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As we discussed on the phone this morning, we support the Subject BPA Transmission Upgrade. Due to the adjacent lines and the regions need for increase transmission capacity, I support the option of constructing a double circuit, built to 230kv specifications, that would initially be energized at 115kv. This provides the optimum future flexibility.

In my 10 years in the electric utility industry it has been my observation that capacity built into a line before it is needed, is much cheaper in the long term than capacity added after it is needed. To construct this line at this time with future capacity will also have a much less environmental impact than building a minimal line at this time and needing to upgrade the capacity before the end of this lines useful life. This will be a significant project, building it with good planning and future capacity is best for the rate payers and the region.

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