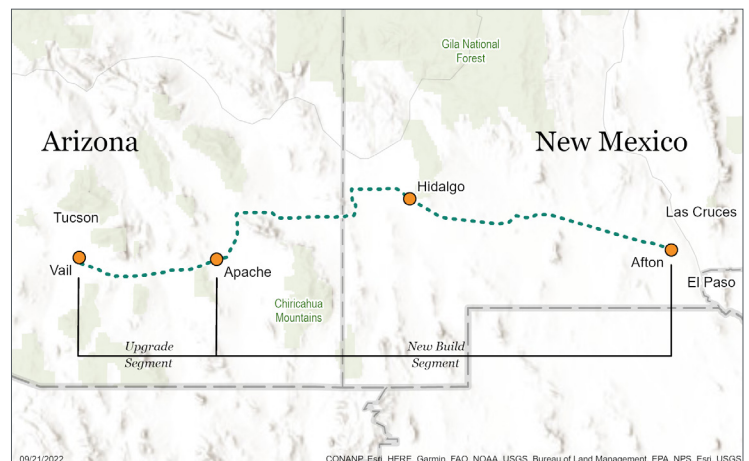


Developing America's Next-Generation Infrastructure

The Southline Transmission Project (Southline) is a 278-mile, high voltage transmission line that will connect El Paso and Tucson's electric power systems. Designed for the bidirectional flow of power, Southline will enable renewable resources across the desert southwest to reach more customers. It will also improve the reliability of the power grid across the region.

In October 2023, the Department of Energy's Transmission Facilitation Program selected the segment of Southline connecting the abundant renewable energy region in Hidalgo County, New Mexico to Tucson, Arizona for a long-term capacity contract. Southline's selection by the Department of Energy is part of a \$1.3 billion dollar award distributed across three transmission projects. Southline expects to begin construction in 2025, with the initial phase of the project operational by 2028.



SOUTHLINE AT-A-GLANCE

- Fully permitted with approvals secured from Federal, New Mexico, and Arizona state authorities
- Grid United, an independent transmission company, joined the Southline development team in 2022 to support the project's completion
- Enhances grid reliability and resiliency in the desert southwest, reducing vulnerability of the electric grid to price volatility and extreme weather events
- Follows existing linear infrastructure and upgrades power lines where possible (including upgrading 60 miles of an existing power line), minimizing environmental disturbance
- Opens the region to new geographically diverse renewable resources, enabling more clean power generation and reliability for customers
- Creates hundreds of high quality construction-related jobs
- Invests approximately \$4 million directly in local communities through sponsorships, and partnerships with local organizations

LANDOWNER RELATIONS

Our relationship with landowners and communities is at the core of everything we do. We are committed to developing the Project using a collaborative process and conducting easement negotiations in a manner that is respectful of private property rights.

ABOUT GRID UNITED

Grid United is an independent transmission company aiming to develop next-generation energy infrastructure to create a more resilient and efficient electric system to the benefit of all consumers. Our team is composed of energy professionals with extensive experience developing, designing, permitting, and constructing large scale energy infrastructure across North America.

ABOUT BLACK FOREST PARTNERS

Black Forest Partners originated Southline and serves on the Project development team. The Black Forest team has thirty years of investment and development expertise, ties to the local region, and a deep commitment leveraging existing assets to advance infrastructure that maximizes benefits and minimizes impacts. For more information, visit www.southlinetransmission.com.



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