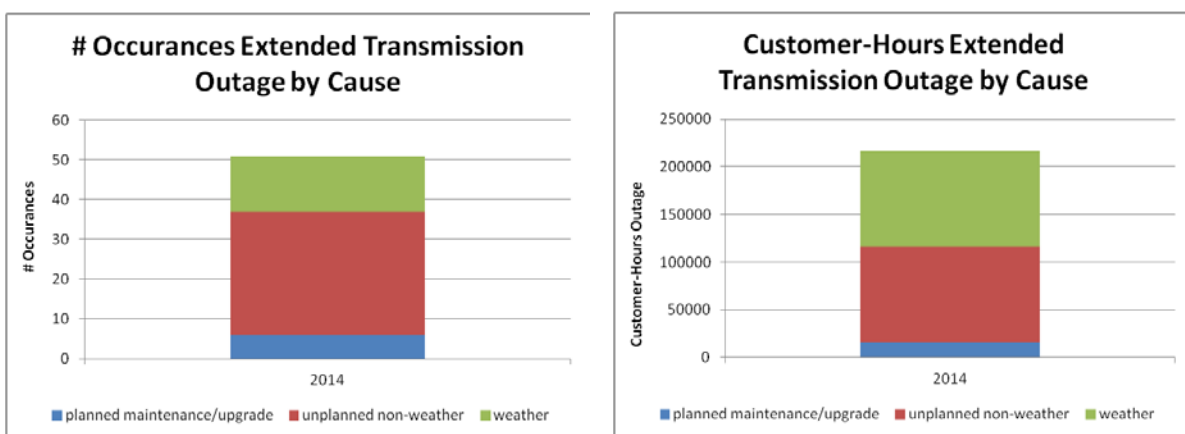


Figure 5: Transmission outage causes affecting customers in 2014

## Programs

### 1. Major Rebuilds

Out of the \$15,527,176 million in planned capital replacement projects in 2014, \$3,637,644 was spent on major rebuilds, \$4,103,971 on minor rebuilds and \$135,493 on switch replacements, for a total of \$7,877,108. The recommended level is a minimum of \$18.5 million for major rebuilds, \$2.0 million for minor rebuilds and \$264k for switch replacements, for a total of \$21 million replacement spending per year for 30 years. As stated previously, replacement projects do not include additional capital projects

that are mandated, growth related, reimbursable, or otherwise do not address aging infrastructure. Furthermore, the recommended spending is the minimum levelized spending over the entire 30 year period, which in the shorter term may need to be increased to minimize lifecycle costs – given inspection results, risk analysis, cost of capital, and economies of scale opportunities.

The most significant major rebuild and reconductor projects currently planned through 2017 are listed below, with rough estimates of budget dollars allocated for each year. Please note that these plans are subject to change and projects for 2018 and 2019 in particular are only partially complete.

Description	BI	Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pine Creek-Burke-Thompson Falls	CT101	Rebuild Transmission	\$0	\$0	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0
9CE-Sunset 115kV Transmission	ST503	Reconductor/Rebuild	\$25,000	\$900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Garden Springs - Silver Lake 115kV	ST304	Recon/Rebld H&W to S Fairchild Ta	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$2,000,000	\$0
Addy-Devils Gap 115kV	ST306	Reconductor/Rebuild near Ford Sul	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$2,000,000	\$0
Benewah-Moscow 230kV	PT305	Reconductor/Rebuild	\$7,815,802	\$8,060,576	\$8,302,393	\$0	\$0
Cabinet-Noxon 230kV	AT700	Reconductor/Rebuild	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
Benewah-Pine Creek 230kV	CT908	Reconductor/Rebuild	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lolo-Oxbow 230kV	LT900	Reconductor/Rebuild	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transmission Reconductor/Rebuild	XT703	High Resistance Conductor Replace	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0
West Plains Trans Reinforcement	ST305	Garden Springs - Sunset	\$25,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
CDA-Pine Creek 115kV Rebuild	CT300	Rebuild Transmission	\$0	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000
Devils Gap-Lind 115kV Rebuild	ST302	Rebuild Transmission	\$3,947,144	\$4,050,558	\$0	\$0	\$0
Chelan-Stratford 115kV	BT304	Rebuild Columbia River Crossing	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sys - Rebuild Trans - Condition	AMT81	BRX-CAB & BRX-SCR Rebuild	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000
Ben-Oth SS 115 - ReCond/ReBld	FT130	Ben-Oth SS 115 - ReCond/ReBld	\$3,600,000	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
		sum	\$18,312,946	\$20,011,134	\$18,852,393	\$21,000,000	\$12,000,000

**Table 19: Major Rebuild Projects, 2015 – 2018**

Effort will continue to be applied to prioritize replacement spending according to risk and criticality rankings, using detailed analysis where appropriate and engaging various stakeholders to arrive at optimized business decisions. In the last several years, detailed simulation studies have repeatedly shown major rebuilds as the optimal rebuild option for those lines with older assets and relatively higher risk rankings, rather than sectional or partial rebuilds, or minor rebuild options. Due to the infrequency of conductor failures, unless system planning determines a need or benefit for increased capacity, these studies indicate rebuilding structures and re-using the existing conductor as optimal. Calculated Customer Internal Rate of Return (CIRR) are typically at 8% or higher, with strong business risk reduction and final assessment scores of 90 or more, placing them in the top 25% of competing capital project business cases across the company. Accordingly, similar simulation studies in the future are expected to generate comparable results, i.e. analysis of old, high risk lines will continue to show major rebuilds as

the optimal rebuild decision from the standpoint of lowest lifecycle costs, including reduced business risk and lowest consequence costs for the customer.

## 2. Minor Rebuilds

The information collected by aerial patrols is used in conjunction with inspection reports to prioritize and budget minor rebuild capital projects, where a major rebuild is not justified. Our goal is to complete repairs and replacements for high-risk issues from 0 to 6 months after identification by aerial or ground inspection, and for all other moderate risk issues by the end of the year following the inspection year.

Planned inspections and follow-up work in the form of minor rebuilds is effective in maintaining service levels while minimizing near-term capital and O&M costs. Where warranted and on a line-by-line basis, detailed simulation modeling helps ascertain the optimal rebuild approach and support a business case to compete with others in the company’s capital projects selection and budgeting process. A system-wide simulation model or other method is needed to help validate and/or provide adjustment recommendations to our inspection intervals, minor rebuild target budgets, and fact-based policies on minor vs. sectional vs. full rebuild thresholds. Current policy is to conduct detailed ground inspections every 15 years, following up with minor or major rebuilds as condition assessments justify. Current budget plans for minor rebuilds and air switch replacements are listed below, subject to changes. Given the large number of old lines due for inspection, the age profile of air switches and an expected life of 40 years for each air switch, it is recommended to increase the minor rebuild budget to \$2.0 million per year and air switch replacements at \$264,000 per year.

Description	BI	Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Transmission Minor Rebuilds	AMT12	Xsmn Minor Rebuild - WA	\$750,000	\$775,000	\$775,000	\$800,000	\$825,000
Transmission Minor Rebuilds	AMT13	Xsmn Minor Rebuild - ID	\$739,455	\$772,262	\$780,249	\$813,420	\$848,117
Sys - Trans Air Switch Upgrade	AMT10	Asset Man Trans Switch Upgrade	\$220,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$230,000	\$230,000
		sum	\$1,709,455	\$1,772,262	\$1,780,249	\$1,843,420	\$1,903,117

**Table 20: Minor Rebuild and Switch Upgrade Budget, 2015 – 2018**

See the Area Work Plans section at the end of this report for a detailed list of minor rebuild projects in 2015.

## 3. Air Switch Replacements

Transmission Air Switches (TAS) are used to sectionalize transmission lines during outages or when performing maintenance. The frequency of operation varies greatly depending on location. Some TAS may not be operated for years.

TAS may not operate properly when opened and flashover, possibly tripping the line out. This can be the result of a component failure (whips and vac-rupters) or the TAS may be out of adjustment. Most TAS mis-operations could be avoided with regular inspection and maintenance, however we currently have no planned inspection or maintenance program. Inspections could range from systematic visual

inspection to infrared scanning and inspections for corona discharge. Maintenance could consist of exercising switches, lubrication, blade adjustment, replacement of live parts such as contacts and whips, and repair of ground mats and platforms.

Ground grids and platforms are installed at the base of each switch to provide equal potential between an operator’s hands and feet in the event of a flashover of the air switch. The typical ground grid is buried copper wire attached to ground rods covered with fine gravel. Over time the ground grids may be damaged by machinery, cattle and erosion, or even theft. In 2008, 80 TAS were fitted with grounding platforms for worker safety. During this process a new worm gear handle was installed and disconnecting whips were adjusted. Operating pivot joints of the switch mechanisms are not affected by this work. Thus, the 2008 work was safety related, not switch mechanism related. Remaining switches in the system requiring new platforms need to be confirmed and upgraded. It is estimated that close to 100 switches require new platforms.

With radial switching of the 115kV transmission system, many TAS are operated remotely. In these instances, company personnel are not present to observe the opening of the switch and some problems therefore remain hidden. A small problem could progress to the point where a major failure occurs. A small amount of material is maintained in the warehouse and Beacon yard for emergency repairs, but many of the switches are old and parts are often difficult to locate.

Typically three to four TAS are replaced each year. A detailed inventory of 115kV TAS outside substations was completed in 2013, including determination of age where formerly 20% of the assets were unknown. TAS inventory includes 180 switches of various types and configurations, as shown below according to remaining service life. Based on this profile, levelized replacement should increase to five replacements per year, requiring an increase to \$264,000 from the current \$220,000 annual budget and recent spending in 2013 - 2014 of \$151,556 and \$135,493, respectively. Annual budgets should be prioritized according to a rational condition assessment and quantitative risk assessment, rather than ad-hoc requests from field personnel and anecdotal observation which is the current method.

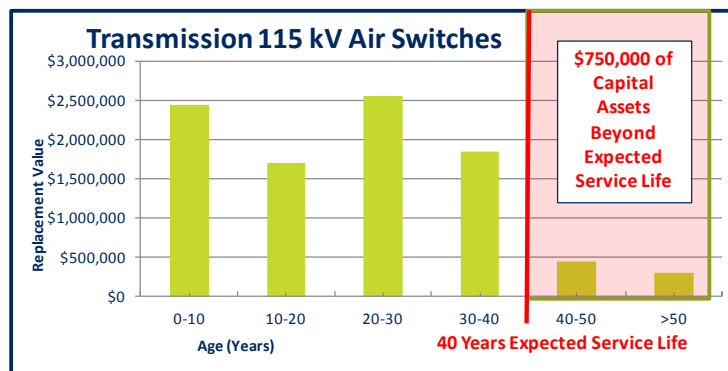


Figure 6: Air Switch Replacement Value vs. Remaining Service Life



Thorough investigation of industry best-practices regarding inspection and planned maintenance of air switches, with follow-up recommendations is recommended. At minimum, a reasonable condition assessment program is envisioned, such as visual inspection at least every two years, possibly annual inspection for those more critical switches, and annual performance evaluation based on System Operations input. Below is a prioritized list of switches due for repairs or replacement in the next few years, with those switches exhibiting operational problems listed first.

SW #	Problems	Age (yrs)	LINE/SUBSTATION
A-70	Problem Switch	84	Chelan-Stratford
A-336	Old KPF, Needs Replaced	49	Grangeville-Nez Perce #1: Cottonwood Tap
A-355	Old KPF on a broken pole	48	Jaype-Orofino
A-346	Wood in Switching Mech. Is bowed	47	Grangeville-Nez Perce #2
A-376	Old KPF, Needs Replaced	43	Grangeville-Nez Perce #2
A-298	Needs whips; Center 0 and North 0 gone, South Bent	38	115kv Boulder-Rathdrum
A-158	Doesn't work properly, drop load on both sides then use switch, mat ground straps need repair	31	Beacon-Francis & Cedar
A-345	Pole Needs Structure # Tag	30	Grangeville-Nez Perce #2
A-442	Broken Whip	26	Dworshak-Orofino
A-377	Scott paper tap; Egerized to Switch	21	Grangeville-Nez Perce #2 : Scott Paper Tap
A-176	Mat ground straps need repair	18	Bell-Northeast
A-679	Difficult to Close	15	Othello-Warden #2
A-680	Motor Operator is too slow - it arcs	15	Othello-Warden #2
A-358	Old KPF, Needs Replaced	10	Jaype-Orofino
A-407	Broken Crossarms ??	4	Grangeville-Nez Perce #1
A-421	Ground Cables and Strands cut, NEEDS REPAIR	4	Ramsey-Rathdrum #1
A-184		61	Shawnee-Sunset
A-19		59	Pine Street-Rathdrum: Oldtown Tap
A-26		59	Burke-Pine Creek # 3
A-220		57	Lolo-Nez Perce
A-221		57	Lolo-Nez Perce
A-173		47	Moscow 230-Orofino
A-58		46	Chelan-Stratford
A-295		46	Benewah-Pine Creek : St Maries Tap
A-49		44	Devils Gap-Stratford
A-126		40	8th & Fancher-Latah 115 kV
A-127		40	8th & Fancher-Latah 115 kV

**Table 21: Airswitch Priority List for Repairs and Replacements**

Finally, transmission outage cause tracking needs to be improved in order to ascertain failure trends for the air switch population and to justify long-term replacement policy, e.g. improved data for line outage

durations and affected customers that result from failed air switch operations. In reading through notes on the TOR, Asset Management was able to determine that there were 122 outages from 1975 through 2007, resulting in an average of 3.7 outages per year caused by switches. The durations and quantified consequences of these outages, however are unknown and difficult to model.

#### 4. Structural Ground Inspections (Wood Pole Management)

Avista wood transmission structures are predominately butt-treated Western Red Cedar poles. Most of the service territory is in a semi-arid climate. The most common failure mode for wood poles is internal and external decay at or near the ground line. Transmission Wood Pole Management (WPM) measures this decay and determines which poles must be reinforced or replaced. Details describing inspection techniques are in the company's "Specification for Inspection and Treatment of Wood Poles, S-622".

The testing program is valuable in identification of poles needing replacement or reinforcement, as well as identifying other structure components requiring repair or replacement. Compared to the pre-1987 method of solely visual inspections for pole integrity, the testing program replaces about 15% as many poles.

Wood transmission poles are on a 15-year inspection cycle. We are currently targeting inspection of 2400 wood transmission poles annually out of 36,422 wood poles installed. At this pace, by 2019 we will reach the 15-year cycle for all transmission lines. See the Area Work Plans section of this report for a list of future planned inspections.

In recent years, prioritization and scheduling of ground inspections has been based on the time since the last ground inspection. Results of these inspections provide the basis for case-by-case analysis and the scope of subsequent minor and major rebuild projects on each line. While it is important that we maintain a maximum 15-year ground inspection cycle, it is recommended that future inspection scheduling includes consideration of the risk index, which may justify earlier inspection. As a general rule, critical assets that exhibit age-related failures should be inspected to verify condition and justify service extension or removal near the end of their expected service lives. We currently have many 115kV lines with assets 10 or more years past expected service life, that have not been inspected for nearly 20 years. This poses a significant unknown risk.

If actual condition assessment warrants service extension, shorter inspection intervals are prudent when the time to failure characteristics worsen with age – as is the case with much of our transmission wood infrastructure. Approximately 17% of the system is beyond its expected life, with a large portion of those assets over 15 years since the last ground inspection. The scattered age profile on many lines that results over many decades from periodic minor rebuilds and one-off replacements, makes this situation difficult to remedy – one must choose between the pros and cons of spotty replacements when failure occurs on one end of the spectrum, to larger line section replacements and full rebuilds on the other. Regardless, for those lines that have significant sections or quantities of older assets that demonstrate higher relative risks, out-of-cycle inspection and a shorter inspection interval may be warranted (e.g. 10 years instead of 15).

## 5. Structural Aerial Patrols

The Avista transmission system covers a large geographical area that has all types of terrain. Some parts of the system are so remote and difficult to access that they only get inspected from the ground when company personnel are in the area due to a failure or a major reconstruction project. Transmission Aerial Patrols (TAP) have been utilized to provide a quick above-ground inspection to identify significant problems that require immediate attention, such as lightning damage, cracked or sagging crossarms, fire damage, bird nests and danger trees.

In addition, aerial patrols can identify improper uses of the transmission Right-of-Way (R/W), such as dwellings, grain bins, and other types of clearance problems that must be addressed. Typically, the patrol will be performed in the spring. Identified repairs, depending on severity, are scheduled to be performed within 6 months.

TAP inspects 100% of 230kV lines and 70% of 115kV lines annually. The remaining 30% of 115kV lines are located in urban areas that are frequently viewed by line personnel for potential problems. The Transmission Design group schedules patrols for each service territory. The TAP areas are: Spokane (includes Othello, Davenport and Colville), Coeur d'Alene (includes Kellogg and St. Maries), Pullman, and Lewiston/Clarkston (includes Grangeville and Orofino).

Aerial patrols are performed by qualified personnel from Transmission Design, often accompanied by local office personnel. Inspection forms have been developed that contain a weighting system to identify the severity of defects. This information can then be utilized to make recommendations for necessary repairs.

## 6. Vegetation Aerial Patrols and Follow-up Work

The Transmission Vegetation Management (TVM) program maintains the transmission system clear of trees and other vegetation, in order to provide safe clearance from trees and reduce outages caused by trees, weather, snow, ice and wind.

The entire 230kV system is annually inspected with a combination of aerial and ground patrols by the System Forester, who solely manages the overall program. Select 115kV lines are also patrolled according to criticality. In addition, vegetation issues noted during structural aerial patrols on the 115kV system, as well as fielding of transmission line projects by Transmission Engineering are relayed to the System Forester. Based on this information, follow-up work plans are adjusted and executed with contract crews over the course of the year.

Over the next ten years, annual budgets of \$1.2 million are recommended to allow for optimal completion of major re-clearing work and a transition to Integrated Vegetation Management. It is expected that annual budgets will be evaluated and fine tuned to fit workloads as appropriate.

See the Transmission Vegetation Management Program reference (Avista Utilities, 2012) for more details on the program.

## 7. Fire Retardant Coatings

After several fires and a 2008 study to initiate systematic remediation, fire retardant coating has been applied to the base of wood transmission poles system-wide. At this point the entire 230kV system has been deemed adequately protected and the 115kV system is approximately 34% complete. Given the fire event of last year, the Lolo-Oxbow 230kV line is planned for early recoating in 2015 to reduce risk (coatings are expected to remain effective for 12 years, Lolo-Oxbow was coated in 2007). Targeted areas include those subject to grassland fires and in close proximity to railroads. Protective coating is not applied to heavily forested areas as it is deemed inadequate in these areas to merit the cost of application.

It is estimated that approximately 4,390 poles remain to be coated in the 115kV system. Following the current plan to coat 714 poles in 2015 (179 115 kV poles and 535 230 kV poles repainting the Lolo – Oxbow line), it recommended to coat 1000 poles per year for the following five years to complete the work by 2020. At a total labor and materials cost of \$242/pole, this equates to \$242,000/year. Beyond this, regular maintenance and upkeep will only be required, at an unknown amount depending on the longevity of the coatings. Until better information is obtained, \$50k/year for ongoing coating maintenance is estimated. Performance metrics could be considered to monitor performance of this program, possibly in terms of % of the system protected, maintenance spending and actual fire damage costs. As noted in the Outages section, pole fire incidents have dramatically decreased, however monitoring and adjustment of this program remains a necessity.

See Whicker (2013) for more details and history of this program, which is now administered by the Transmission Design group.

## 8. 230kV Foundation Grouting

The Noxon-Pine Creek and Cabinet – Rathdrum 230kV circuits have unique steel structures where the interface between the steel sleeve in the foundation and above-ground structure requires re-grouting after approximately 30 years, to avoid destructive corrosion. This work has been completed on the Noxon-Pine Creek 230kV line. Approximately \$250k out of \$500k of foundation grouting work on Cabinet – Rathdrum 230kV was completed through 2014. Another \$83k/year is planned through project completion in 2017.

## 9. Polymer Insulators

Transmission Line Polymer Insulators (TPI) provide insulation at the connection points for transmission lines to the supporting structure. Other types of insulators include toughened glass and older porcelain types. Although no significant problems have been noted on 115kV lines, there were numerous faults on 230kV lines from 1998 to 2008 attributable to poly insulators causing line outages, and five mechanical failures that caused the line to fall.

In 2008 a plan was initiated to replace TPIs and install corona rings on dead-end TPI insulators on various 230kV lines (without corona rings, TPIs are expected to fail in the 10 – 15 year timeframe, with corona rings the expected service life is extended to an unknown age).

Work was completed primarily in 2009 on N. Lewiston - Shawnee 230kV and Dry Creek – N. Lewiston 230kV, and in 2011 all suspension and dead-end TPIs on the Hatwai - N. Lewiston 230kV were replaced with toughened glass insulators.

This work appears to have been effective. From 2009 to 2012, only 2 sustained outage occurrences involving insulators are recorded. However, the degree to which TPIs exist on the remainder of the system, and the prediction of current and future risk is unknown.

For this reason, it is recommended that at least on 230kV lines, future ground inspections include information gathering on the insulator type, so that an analysis of risk and optimal mitigation actions may be made in a short time period should that become necessary.

Current transmission engineering standards use toughened glass insulators for 230kV, and either toughened glass or poly insulators for 115kV. Due to the lighter weight of polymer insulators, they are generally preferred by Avista crews. However, given the problems experienced on 230kV lines and anecdotal evidence of high scrap rates for TPIs on 115kV projects, their use on 115kV lines poses some unknown risks and a systematic monitoring program may be advisable.

## 10. Conductor & Compression Sleeves

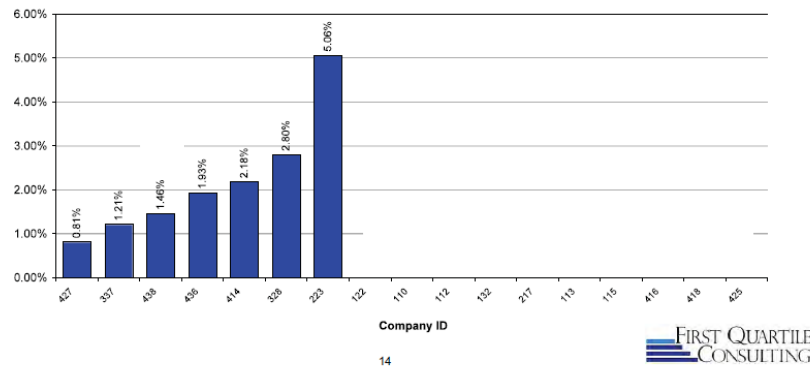
Credible condition and failure characteristics of conductor and compression sleeves, and the location and age of thousands of compression sleeves in the system are currently unknown. Provided proper installation, protection, and service conditions, most conductor will last over 100 years, if not indefinitely. The compression sleeves, however, are expected to last between 40 and 50 years, posing a more immediate reliability risk.

Between 2008 and 2010, an effective risk mitigation program was carried out for in-line compression sleeves on 230kV AAC lines, following several years of one to two failures per year. Since then, no known in-line compression sleeve failures have occurred. However, at some point we should expect failures to resurface. Until that time, an effort to determine sleeve locations and confirmation of reliable reporting of conductor and sleeve failures system-wide is advisable. Proactive reinforcement of sleeves may also be justified, pending more detailed study. See Whicker (2009) for more details on the 230kV in-line sleeve mitigation project.

In December of 2014, two separate incidents of dead-end compression sleeve failures occurred on the Noxon – Pine Creek 230kV line. Preliminary analysis indicates these failures were probably the result of poor installation workmanship, where the internal inhibitor material was removed to allow for easier installation. The lack of inhibitor thus fails to seal the sleeve, allowing water to intrude and corrode the conductor, leading to early failure of steel and aluminum strands. A thorough investigation and is in progress to determine appropriate remedial actions.

## Benchmarking

Asset replacement spending relative to other utilities is one area of particular interest. A 2008 study performed by First Quartile Consulting gathered data from 17 utilities of various sizes and geographic service territories in the U.S. and Canada, providing the 3-year average transmission line replacement capital spending per asset as shown in the figure below.



**Figure 7: 3-year Transmission Lines Replacement Capital Spending per Asset (First Quartile Consulting, 2008)**

This shows that out of seven companies providing data, the median was 1.93% and the mean was 2.41% over a three year period. Avista’s comparable replacement spending over the last two years and the recommended annual replacement spending over a 30-year period are shown in the table below.

\$9,906,225	2013 planned replacement spending
\$1,630,943	2013 unplanned/emergency replacement spending
\$11,537,168	2013 total replacement capital spending
\$1,140,319,249	Transmission asset replacement value
<b>0.87%</b>	2013 replacement spending capital per asset
\$7,877,719	2014 planned replacement spending
	2014 unplanned/emergency replacement spending
\$7,877,719	2014 total replacement capital spending
\$1,140,319,249	Transmission asset replacement value
<b>0.69%</b>	2014 replacement spending capital per asset
\$21,135,371	recommended planned annual replacement spending (30 year plan)
\$1,321,019	targeted unplanned/emergency replacement spending
\$22,456,390	targeted total replacement capital spending (30 year plan)
\$1,140,319,249	Transmission asset replacement value
<b>1.97%</b>	recommended replacement spending capital per asset

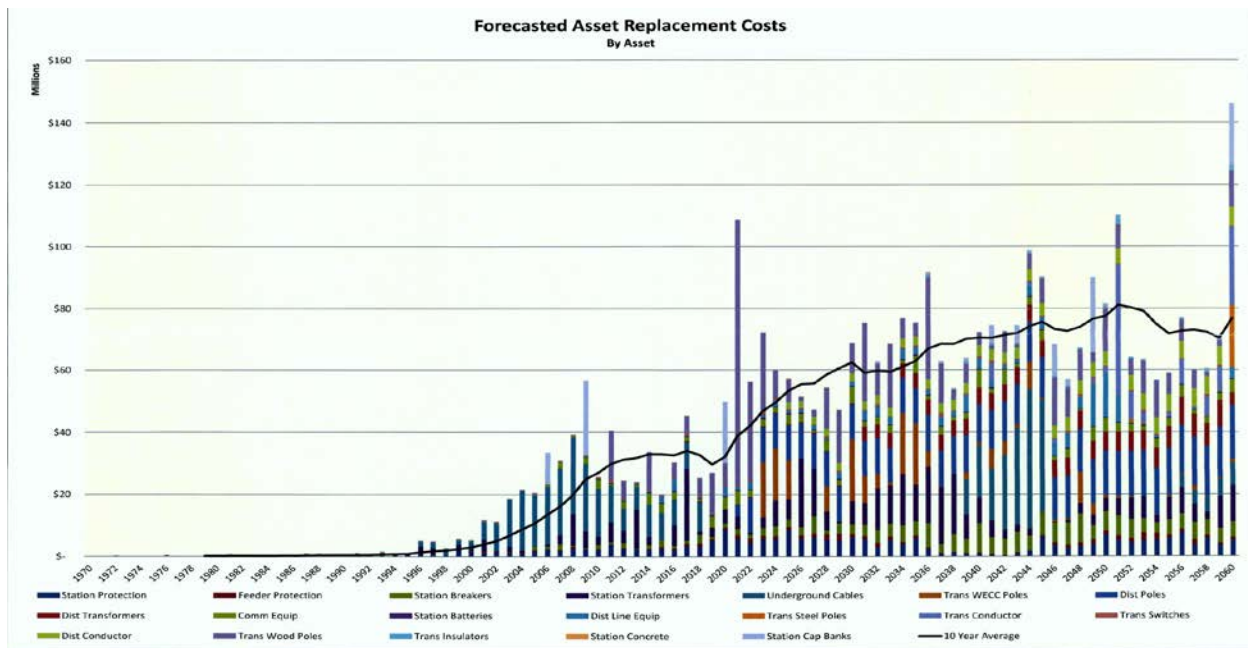
**Table 22: Avista Transmission Lines Replacement Capital Spending per Asset**

This shows that Avista’s capital replacement spending over the last two years is significantly lower than the study’s average, close to the lowest of the seven reported utilities. Comparably, the recommended

capital replacement spending as part of a levelized 30-year plan of \$21.1 million (planned work) plus an assumed \$1.3 million unplanned emergency work results in 1.97%, very near the study’s median and less than the average.

Idaho Power is a very good benchmark utility for Avista in terms of size, operating environment and electric transmission component and system similarities. In discussions with their staff, thorough transmission structure ground inspections are conducted every 10 years, with quick visual inspections (drive-bys) every 2 years. It is also clear that in general, Idaho Power spends considerably more time and effort on O&M maintenance activities relative to Avista, at least in areas of transmission and substation systems.

Idaho Power is also projecting a significant rise in capital replacement of aging infrastructure in the next several decades, as shown below. Over just the next 10 years, this indicates a total capital spend for Idaho Power of \$211 million for replacement of wood poles alone, or \$21 million per year levelized. This is similar in magnitude to the recommended replacement of aging wood infrastructure at Avista over the next several decades.

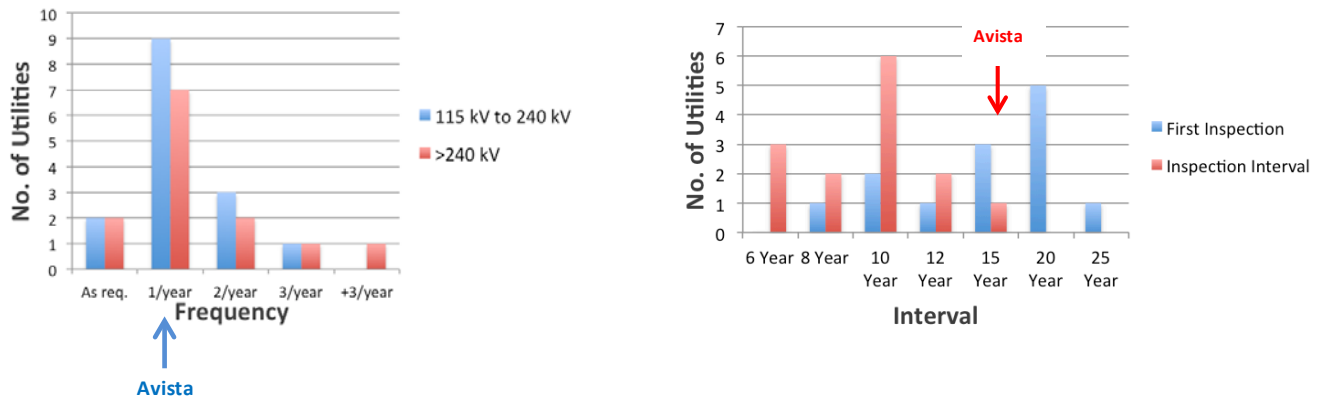


**Figure 8: Idaho Power Long-term Replacement Costs**

As stated previously, investigation of air switch maintenance practices of various utilities indicates that most utilities perform a much greater degree of maintenance than Avista.

In terms of broader maintenance benchmarking, a study through a CEATI report (excerpts below) show that Avista is among the majority of peers conducting aerial patrols once per year, but that of all 15 utilities responding, we have the longest ground inspection interval at 15 years, as compared to the most common interval of 10 years.

This does not necessarily mean that our inspection interval needs to be shortened. However, it does at least indicate where we stand relative to other utilities participating in the survey, and at minimum would tend to discourage extending our inspection interval any further.



**Figure 9: Maintenance Benchmarking: Aerial Patrols (left) and Pole Inspections (right)**

## Data Integrity

The following table lists the various sources of information used for Asset Management purposes. Data gathering from non-electronic sources, as well as mining and cleaning of available information makes up a disproportionately large amount of current work for Asset Management staff, on the order of 80% of total work. Long term, in order to provide the most value to Avista this needs to be reversed with 80% applied to analyzing data and 20% to gathering and cleaning data.



Status	Data Source	Notes/Comments
	AFM	wood species info missing for 115kV; potentially large # of stubs entered as pole installs, major job backlog updates pending from 1992
	Line History Binder	great historical info but hasn't been updated for 15 years
	Safety information	unable to isolate to Transmission work
	Plan & Profile (P&P drawings)	major job backlog updates pending from 1992 to present; long term migration to digital (PLS-CADD) format
	WPM database	pole information is not updated to reflect followup work or other projects, just at time of inspection; handnotes need to be consolidated and alphabetized, line naming conventions need to be synced up; wood species in hand notes and electronic files needs to be uploaded to AFM
	Maximo	in design phase for Tx, summer 2014 implementation; may not capture component failure mode data as designed
	Transmission Engineering Guidelines	partially complete, need more participation to complete
	Engineering files vault	engineers need to submit as-built updates more promptly, "archived" files need to be refiled in their proper line section
	Discoverer	unwieldy to summarize costing across different Tx projects, difficult to isolate costs/activities to Tx
	AWB simulations	building on progress/standards/methods
	PLS-CADD and design/construction standards	progress continues, plan to publish new standards in 2014
	Air Switch Master Inventory Spreadsheet	updated inventory and detailed info complete
	OMT data	mostly reliable info but some categories are mixed with substations, for example PMs that really are transmission related are placed in subs
	Tx Projects & Capital Budget Spreadsheets	
	System Data Book	verified long term viability of data-base, closely maintained

**Table 23: Transmission Asset Data Integrity**

We are 100% complete processing updates to a backlog of 459 transmission jobs dated from 1992 to the present in our GIS/AFM database and on plan and profile (P&P) drawings. WPM inspection records in handnote form have been entered electronically. Pole material type, location and installation dates have been synchronized with updated AFM information. However, this clean dataset now exists in spreadsheet form and needs to be uploaded to AFM. Line history binders are in the process of being updated and converted to electronic files. Engineers are following the construction as-built recording process, however prompt updates continue to be problematic. A realistic goal of 6-months from the completion of construction to records updating complete and project close-out has been established. Maximo implementation is in progress. It appears that many years will be needed to obtain quality data that may be effectively used for asset management purposes. The new transmission construction

standards are a major accomplishment and are being used as a baseline for improvement on a regular basis.

## Material Usage

According to Supply Chain staff, a definitive list of parts, quantities and funds spent on transmission work is currently unavailable. The following list of materials was tabulated from a query of the Oracle database for those projects listed as Transmission from October 2010 to October 2012. This should not be taken as complete costing information, but may be reasonably considered accurate for the relative use of material categories.

Category	Total Amount	%
steel poles	\$1,770,582	44%
other	\$466,378	12%
fire retardant coating	\$445,514	11%
crossarms	\$349,709	9%
air switches	\$293,131	7%
conductor	\$259,622	6%
insulators	\$228,702	6%
crossbraces	\$96,212	2%
vibration dampers	\$78,916	2%
wood poles	\$52,927	1%
total	\$4,050,929	100%

**Table 24: Relative Material Purchases, 10/2010 – 10/2012**

## Root Cause Analysis (RCA)

Following the Othello storm in September 2013, a team was formed to study the causes of the event and develop effective solutions to prevent recurrence, as appropriate. Representatives from Transmission Design, Asset Management, Distribution Engineering, Construction Services, and Spokane Electric participated. In addition to technical forensics, a rigorous methodology was followed known as the “Apollo Root Cause Analysis method™”, requiring evidence and team consensus to develop effective solutions. Not only the root causes, but also the significance of the event and the more severe consequences that were narrowly avoided were unexpectedly discovered through the team’s deliberations. A summary report was generated and a number of significant action items initiated to prevent or mitigate similar events in the future.

Unexpected events such as the Othello storm, while undesirable, in many cases offer rare opportunities to learn and improve. No single formula or approach is generically applicable to all problems. However, the Apollo RCA method or close variant is applicable to many, and it is hoped that it may be used to greater effect in the future. Lessons learned from this effort will inform the next RCA effort if/when it arises.

## System Planning Projects

The tables below list substation and transmission projects at various stages from study through construction. This list is a snapshot of current plans and is subject to frequent change. For more details, see the System Planning Assessment (Avista, 2014). The first two tables below list projects classified as corrective action plans in order to mitigate performance issues. The last two tables contain projects that are not categorized as corrective action plans.

Overall, customer and load growth is low at about 1%, and is expected to remain stagnant for many years. Customer loads may even decrease over the next few years, due to continued conservation and efficiency trends such as the conversion to LED lighting. One exception to this is in the West Plains area, which is forecasted to grow at a higher rate in both the residential and business sectors for several years. Major system planning needs include adding transformer capacity, and improved redundancy around the Spokane area. This will most likely be best accomplished by the addition of new, looped 230kV transmission lines around Spokane.

Clear, objective ranking and decision criteria and its consistent use in the company's capital project selection and budgeting process is recommended, in order to reduce the time and effort required to develop, review, approve, prioritize, and execute construction projects.

	Year Issue Starts	Construction Start	Construction End	Priority	Cost Estimate
<b>Big Bend</b>					
<b>1-Completed</b>					
Chelan - Stratford 115 kV Transmission Line River Crossing				0.01	
Stratford 115 kV Station Rebuild				0.01	
<b>2-Planned</b>					
Addy - Devils Gap 115 kV Transmission Line Reconstructor	Present	2017	2018	4.16	\$2,025,000
Benton - Othello SS 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	Present	2015	2016	77.25	\$7,100,000
<b>3-Needs Further Analysis</b>					
Chelan - Stratford 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	Present			2.48	\$13,000,000
Lind - Warden 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild		2033		0.14	\$9,000,000
Saddle Mountain Integration	Present			23.18	\$16,400,000
<b>4-New Proposal</b>					
Addy - Kettle Falls Protection Scheme	Present			45.00	\$1,000,000
Devils Gap - Stratford 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	2019			1.40	\$90,100,000
Devils Gap Station Reconfiguration	Present			16.00	\$3,000,000
Kettle Falls Capacitor Bank	2024			0.02	\$500,000
<b>Coeur d'Alene</b>					
<b>1-Completed</b>					
Lancaster Interconnection					
<b>2-Planned</b>					
Cabinet - Bronx - Sand Creek 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	Present	2015	2017	76.88	\$7,500,000
Coeur d'Alene - Pine Creek 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	Present	2016	2018	90.30	\$12,750,000
Pine Creek Transformer Replacement		2034		0.01	\$500,000
<b>4-New Proposal</b>					
Cabinet 230/115 kV Transformer Automatic LTC	2019			0.21	\$50,000
Rathdrum 115 kV Bus Reconfiguration		2034		1.29	\$5,000,000
Sandpoint Reinforcement	Present			16.31	\$20,000,000
St. Maries Cap Bank	Present			3.13	\$500,000
<b>Lewiston/Clarkston</b>					
<b>3-Needs Further Analysis</b>					
North Lewiston Reactors	Present	2015	2016	150.00	\$4,900,000
<b>4-New Proposal</b>					
Hawaii - Lolo #2 230 kV Transmission Line	Present	2017	2019	7.97	\$8,025,000
Lolo Transformer Replacement	Present			0.13	\$1,000,000
South Lewiston Station Rebuild	2030	2015	2016	0.06	\$1,400,000

**Table 25: Corrective System Planning Projects (Big Bend, CDA & Lewiston/Clarkston)**

	Year Issue Starts	Construction Start	Construction End	Priority	Cost Estimate
<b>Palouse</b>				107.25	\$2,500,000
<b>1-Completed</b>					
Moscow 230 Station Rebuild				0.01	
<b>4-New Proposal</b>					
Shawnee #2 230/115 kV Transformer	Present			107.25	\$2,500,000
<b>Spokane</b>				157.50	\$146,965,000
<b>2-Planned</b>					
Garden Springs 115 kV Station Integration	Present	2017	2019	12.50	\$8,200,000
Ninth & Central - Sunset 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	2023	2015	2016	0.05	\$925,000
Spokane Valley Transmission Reinforcement	Present	2015	2016	157.50	\$8,890,000
Westside Transformer Replacement	Present	2015	2016	1.38	\$1,750,000
<b>3-Needs Further Analysis</b>					
Bell Second Transformer	Present			128.25	\$0
Garden Springs 230 kV Station Integration	2032			0.14	\$15,000,000
Nine Mile - Westside Protection Upgrade	Present			26.00	\$200,000
<b>4-New Proposal</b>					
Beacon - Francis & Cedar 115 kV Transmission Line Reconnector	2032			0.01	\$1,500,000
Beacon 230 kV Capacitor	Present			25.00	\$1,500,000
Garden Springs - Ninth & Central 230 kV Transmission Line	2034			1.25	\$30,000,000
Garden Springs - Thornton 230 kV Transmission Line	Present			5.63	\$30,000,000
Ninth & Central 230 kV Integration	Present			56.25	\$15,000,000
Rathdrum - Westside 230 kV Transmission Line	2034			0.09	\$30,000,000
Silver Lake Switching Station	2032			0.01	\$4,000,000
<b>System</b>	<b>Present</b>			<b>600.00</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>
<b>3-Needs Further Analysis</b>					
230 kV Capacitor Automatic Switching	Present			25.00	\$20,000
RAS Update	Present			600.00	\$200,000
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>\$293,435,000</b>

**Table 26: Corrective System Planning Projects (Palouse, Spokane and System)**

	Construction Start	Construction End	Cost Estimate
<b>Big Bend</b>	2019	2019	\$18,747,700
<b>1-Completed</b>			
Odessa Cap Bank			
<b>2-Planned</b>			
Devils Gap - Lind 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	2015	2016	\$7,997,700
Ford Station Rebuild	2018	2019	\$1,275,000
Gifford Station Rebuild	2015	2015	\$1,200,000
Harrington Station Rebuild	2015	2016	\$3,000,000
Little Falls Station Rebuild	2015	2017	\$4,275,000
Valley Station Rebuild	2019	2019	\$1,000,000
<b>3-Needs Further Analysis</b>			
49 Degrees Station			
Bruce Siding Station			
Lee and Reynolds Transformation			
<b>Coeur d'Alene</b>	2019	2019	\$44,625,000
<b>1-Completed</b>			
Blue Creek Station Rebuild			
Julia Street			
Noxon Construction Station			
<b>2-Planned</b>			
Beck Road Station	2015	2014	
Benevah - Pine Creek 230 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	2018	2019	\$15,000,000
Big Creek Station Rebuild	2016	2017	\$1,300,000
Burke - Pine Creek #3 & #4 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	2015	2015	\$3,500,000
Cabinet - Noxon 230 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	2017	2018	\$1,500,000
Noxon Rapids 230 kV Switchyard Rebuild	2015	2019	\$21,075,000
Priest River Station			
Sandpoint, Sagle, and Oden Grid Modernization			
St. Maries SCADA Upgrade/Add Feeder	2018	2018	\$750,000
<b>3-Needs Further Analysis</b>			
Bronx Station	2019	2019	\$1,500,000
Cabinet Gorge Switching Station			
Carlin Bay Station			
Noxon - Pine Creek #2 230 kV Transmission Line			
<b>Lewiston/Clarkston</b>	2018	2019	\$5,625,000
<b>1-Completed</b>			
10th & Stewart Station Rebuild			
Lewiston Mill Road Station			
North Lewiston Distribution Station Relocation			
<b>2-Planned</b>			
Clearwater Station Upgrade	2015	2016	\$1,000,000
Grangeville Station Rebuild	2018	2019	\$2,025,000
Kamiah Wood Station Rebuild	2017	2018	\$1,300,000
Kooskia Transformer Replacement			
Pound Land Station Rebuild	2017	2018	\$1,300,000
<b>3-Needs Further Analysis</b>			
Wheatland Station			\$0

**Table 27: Non-Corrective System Planning Projects (Big Bend, CDA & Lewiston/Clarkston)**

	Construction Start	Construction End	Cost Estimate
<b>Palouse</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>\$29,053,800</b>
2-Planned			
Benewah - Moscow 230 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	2015	2017	\$24,178,800
Diamond Station Minor Rebuild			
Moscow City 115 SCADA/Minor Rebuild			
North Moscow Transformation	2018	2019	\$1,800,000
Potlatch Transformer Replacement			
Tekoa SCADA Upgrade/Minor Rebuild			
3-Needs Further Analysis			
Deary - Potlatch 115 kV Transmission Line			
Tamarack Station	2018	2019	\$3,075,000
<b>Spokane</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>\$39,785,000</b>
2-Planned			
Chester Station Rebuild	2017	2018	\$1,460,000
Deer Park Partial Rebuild	2015	2015	\$750,000
Downtown West Station	2016	2018	\$2,275,000
Greenacres/Otis Orchards Stations	2015	2015	\$1,375,000
Hallett & White - Silver Lake 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild	2017	2018	\$2,025,000
Irvin Distribution	2016	2017	\$1,875,000
Metro Station Rebuild	2016	2019	\$13,150,000
Ninth & Central Station Upgrade	2015	2017	\$2,950,000
Northwest Station Rebuild	2016	2017	\$1,675,000
Ross Park Station Rebuild	2015	2017	\$6,000,000
Southeast Capacity Increase	2016	2016	\$450,000
Sunset Station Rebuild	2017	2019	\$3,775,000
3-Needs Further Analysis			
Beacon - Bell - Francis & Cedar - Waikiki Reconfiguration	2016	2017	\$2,025,000
Beacon Station Rebuild			
College and Walnut Consolidation/Rebuild			
Downtown East Station			
Hallett & White Capacitor Bank			
Hawthorne Station			
Hillyard Station			
Westside Station Rebuild			
<b>System</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>\$9,794,000</b>
2-Planned			
Line Ratings Mitigation	2015	2017	\$8,794,000
Spokane - Coeur d'Alene 115 kV Relay Upgrades	2015	2015	\$1,000,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>\$147,630,500</b>

**Table 28: Non-Corrective System Planning Projects (Palouse, Spokane and System)**

## Area Work Plans

The following transmission projects are scheduled for work based on a variety of factors including changing system and operational requirements, remaining service life, asset condition, and performance. This list is provided for planning and reference purposes only. It represents current plans and is subject to frequent change. See the Transmission Engineering Manager for the latest revision. Those items with no marks for any year represent tentative projects under consideration.

See the end of the list for the current minor rebuild and ground inspection schedule, which typically drives follow-up repairs and minor rebuilds the following year (when a major rebuild is not justified based on condition assessment).

<b>EFA</b> = Reimbursable or Growth
<b>HPRM</b> = High Priority Line Ratings Mitigation Program Business Case
<b>IAA</b> = Other
<b>LPRM</b> = Low Priority Line Ratings Mitigation Program Business Case
<b>MPRM</b> = Medium Priority Line Ratings Mitigation Program Business Case
<b>NG</b> = New Growth
<b>NT</b> = New Transmission Program Business Case
<b>PS</b> = Project Specific Business Case
<b>SDSR</b> = Substation - Distribution Station Rebuild Program Business Case
<b>SNDS</b> = Substation - New Distribution Stations Program Business Case
<b>SVTR</b> = Spokane Valley Transmission Reinforcement Program Business Case
<b>TAM</b> = Transmission Asset Management Program Business Case
<b>TRR</b> = Transmission Rebuild/Reconductor Program Business Case

**Table 29: Project Type Key**

Business Case	Area	ER Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
MPRM	Big Bend	Devils Gap-Stratford Line Mitigation	X				
PS	Big Bend	Harrington 115-4kV - Integration	X				
LPRM	Big Bend	Othello-Warden #1/#2 Line Mitigation	X				
SDSR	Big Bend	Little Falls 115kV Sub - Integration	X	X	X		
NT	Big Bend	Coulee - Westside 230 - Construct - acquire Right-of-Way					
SDSR	Big Bend	Ford 115-13kV Sub - Integration				X	X
TRR	Big Bend	Devils Gap-Lind 115kV Rebuild	X	X			
TRR	Big Bend	Ben-Oth SS 115 - ReCond/ReBld	X	X			
TRR	Big Bend	Addy-Devils Gap 115kV - Reconductor/Rebuild near Ford Sub			X	X	
TRR	Big Bend	Chelan-Stratford 115kV - Rebuild Columbia River Crossing					
SNDS	Big Bend	Bruce Siding 115 Sub - New - Tap to Sub					
SNDS	Big Bend	49 Deg North 115-21 Feeder - Integration					
MPRM	CDA	Noxon-Hot Springs #2 Line Mitigation	X				
PS	CDA	Noxon 230kV SS - Rebuild - Integration	X	X	X	X	X
SDSR	CDA	Bronx 115-21 Sub - Construct - Integration					
NT	CDA	Carlin Bay 115-13 Sub - New - Integration					
PS	CDA	Cabinet Gorge 230kV Switchyard - Integration					
TRR	CDA	BRX-CAB & BRX-SCR Rebuild	X	X	X	X	X
TRR	CDA	Pine Creek-Burke-Thompson Falls - Rebuild			X		
TRR	CDA	CDA-Pine Creek 115kV Rebuild			X	X	X
TRR	CDA	Cabinet-Noxon 230kV - Reconductor/Rebuild				X	X
TRR	CDA	Benewah-Pine Creek 230kV - Reconductor/Rebuild					
BLKT	CDA	Government Way Road Widening (CDA) - Reimbursable	X				
BLKT	CDA	15th Street Road Widening (CDA) - Reimbursable					

**Table 30: Area Work Plans – Major Projects**

Business Case	Area	ER Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
LPRM	Lewis-Clark	Moscow-Orofino (Julieta-Orofino) 115 Mitigation	X				
SNDS	Lewis-Clark	Wheatland 115 Sub - Construct - Tap to Sub					
SDSR	Lewis-Clark	Grangeville 115-13-34.5kV - Integration					
NT	Lewis-Clark	Hatwai-Lolo #2 230kV - New Transmission			X	X	X
TRR	Lewis-Clark	Lolo-Oxbow 230kV - Reconductor/Rebuild					
NT	Lewis-Clark	Hatwai- Lolo 230 Casino	X				
SNDS	Palouse	Tamarack 115 Sub - Construct - Integration				X	X
SDSR	Palouse	N. Moscow Add Transformer - Integration				X	X
SDSR	Palouse	N. Moscow Add Transformer - Upgrade					X
SNDS	Palouse	Bovill 115kV Substation - New - Integration					
TRR	Palouse	Benewah-Moscow 230kV - Reconductor/Rebuild	X	X	X		
SVTR	Spokane	Irvin SS 115 - Construct - Integration	X	X			
SDSR	Spokane	9CE 115 Sub - Rebuild/Expand	X				
SVTR	Spokane	Opportunity Sub 115-13kV - Integration	X				
SNDS	Spokane	Greenacres 115 Sub - Construct - Integration	X				
TRR	Spokane	Garden Springs - Sunset - West Plains Trans Reinforcement	X	X			
SVTR	Spokane	BEA-BLD #2 115 - Upgrd 140MVA	X	X			
	Spokane	Hawthorne 115 Sub - Construct - Integration					
SDSR	Spokane	Beacon 230 - 2 X 2 -Integration					
SDSR	Spokane	Sunset 115kV Sub - Rebuild - Integration			X	X	
SNDS	Spokane	Downtown East 115 Sub- New - Tap to Sub		X	X		
SNDS	Spokane	Downtown West 115 Sub- New - Tap to Sub		X	X		
SNDS	Spokane	Hillyard 115-13 Sub - Construct - Integration					
PS	Spokane	Westside 230kV Sub - Rebuild - Integration					
PS	Spokane	Garden Springs 230-115-13 Sub - Integration			X	X	X
SDSR	Spokane	Northwest 115-13kV Sub - Integration		X	X		
SDSR	Spokane	Chester 115-13kV Sub - Integration			X	X	
SDSR	Spokane	Metro 115-13kV Sub - Integration				X	X
TRR	Spokane	BEA-BEL-F&C-WAI 115kV - Reconfiguration		X	X		
PS	Spokane	Beacon 230kV Sub - 115kV Rebuild - Integration					
PS	Spokane	9CE Sub - New 230kV Transformation - New Transmission & Integration					
NT	Spokane	Westside/Garden Springs 230/115 - New Transmission					
TRR	Spokane	Garden Springs - Silver Lake 115kV - Recon/Rebld H&W to S Fairchild Tap			X	X	
TRR	Spokane	9CE-Sunset 115kV Transmission - Reconductor/Rebuild	X	X			
BLKT	Spokane	MLK New Road Relocation - Reimbursable	X				
TAM	All	Sys - Trans Air Switch Upgrade	X	X	X	X	X
TAM	All	Trans Air Switch Platform Grd Mat					
SDSR	All	Sys - Wood Sub Rebuilds	X	X	X	X	X
LPRM	All	LP Line Ratings Mitigation Project		X	X		
MPRM	All	MP Line Ratings Mitigation Project		X			
TRR	All	High Resistance Conductor Replace				X	
TAM	All	Transmission Minor Rebuilds - WA	X	X	X	X	X
TAM	All	Transmission Minor Rebuilds - ID	X	X	X	X	X

**Table 31: Area Work Plans – Major Projects (continued)**

2015 Minor Rebuilds (following previous ground inspections)		
Area	Transmission Line	
Big Bend	Addy Devils Gap	115 kV
Big Bend	Devils Gap-Stratford	115 kV
Big Bend	Othello-Warden #1	115 kV
Big Bend	Othello-Warden #2	115 kV
CDA	Burke-Pine Creek #3	115 kV
CDA	Cabinet-Noxon	230 kV
CDA	Hot Springs-Noxon #2	230 kV
CDA	St Maries Tap	115 kV
CDA/Spokane	Benewah-Boulder	230 kV
Lewis-Clark	Dry Creek-Lolo	230 kV
Lewis-Clark	Dry Creek-Pound Lane	115 kV
Lewis-Clark	Jaype-Orofino	115 kV
Lewis-Clark	Moscow-Orofino	115 kV
Palouse	Moscow-South Pullman	115 kV
Spokane	Beacon-Ross Park	115 kV

**Table 32: Minor Rebuilds**

2015-2018 Ground Inspections			
Area	Transmission Line		# Wood Poles
Lewis-Clark	Lolo-Oxbow	230 kV	657
Lewis-Clark	Dry Creek-N Lewiston	230 kV	13
Big Bend	Devils Gap-Stratford*	115 kV	582
Big Bend	Addy-Gifford	115 kV	271
Palouse	Latah-Moscow	115 kV	706
Spokane	Boulder-Rathdrum	115 kV	241
Spokane	Beacon-Boulder #2	115 kV	146
			2616 Year 2015 Total
			*Odessa to Stratford only
Spokane	Boulder- Otis Orchards #1	115 kV	55
Spokane	Post Falls-Ramsey	115 kV	161
Lewis-Clark	Jaype-Orofino	115 kV	540
Big Bend	Chelan-Stratford	115 kV	1197
Lewis-Clark	Clearwater-North Lewiston	115 kV	50
Palouse	Shawnee-South Pullman	115 kV	191
Spokane	Francis & Cedar-Ross Park	115 kV	85
Spokane	Airway Heights-Sunset	115 kV	129
Spokane	College & Walnut-Post Street	115 kV	3
			2411 Year 2016 Total
Spokane	College & Walnut-Westside	115 kV	135
Spokane	Francis & Cedar-Northwest	115 kV	52
Spokane	Nineth & Central-Sunset	115 kV	184
Spokane	Beacon-Bell #1	115 kV	158
Big Bend	Lind-Warden	115 kV	498
Big Bend	Lind-Washtucna	115 kV	362
CDA	Bronx-Cabinet	115 kV	319
Lewis-Clark	Lolo-Nez Perce	115 kV	692
			2400 Year 2017 Total
Spokane	Metro-Sunset	115 kV	53
Spokane	Beacon-Ninth & Central	115 kV	70
Lewis-Clark	Lolo-Pound Lane	115 kV	242
Spokane	Boulder-Otis Orchards #2	115 kV	55
Lewis-Clark	Hatwai-Lolo	230 kV	146
Palouse	Moscow-Terre View	115 kV	TBD
Palouse	Shawnee-Terre View	115 kV	TBD
Big Bend	Devils Gap-Stratford*	115 kV	621
TBD	TBD	115 kV	TBD
			TBD Year 2018 Total
			*partial inspection Odessa to Stratford only

**Table 33: Ground Inspection Plan**



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## Appendix A –Transmission Probability, Consequence & Risk Index

Transmission Line Name	Voltage (kV)	Tap Name	Length (miles)	Replacement Value	Probability Index	Consequence Index	Risk Index	Recent and Planned Work Description
Lolo - Oxbow	230		63.41	\$ 45,655,200	85.4	100.0	100.0	2015 Inspection and Rebuild Analysis
Noxon - Pine Creek	230		43.51	\$ 31,327,200	80.5	87.8	82.8	2015 Rebuild Analysis
Benewah - Pine Creek	230		42.77	\$ 30,794,400	68.3	87.8	70.3	Rebuild 2018-20, no reconductor \$27M
Walla Walla - Wanapum	230		77.78	\$ 56,001,600	68.4	83.7	67.1	2014 Minor Rebuild
Benewah - Boulder	230		26.15	\$ 18,828,000	67.1	72.9	57.3	2015 Minor Rebuild
Hot Springs - Noxon #2	230		70.05	\$ 50,436,000	66.0	68.8	53.2	2015 Minor Rebuild
Dry Creek - Talbot	230		28.27	\$ 20,354,400	51.4	78.3	47.1	2015 LIDAR mitigation
Latah - Moscow	115		51.41	\$ 21,592,200	96.0	41.7	47.0	2015 Inspection, may want to segment
Devils Gap - Stratford	115		86.19	\$ 36,199,800	100.0	39.0	45.6	2015-6 Minor Rebuild
Post Street - 3rd & Hatch	115		1.76	\$ 3,696,000	70	100	43	
Benewah - Moscow	230		44.28	\$ 31,881,600	61.1	59.3	42.5	Structure rebuild 2015-18 \$25M
Cabinet - Rathdrum	230		52.3	\$ 37,656,000	41.7	86.4	42.3	
Bronx - Cabinet	115		32.38	\$ 13,599,600	59.4	55.2	38.4	middle of 5yr rebuild more for capacity
Metro - Post Street	115		0.5	\$ 1,890,000	60	100	38	
Ninth & Central - Sunset	115		8.63	\$ 3,624,600	39.0	75.6	34.7	investigate for segmentation
Burke - Pine Creek #3	115		23.79	\$ 9,991,800	67.0	44.4	34.6	2015 Minor Rebuild, addn rebuild 2017
Shawnee - Sunset	115		61.51	\$ 25,834,200	79.0	36.3	33.4	2013-14 Minor Rebuild Completed
Sunset - Westside	115		10.03	\$ 4,212,600	53.0	53.9	33.2	
Hatwai - Lolo	230		8.27	\$ 5,954,400	28.9	93.2	31.6	major rebuild 2014
Burke - Pine Creek #4	115		23.13	\$ 9,714,600	69.0	37.6	30.4	addn rebuild 2017
Beacon - Boulder #2	115		13.73	\$ 5,766,600	38.7	66.1	29.9	planned rebuild 2016 Beacon-Irvin section
Addy - Devil's Gap	115		43.31	\$ 18,190,200	58.0	43.0	29.3	
Othello Sw. Sta - Warden #2	115		16.56	\$ 6,955,200	53.7	45.8	28.8	storm replacements 2013, minor rebuild 2014
Pine Street - Rathdrum	115		33.24	\$ 13,960,800	47.0	51.2	28.3	
Benton - Othello Switch Station	115		26.07	\$ 10,949,400	64.0	37.6	28.3	
CdA 15th St - Pine Creek	115		29.75	\$ 12,495,000	83.0	28.1	27.3	Full rebuild 2016-18
Cabinet - Noxon	230		18.51	\$ 13,327,200	31.3	71.5	26.3	Rebuild & reconductor 2017-18 \$14M
Chelan - Stratford	115		49.44	\$ 20,764,800	66.6	32.2	25.1	Rebuild Columbia River Crossing
Moscow 230 - Orofino	115		41.59	\$ 17,467,800	84.0	25.4	25.0	Minor Rebuild
Boulder - Rathdrum	115		19.07	\$ 8,009,400	58.6	36.3	24.9	
Benewah - Pine Creek	115		45.02	\$ 18,908,400	67.0	29.5	23.2	
Jaype - Orofino	115		34.64	\$ 14,548,800	66.6	29.5	23.0	2015 Minor Rebuild
Clearwater - N. Lewiston	115		3.21	\$ 1,348,200	30.7	63.4	22.8	
Ninth & Central - Otis Orchards	115		16.31	\$ 6,850,200	28.9	66.1	22.4	
N. Lewiston - Shawnee	230		34.28	\$ 24,681,600	33.2	56.6	22.0	
Burke - Thompson Falls A	115		3.96	\$ 1,663,200	34.4	53.9	21.7	
College & Walnut - Post Street	115		0.54	\$ 2,041,200	2.8	100	21	
Beacon-Bell #4	230		6.3	\$ 4,536,000	22.8	78.3	20.9	
Devil's Gap - Lind	115		73.74	\$ 30,970,800	95.1	18.6	20.8	
Dry Creek - Lolo	230		11.23	\$ 8,085,600	29.5	59.3	20.5	
Eighth & Fancher - Latah	115		26.27	\$ 11,033,400	55.6	30.8	20.1	
Coulee - Westside	230		1.99	\$ 1,432,800	27.1	62.0	19.7	
Benewah - Thornton	230		32.2	\$ 23,184,000	27.1	60.7	19.3	
Shawnee - Thornton	230		27.83	\$ 20,037,600	27.1	60.7	19.3	
Hatwai - Moscow	230		18.05	\$ 12,996,000	27.7	59.3	19.2	
Grangeville - Nez Perce #2	115		37.17	\$ 15,611,400	53.0	29.5	18.4	
Bell - Northeast	115		1.53	\$ 642,600	42.2	48.5	18.1	
Addy - Kettle Falls	115		27.11	\$ 11,386,200	27.7	55.2	17.9	
Burke - Thompson Falls B	115		3.97	\$ 1,667,400	28.3	53.9	17.9	
Bell - Northeast	115	Waikiki Tap	2.83	\$ 1,188,600	31.9	34.9	17.3	
Francis & Cedar - Northwest	115		2.12	\$ 890,400	30.7	47.1	16.9	
Grangeville - Nez Perce #1	115		26.9	\$ 11,298,000	48.0	29.5	16.7	
Lolo - Nez Perce	115		41.2	\$ 17,304,000	55.7	25.4	16.6	
Lolo - Pound Lane	115		10.25	\$ 4,305,000	40.0	34.9	16.5	
Beacon-Bell #5	230		6.04	\$ 4,348,800	18.0	78.3	16.5	
Dworshak - Orofino	115		3.62	\$ 1,520,400	21.6	64.7	16.4	
Airway Heights - Devils Gap	115		20.6	\$ 8,652,000	22.8	60.7	16.2	2015 Minor Rebuild
Beacon - Ross Park	115		2.06	\$ 865,200	20.4	67.5	16.1	
Lind - Warden	115		21.71	\$ 9,118,200	44.5	30.8	16.1	Rebuild no reconductor 2014-16 \$11M
Hatwai - N. Lewiston	230		6.99	\$ 5,032,800	18.0	75.6	15.9	
Metro - Sunset	115		2.87	\$ 1,205,400	24.6	52.5	15.1	
Devils Gap - Ninemile	115		18.78	\$ 7,887,600	28.9	44.4	15.0	
Beacon - Boulder #1	115		13.07	\$ 5,489,400	38.7	32.2	14.6	

Transmission Line Name	Voltage (kV)	Tap Name	Length (miles)	Replacement Value	Probability Index	Consequence Index	Risk Index
Moscow 230- Terre View	115		11.94	\$ 5,014,800	40.4	30.8	14.6
Bronx - Sand Creek	115		6.62	\$ 2,780,400	30.7	40.3	14.5
Beacon - Ninth & Central #2	115		3.5	\$ 1,470,000	22.8	53.9	14.4
Beacon - Bell #1	115		6.86	\$ 2,881,200	29.5	41.7	14.4
Lind - Shawnee	115		75.81	\$ 31,840,200	83.6	14.6	14.3
Moscow 230 - Orofino	115	Deary Tap	21.33	\$ 8,958,600	50.0	24.1	14.1
College & Walnut - Westside	115		8.79	\$ 3,691,800	24.0	49.8	14.0
Northwest - Westside	115		1.95	\$ 819,000	24.0	49.8	14.0
Ross Park - Third & Hatch	115		2.19	\$ 919,800	19.2	60.7	13.6
Beacon - Northeast	115		5.25	\$ 2,205,000	30.7	41.7	13.5
Ninemile - Westside	115		6.8	\$ 2,856,000	22.8	49.8	13.3
Nez Perce - Orofino	115		17.28	\$ 7,257,600	27.7	40.3	13.1
Post Falls - Ramsey	115		9.01	\$ 3,784,200	28.9	36.3	12.3
Addy - Gifford	115		20.68	\$ 8,685,600	51.9	20.0	12.2
Ramsey - Rathdrum #1	115		8.42	\$ 3,536,400	24.0	41.7	11.7
Beacon - Boulder	230		11.95	\$ 8,604,000	17.4	56.6	11.5
Beacon - Ninth & Central #1	115		3.73	\$ 1,566,600	18.0	53.9	11.3
Stratford - Summer Falls	115		6.3	\$ 2,646,000	18.0	53.9	11.3
Beacon - Francis & Cedar	115		11.56	\$ 4,855,200	34.3	28.1	11.3
Appleway - Rathdrum	115		11.77	\$ 4,943,400	20.4	47.1	11.2
Shawnee - Terre View	115		10.05	\$ 4,221,000	30.1	30.8	10.9
Dry Creek - N. Lewiston	230		8.06	\$ 5,803,200	13.1	70.2	10.7
CdA 15th St - Rathdrum	115		12.67	\$ 5,321,400	19.2	47.1	10.6
Milan Tap	115		8.22	\$ 3,452,400	30.1	29.5	10.4
Shawnee - South Pullman	115		12.7	\$ 5,334,000	35.0	25.4	10.4
Beacon - Rathdrum	230		25.36	\$ 18,259,200	16.2	53.9	10.2
Airway Heights - Silver Lake	115		10.77	\$ 4,523,400	24.0	36.3	10.2
Boulder - Lancaster	230		13.29	\$ 9,568,800	11.3	76.9	10.2
Libby - Noxon	230		0.79	\$ 568,800	12.5	68.8	10.1
Moscow 230 - South Pullman	115		12.07	\$ 5,069,400	23.0	36.3	9.7
Colbert Tap	115		3.19	\$ 1,339,800	34.3	24.1	9.7
Clearwater - Lolo #2	115		8.56	\$ 3,595,200	24.0	33.5	9.4
Otis Orchards - Post Falls	115		7.62	\$ 3,200,400	24.0	30.8	8.7
Ninth & Central - Third & Hatch	115		4.34	\$ 1,822,800	24.0	29.5	8.3
Lind - Washtucna	115		28.78	\$ 12,087,600	30.1	22.7	8.0
Benewah - Pine Creek	115	St Maries Tap	7.06	\$ 2,965,200	27.0	24.1	7.6
Burke - Pine Creek #3	115	Lucky Friday Tap	4.58	\$ 1,923,600	23.0	28.1	7.5
Shawnee - Sunset	115	Chambers Tap	7.12	\$ 2,990,400	37.0	15.9	6.8
Devils Gap - Long Lake #2	115		1.03	\$ 432,600	13.1	41.7	6.4
Albeni Falls - Pine Street	115		2.27	\$ 953,400	13.1	40.3	6.2
Francis & Cedar - Ross Park	115		5.16	\$ 2,167,200	14.3	36.3	6.1
Clearwater - Lolo #1	115		8.63	\$ 3,624,600	24.0	20.0	5.6
Dry Creek - Pound Lane	115		3.89	\$ 1,633,800	12.5	36.3	5.3
Airway Heights - Sunset	115		9.52	\$ 3,998,400	18.0	25.4	5.3
Sunset - Westside	115	South Fairchild Tap	11.97	\$ 5,027,400	22.0	21.3	5.2
Latah - Moscow	115	Potlatch Tap	10.37	\$ 4,355,400	17.0	25.4	5.0
Dry Creek - N. Lewiston	115		8.17	\$ 3,431,400	13.1	30.8	4.7
Devils Gap - Little Falls #2	115		3.9	\$ 1,638,000	24.0	15.9	4.5
Othello Sw. Sta - Warden #1	115		8.28	\$ 3,477,600	36.1	10.5	4.4
CdA 15th St - Ramsey	115		3.17	\$ 1,331,400	9.4	36.3	4.0
Moscow City - N. Lewiston	115		22.19	\$ 9,319,800	16.2	21.3	4.0
Devils Gap - Little Falls #1	115		3.42	\$ 1,436,400	19.2	14.6	3.3
Critchfield - Dry Creek	115		1.58	\$ 663,600	13.1	20.0	3.1
Benewah - Latah	115		6.68	\$ 2,805,600	5.9	40.3	3.0
Lolo - Pound Lane	115	North Lewiston Tap	2.94	\$ 1,234,800	12.0	20.0	2.8
Bell - Westside	230		1.99	\$ 1,432,800	2.8	72.9	2.4

## Appendix B – Transmission System Outage Data

Transmission Line Name	Voltage (kV)	# Line Outages	#Planned Outages	#Unplanned Outages	Transmission Line Name	Voltage (kV)	# Line Outages	#Planned Outages	#Unplanned Outages
Devils Gap - Stratford	115	31	9	22	Grangeville - Nez Perce #1	115	3	2	1
AVISTA DOES NOT OWN		14	1	13	Kettle Falls Tap	115	1	0	1
Coulee - Westside	230	13	1	12	Moscow 230- Terre View	115	3	2	1
Devil's Gap - Lind	115	17	5	12	Ninth & Central - Otis Orchards	115	3	2	1
Benewah - Pine Creek	115	14	4	10	Ninth & Central - Sunset	115	3	2	1
Burke - Thompson Falls A	115	15	5	10	North Lewiston - Walla Walla	115	1	0	1
Latah - Moscow	115	12	2	10	Northwest - Westside	115	4	3	1
Moscow 230 - Orofino	115	10	1	9	Othello Sw. Sta - Warden #2	115	4	3	1
Sunset - Westside	115	10	1	9	Otis Orchards - Post Falls	115	4	3	1
Lind - Shawnee	115	9	1	8	Ramsey - Rathdrum #1	115	5	4	1
Shawnee - Sunset	115	9	1	8	Rathdrum C.T. - Rathdrum #1	115	1	0	1
Burke - Thompson Falls B	115	9	2	7	Ross Park - Third & Hatch	115	3	2	1
Benton - Othello Switch Stati	115	10	4	6	Beacon - Rathdrum	230	0	0	0
Bronx - Cabinet	115	9	3	6	Beacon-Bell #4	230	1	1	0
CdA 15th St - Pine Creek	115	12	6	6	Beacon-Bell #5	230	0	0	0
Lolo - Nez Perce	115	8	2	6	Bell - Westside	230	2	2	0
Cabinet - Rathdrum	230	5	0	5	Boulder - Lancaster	230	0	0	0
Addy - Devil's Gap	115	8	3	5	Cabinet - Noxon	230	0	0	0
Grangeville - Nez Perce #2	115	6	1	5	Dry Creek - Lolo	230	0	0	0
Jaype - Orofino	115	6	1	5	Dry Creek - N. Lewiston	230	0	0	0
Dry Creek - Talbot	230	5	1	4	Hatwai - Moscow	230	0	0	0
Lolo - Oxbow	230	5	1	4	Hatwai - N. Lewiston	230	1	1	0
N. Lewiston - Shawnee	230	4	0	4	Hot Springs - Noxon #1	230	3	3	0
Burke - Pine Creek #3	115	8	4	4	Lancaster - Rathdrum	230	0	0	0
Shawnee - South Pullman	115	5	1	4	Noxon Construction Tap	230	0	0	0
Benewah - Moscow	230	3	0	3	Addy - Kettle Falls	115	1	1	0
Benewah - Pine Creek	230	4	1	3	Airway Heights - Devils Gap	115	1	1	0
Hot Springs - Noxon #2	230	3	0	3	Airway Heights - Sunset	115	1	1	0
Noxon - Pine Creek	230	3	0	3	Albeni Falls - Pine Street	115	0	0	0
Walla Walla - Wanapum	230	5	2	3	Appleway - Ramsey	115	0	0	0
Burke - Pine Creek #4	115	5	2	3	Beacon - Bell #1	115	0	0	0
Milan Tap	115	3	0	3	Beacon - Francis & Cedar	115	2	2	0
Shawnee - Terre View	115	3	0	3	Beacon - Ninth & Central #1	115	0	0	0
Beacon - Boulder	230	2	0	2	Beacon - Ninth & Central #2	115	0	0	0
Hatwai - Lolo	230	3	1	2	Benewah - Latah	115	0	0	0
Libby - Noxon	230	3	1	2	Boulder - Boulder Park	115	0	0	0
Shawnee - Thornton	230	2	0	2	Boulder - Otis Orchards #1	115	0	0	0
Airway Heights - Silver Lake	115	2	0	2	Boulder - Otis Orchards #2	115	1	1	0
Appleway - Rathdrum	115	2	0	2	Bronx Tap	115	0	0	0
Bell - Northeast	115	2	0	2	CdA 15th St - Ramsey	115	0	0	0
Boulder - Rathdrum	115	3	1	2	CdA 15th St - Rathdrum	115	1	1	0
Devils Gap - Little Falls #2	115	3	1	2	College & Walnut - Post Street	115	0	0	0
Devils Gap - Ninemile	115	3	1	2	Critchfield - Dry Creek	115	0	0	0
Lind - Washtucna	115	2	0	2	Devils Gap - Long Lake #1	115	0	0	0
Lolo - Pound Lane	115	8	6	2	Devils Gap - Long Lake #2	115	0	0	0
Ninth & Central - Third & Hat	115	3	1	2	Dower - Post Falls	115	1	1	0
Pine Street - Rathdrum	115	2	0	2	Dry Creek - N. Lewiston	115	0	0	0
Post Falls - Ramsey	115	3	1	2	Dworshak - Orofino	115	1	1	0
Millwood - Paper Mill	60	2	0	2	Eighth & Fancher - Latah	115	0	0	0
Benewah - Boulder	230	1	0	1	Francis & Cedar - Ross Park	115	2	2	0
Benewah - Thornton	230	1	0	1	Kettle Falls - KF Generator	115	0	0	0
Addy - Gifford	115	1	0	1	Lind - Warden	115	1	1	0
Beacon - Boulder #1	115	1	0	1	LOON LAKE TAP	115	0	0	0
Beacon - Boulder #2	115	2	1	1	Mead Tap	115	0	0	0
Beacon - Northeast	115	1	0	1	Metro - Post Street	115	1	1	0
Beacon - Ross Park	115	5	4	1	Metro - Sunset	115	1	1	0
Bronx - Sand Creek	115	3	2	1	Moscow 230 - South Pullman	115	2	2	0
Chelan - Stratford	115	3	2	1	Moscow City - N. Lewiston	115	2	2	0
Clearwater - Lolo #1	115	4	3	1	NE-NE Turbine Generator	115	0	0	0
Clearwater - Lolo #2	115	6	5	1	Nez Perce - Orofino	115	3	3	0
Clearwater - N. Lewiston	115	3	2	1	Ninemile - Westside	115	1	1	0
Colbert Tap	115	1	0	1	Othello Sw. Sta - Warden #1	115	1	1	0
College & Walnut - Westside	115	6	5	1	Post Street - 3rd & Hatch	115	0	0	0
Devils Gap - Little Falls #1	115	1	0	1	Priest River Tap	115	0	0	0
Dry Creek - Pound Lane	115	1	0	1	Rathdrum C.T. - Rathdrum #2	115	0	0	0
Francis & Cedar - Northwest	115	1	0	1	Sagle Tap	115	0	0	0
					Stratford - Summer Falls	115	1	1	0