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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

May 29, 2019

In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2019-00715-F

Via US Mail

Rick Skinner
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Dear Mr. Skinner:

This communication is the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) final response to your request for agency records made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA). Your request was received on April 8, 2019, with a formal acknowledgement letter sent to you on April 25, 2019.

Original Request Language

"I am performing a survey in Section 2, Township 24, Range 27 East, W.M., located in Grant County, Washington - see the red highlighted box in the Survey overview.pdf file attached. There is a transmission line, highlighted in yellow, in the same pdf. I have found a copy of a survey done by the Washington DNR, in Section 16 - see the box highlighted in orange in the same pdf. That survey is shown in the three other attached pdf's, labeled AFN 1065969, pages 1, 2 and 3. On Page 2 of that survey, I have circled with a yellow highlighter, and then underlined with a red pencil, all of the DNR's references to the Bonneville Power Administration. Most refer to the same call of an application 20726, DNR records, which I'm assuming you don't have, but would take a copy if you did. However, there are two other references on page two, which I'm hoping that I can get a copy of. They are "Sheet 38 of the plan and profile of the Columbia - G. Coulee line No. 4" and "sheet 148 of the plan and profile of the Covington -G. Coulee line No. 2". This reference is for a survey done a couple of sections away from the section I am working in. So I don't think that either sheet 38 or 148 are what I specifically need. Rather, I'll need sheets from starting there, going further northeast for up to perhaps 4 miles. Without looking at the plan set, I'm not sure specifically which sheets those would be though."

Revised Request Language

"[For a land] survey in Section 2, Township 24, Range 27 East, W.M., located in Grant County, Washington ... [including the BPA] transmission line ...

- 1. [I request] Application 20726, DNR records, [if available in BPA files]; and,
- 2. [I request] 'Sheet 38 of the plan and profile of the Columbia G. Coulee line No. 4'; and,

- 3. [I request] 'Sheet 148 of the plan and profile of the Covington -G. Coulee line No. 2' and,
- 4. [I request any sheets related to Sheets 38 and 148 which provide land survey information] further northeast for up to perhaps 4 miles."

Response

BPA conducted a search of the electronic record files in the Geomatics Office. Responsive records comprised of 23 pages were located.

Referencing the responsive records provided herein, the Geomatics Office has indicated to the FOIA Office that both BPA Serial Numbered maps 40038 and 46038 are effectively Sheets 38 of 77. Geomatics does not refer to the maps solely by Sheet number, though the Sheet numbers are referenced as such by non-agency parties. Further, BPA Serial Numbered map 11588 is effectively Sheet 148 of its series, and also fits the area of your interest, and is adjacent to the above mentioned BPA Serial Numbered maps 40038 and 46038.

The remainder of the maps herein provided are those that cover the corridor of interest, in the direction and distance requested, and should provide you with the information you seek for your survey of Section 2, Township 24, Range 27 East, W.M., located in Grant County, Washington. Those remainder provided maps show all of the cadastral corner positions you are interested in.

Finally, the Geomatics Office has indicated that Application 20726 appears to be relative to R/W Tract C-C-38-A-74, which BPA acquired from the State of Washington, from a "School Lands" section. The Geomatics Office has indicated they do not have copies of the Application in their survey files. They do, however, note that the Application is referenced in the acquisition document, recorded as Vol.99-P.82, records of Grant County, dated April, 1952. That document is a publicly recorded land record which will likely be available directly from Grant County.

BPA is herein releasing the 23 pages of agency records responsive to your FOIA request, with minor redactions applied under Exemption 6. An explanation of the statutory exemptions relied upon for those redactions follows.

The FOIA generally requires the release of all government records upon request. However, the FOIA permits withholding certain limited information that falls under one or more of nine statutory exemptions (5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1-9)).

Exemption 6

The privacy exemption, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)(Exemption 6), protects information in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy", if there is no public interest that outweighs the privacy interest. Here, BPA invokes Exemption 6 to protect personal handwritten signatures. BPA can find no public interest in releasing this information as it does not shed light on the mission or working of the agency.

Fees

There are no fees associated with the fulfillment of your request.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the records release and exemption determinations described above. Your FOIA request BPA-2019-0715-F is now closed with all available agency records provided.

Appeal

The adequacy of the search may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20585-1615

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. (The Office of Hearings and Appeals prefers to receive appeals by email.) The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact BPA's FOIA Public Liaison, Jason Taylor, at the address at the letter header for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
E-mail at ogis@nara.gov
Telephone at 202-741-5770
Toll free at 1-877-684-6448
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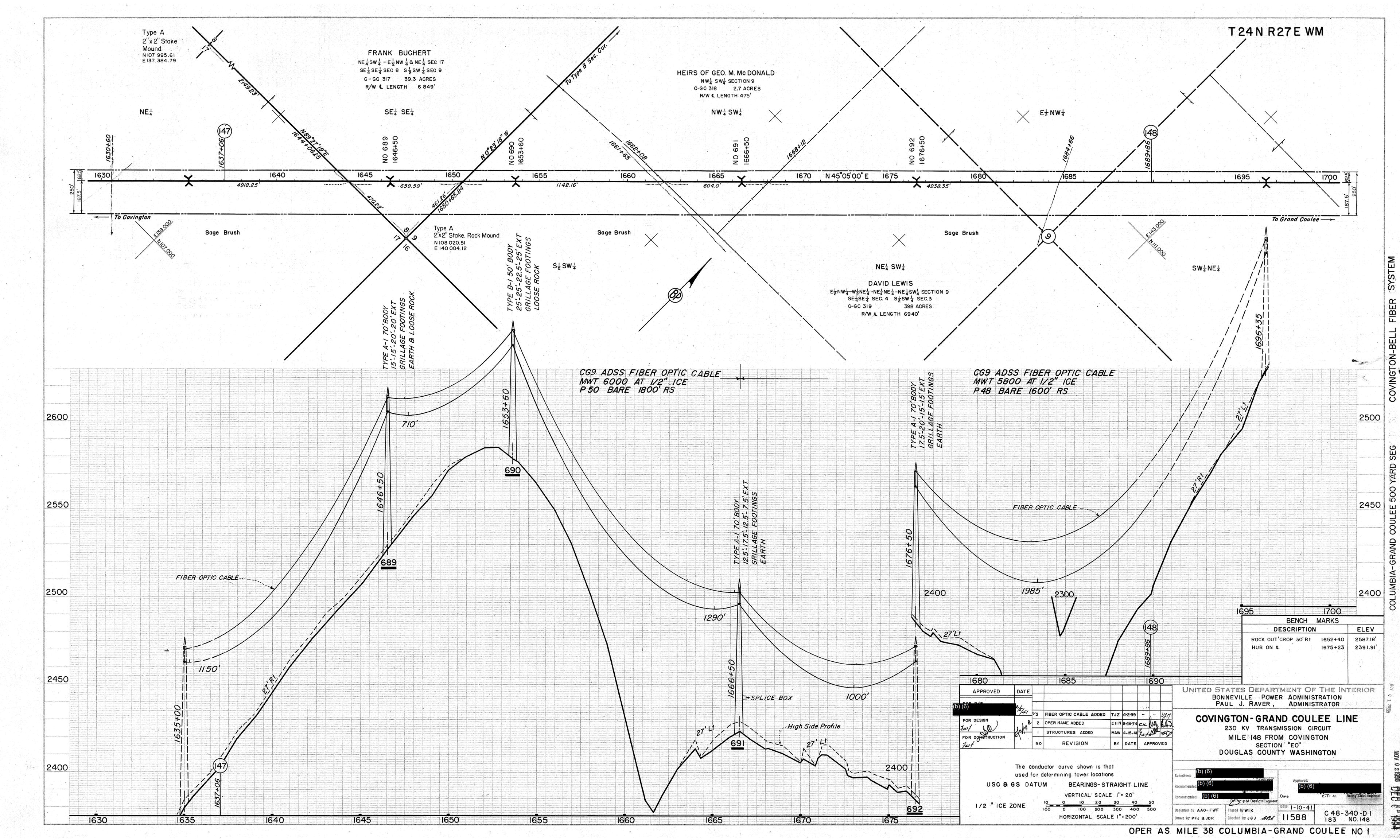
Questions about this communication may be directed to Thanh Knudson, Flux Resources, LLC, assigned to the BPA FOIA Office, at etknudson@bpa.gov or 503-230-5221.

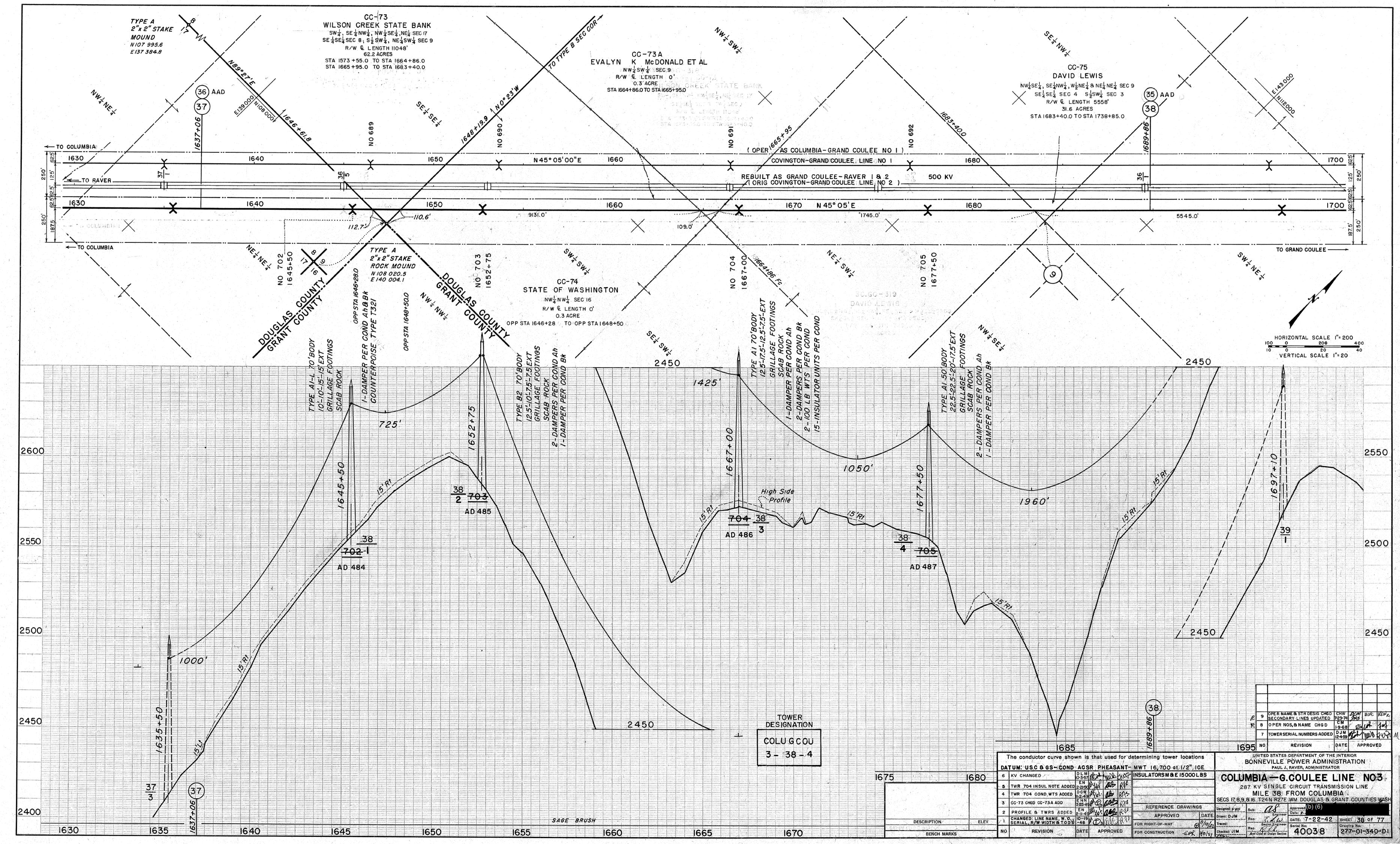
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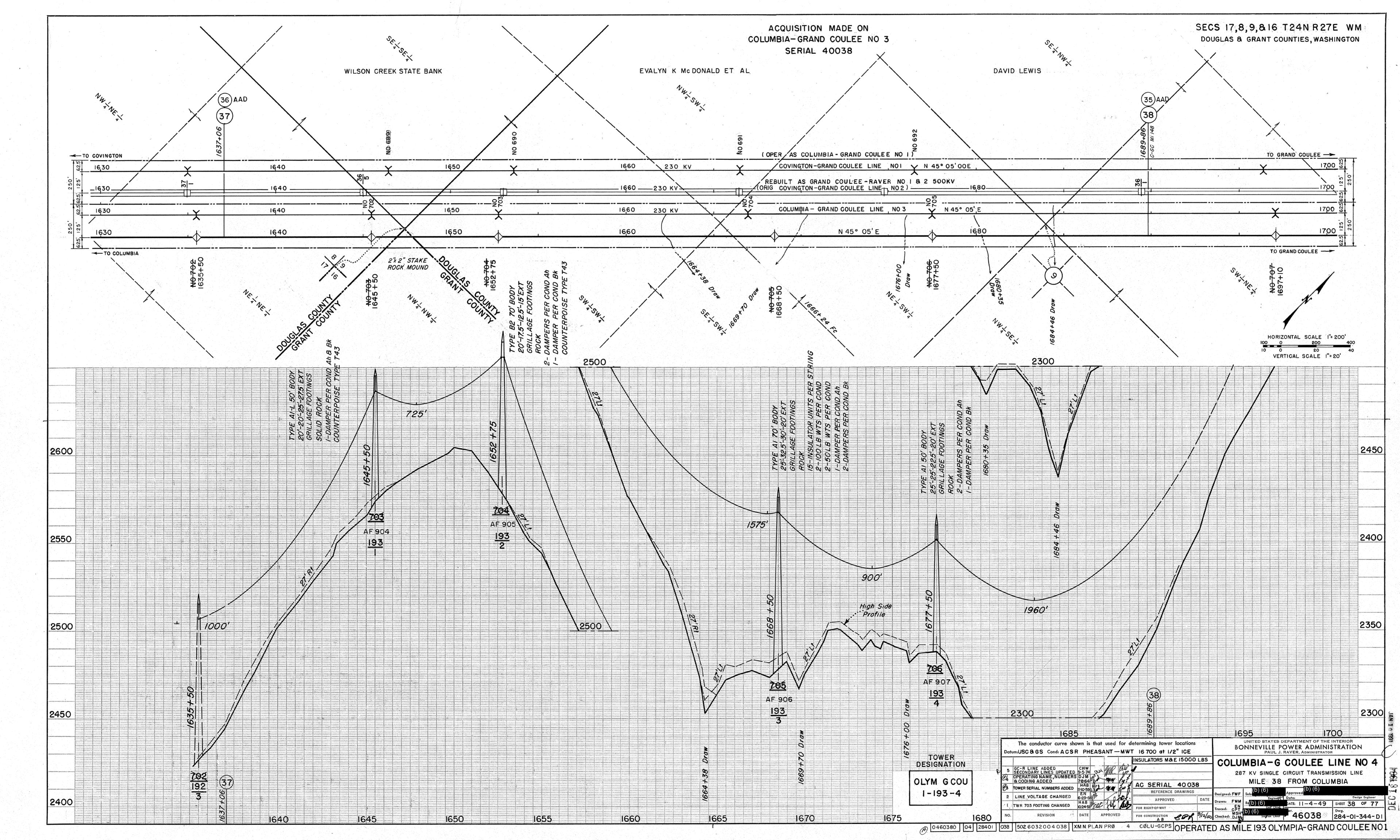
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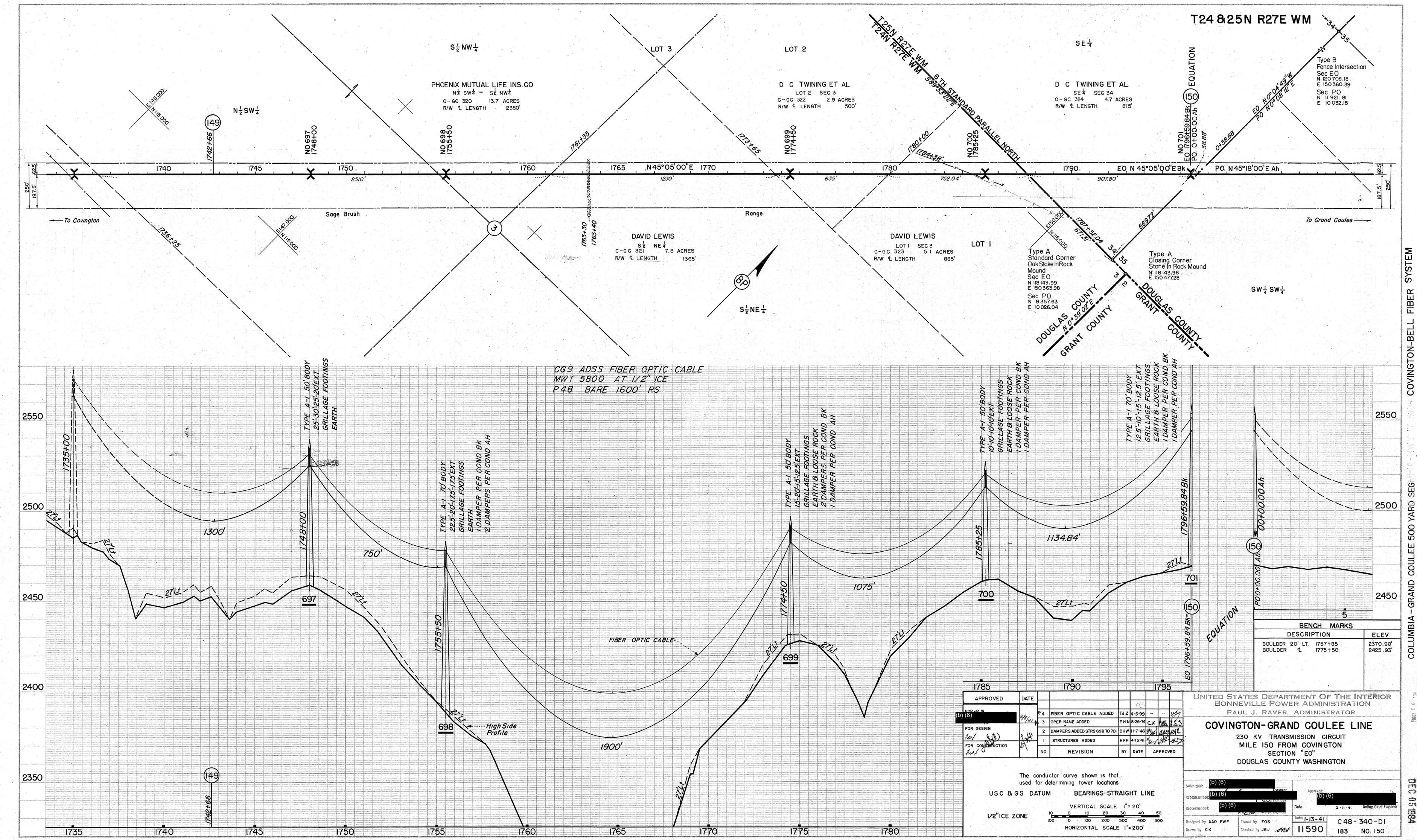
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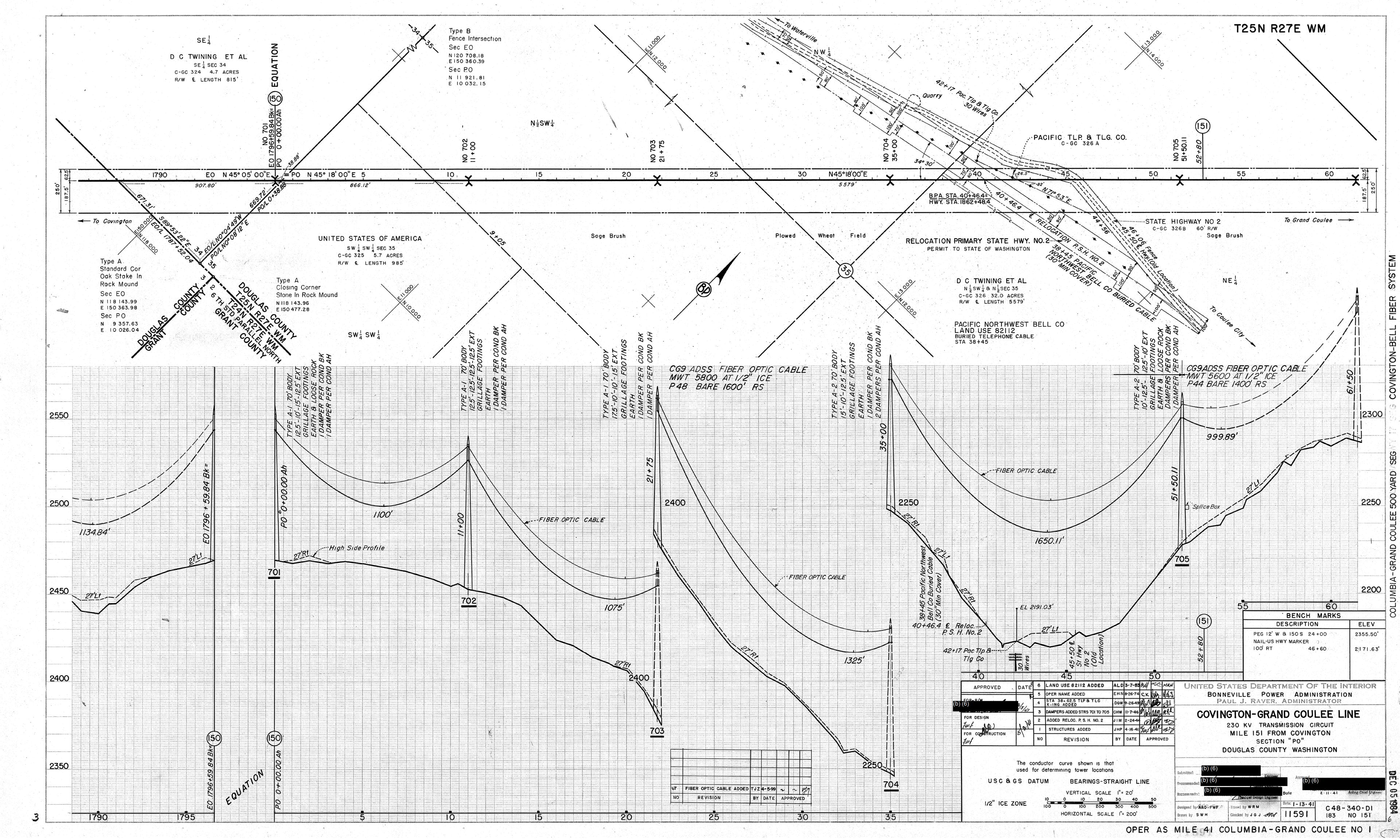
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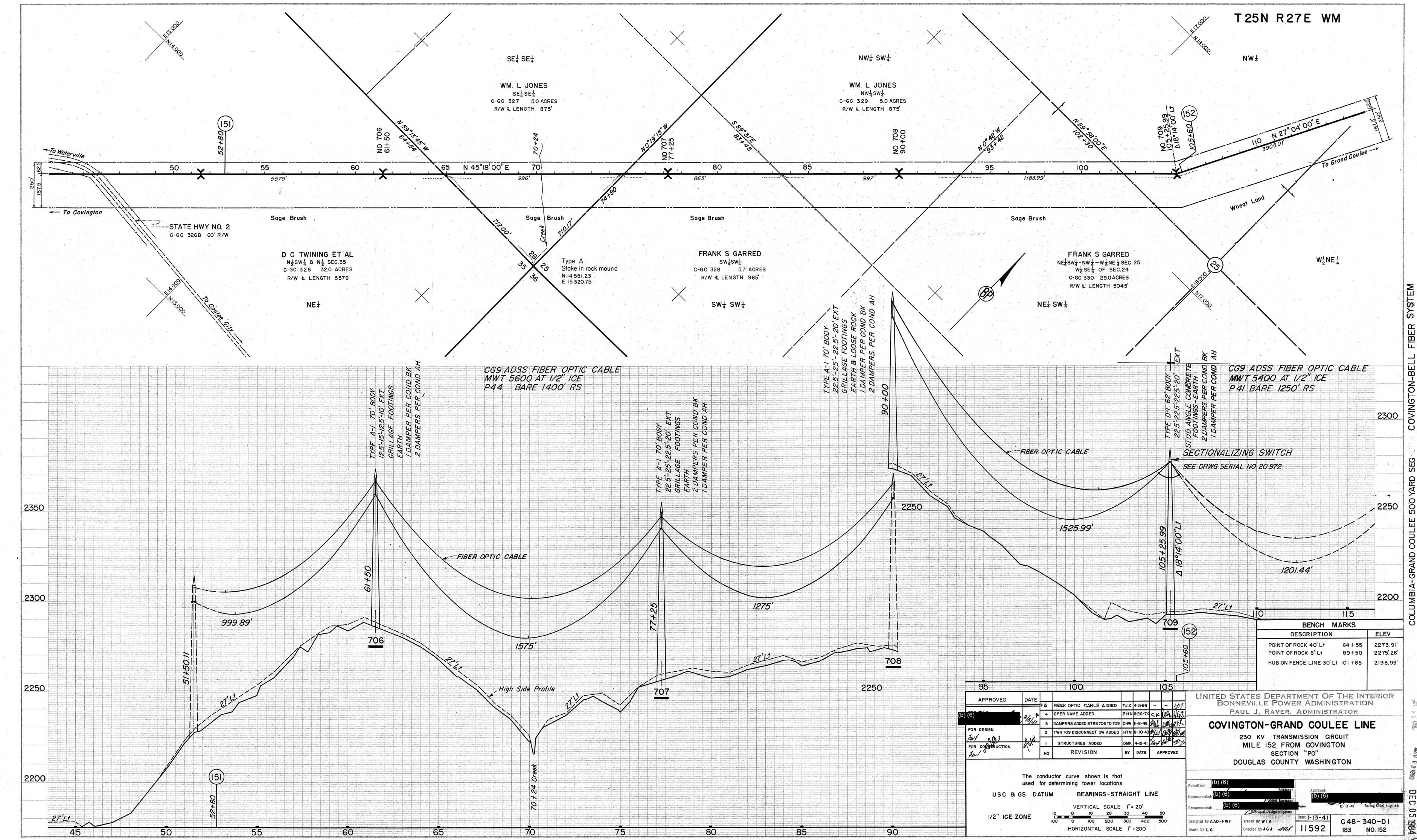


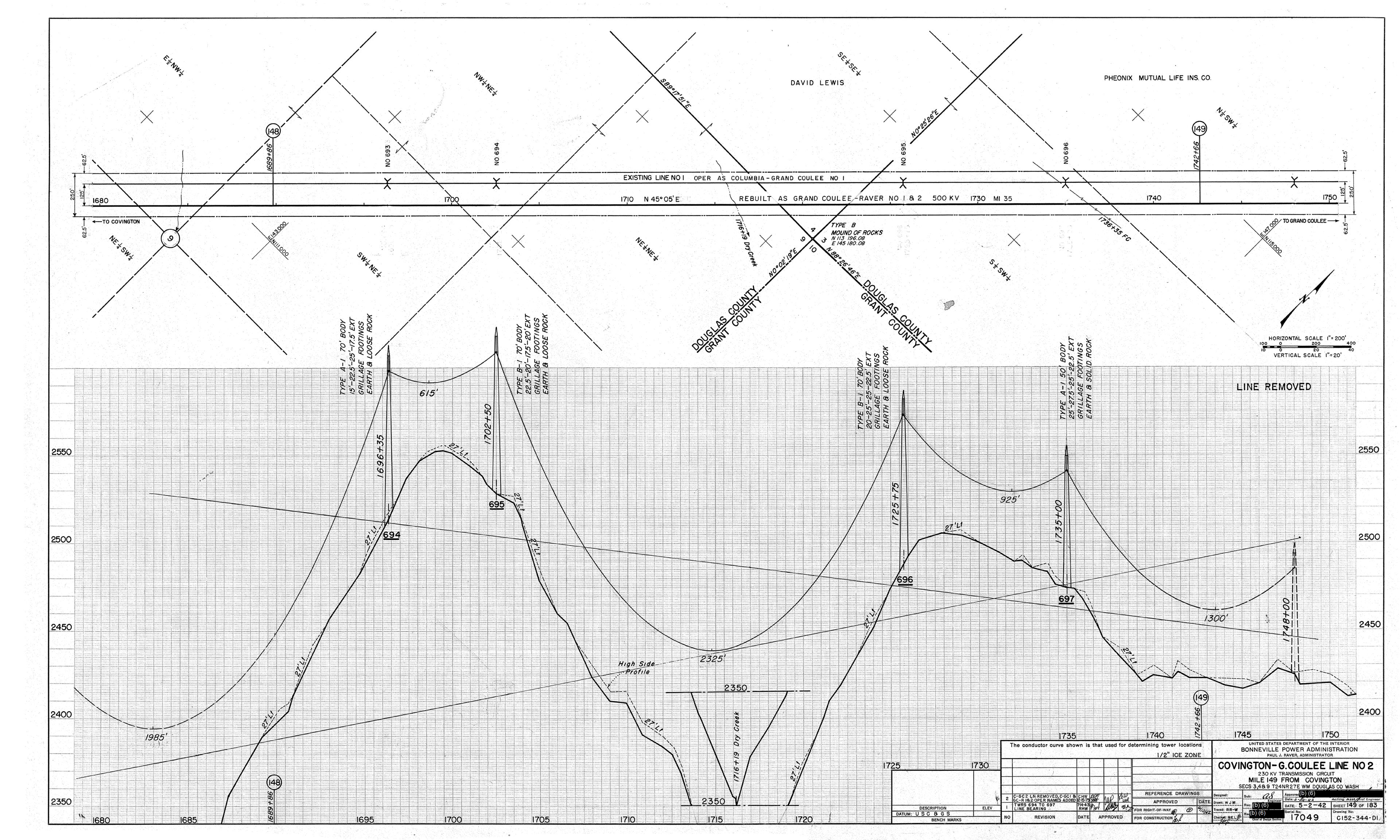


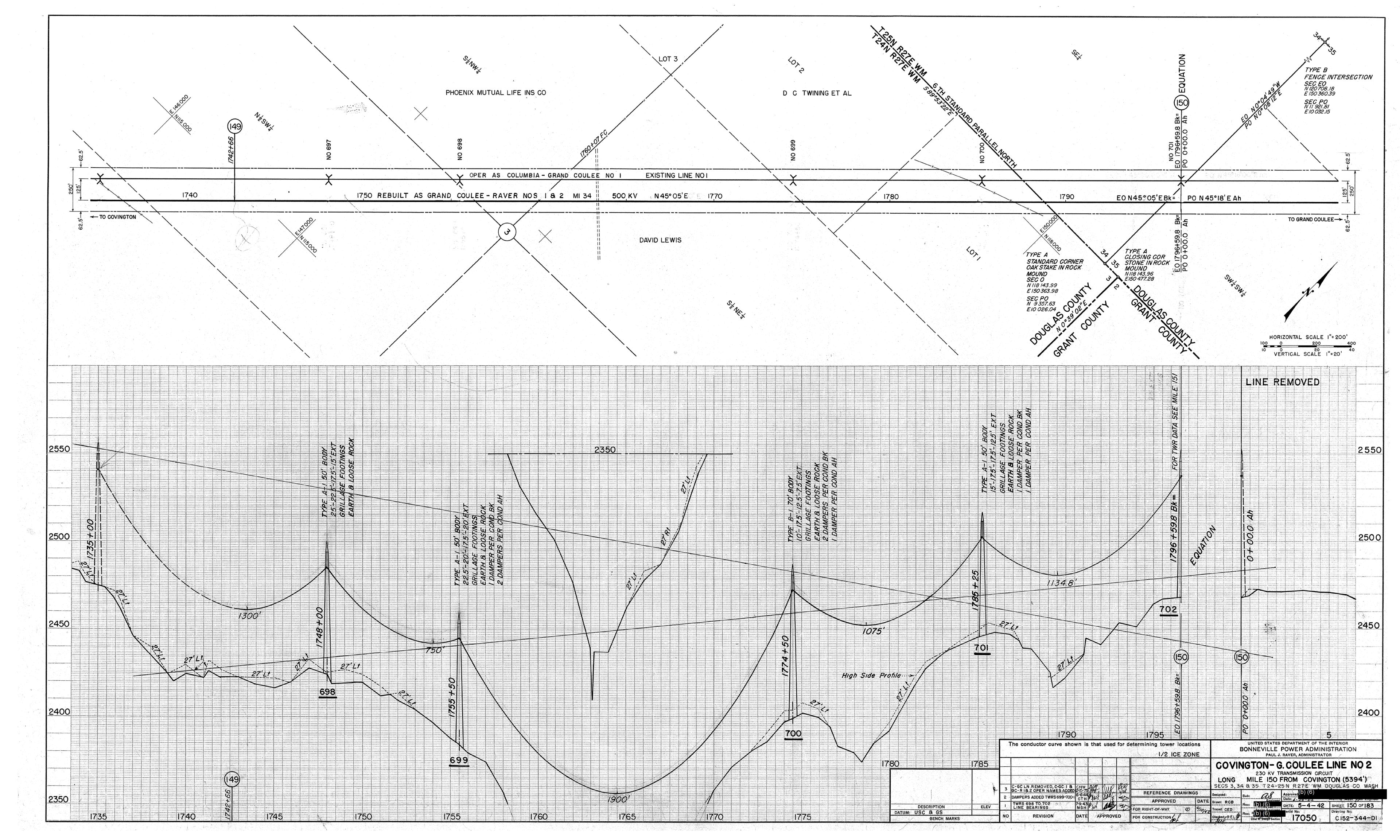


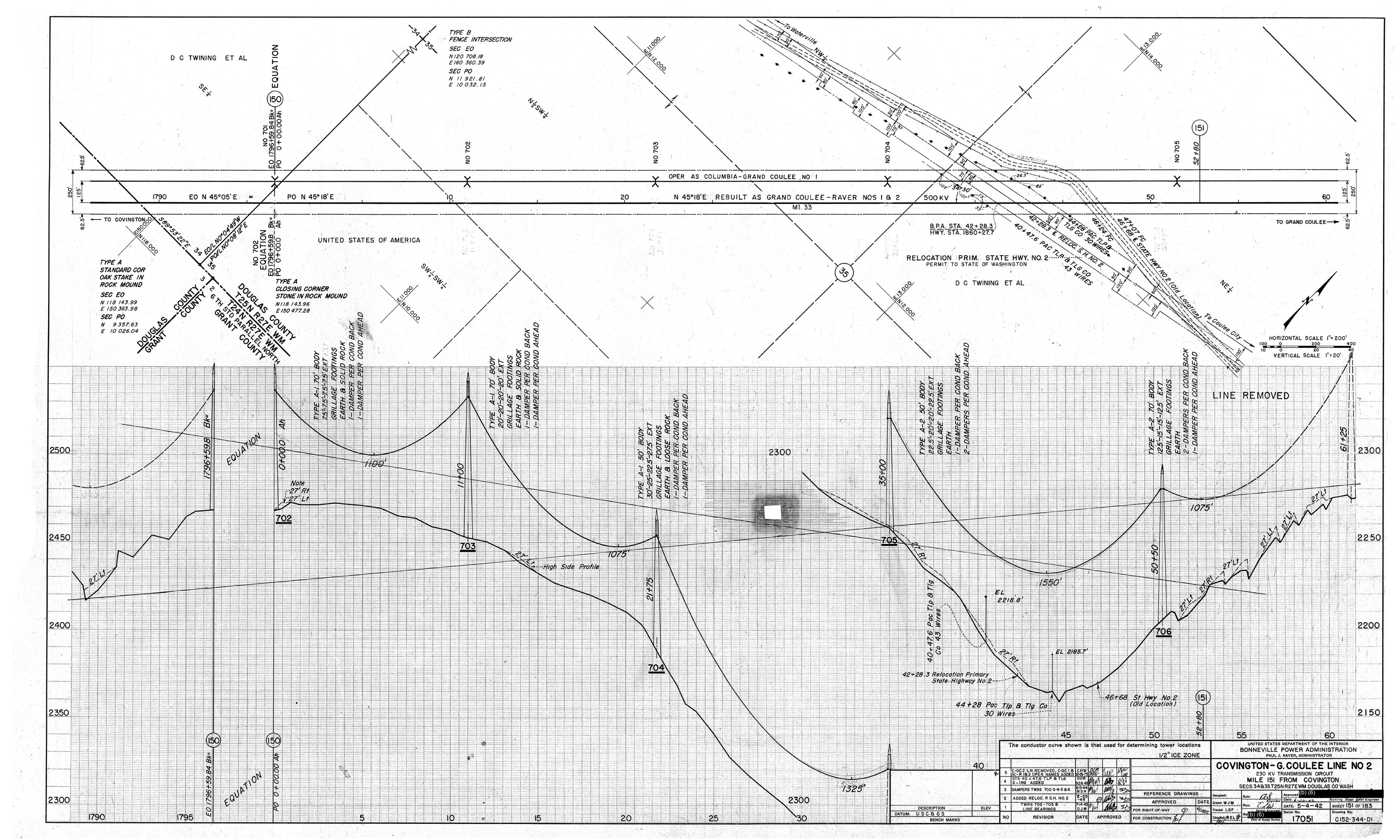


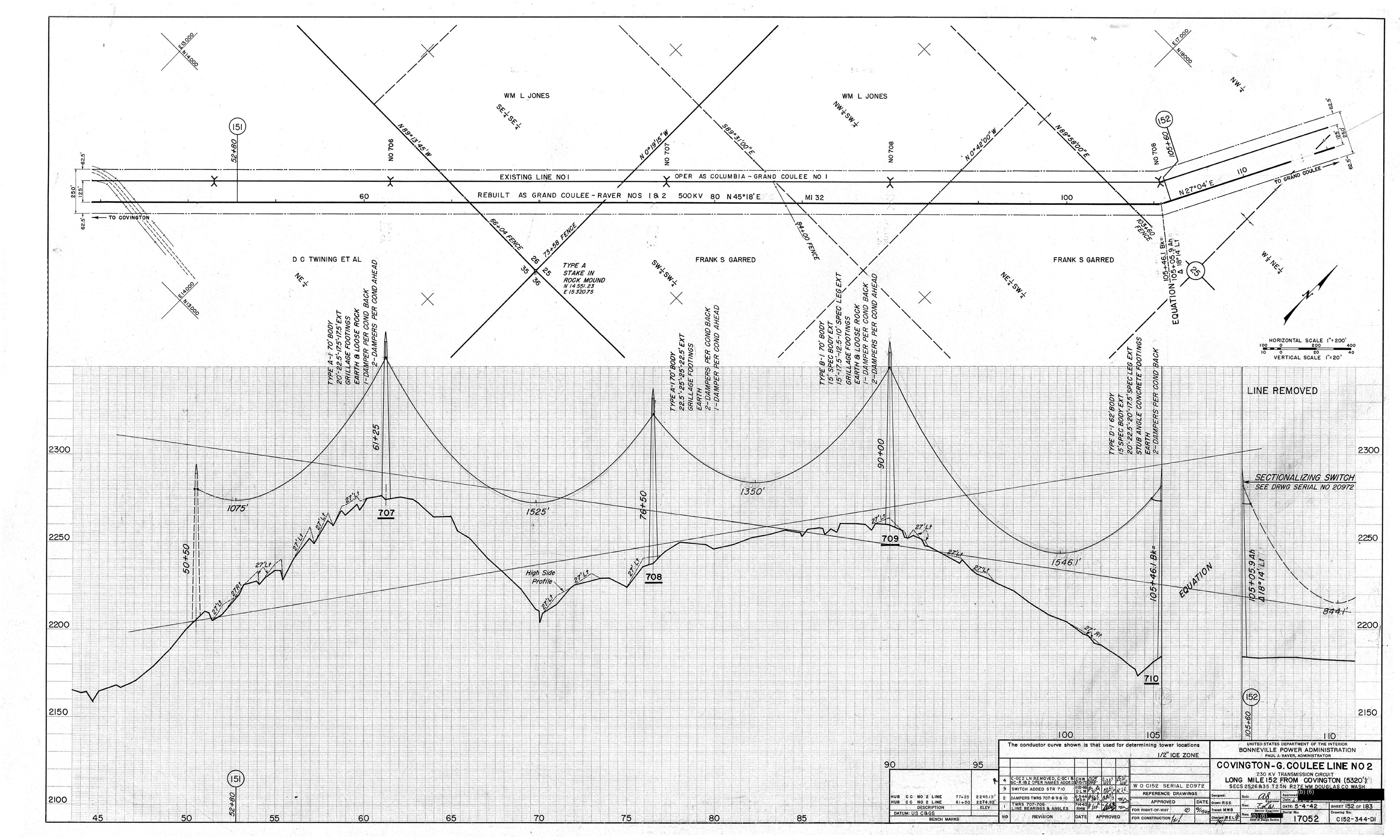


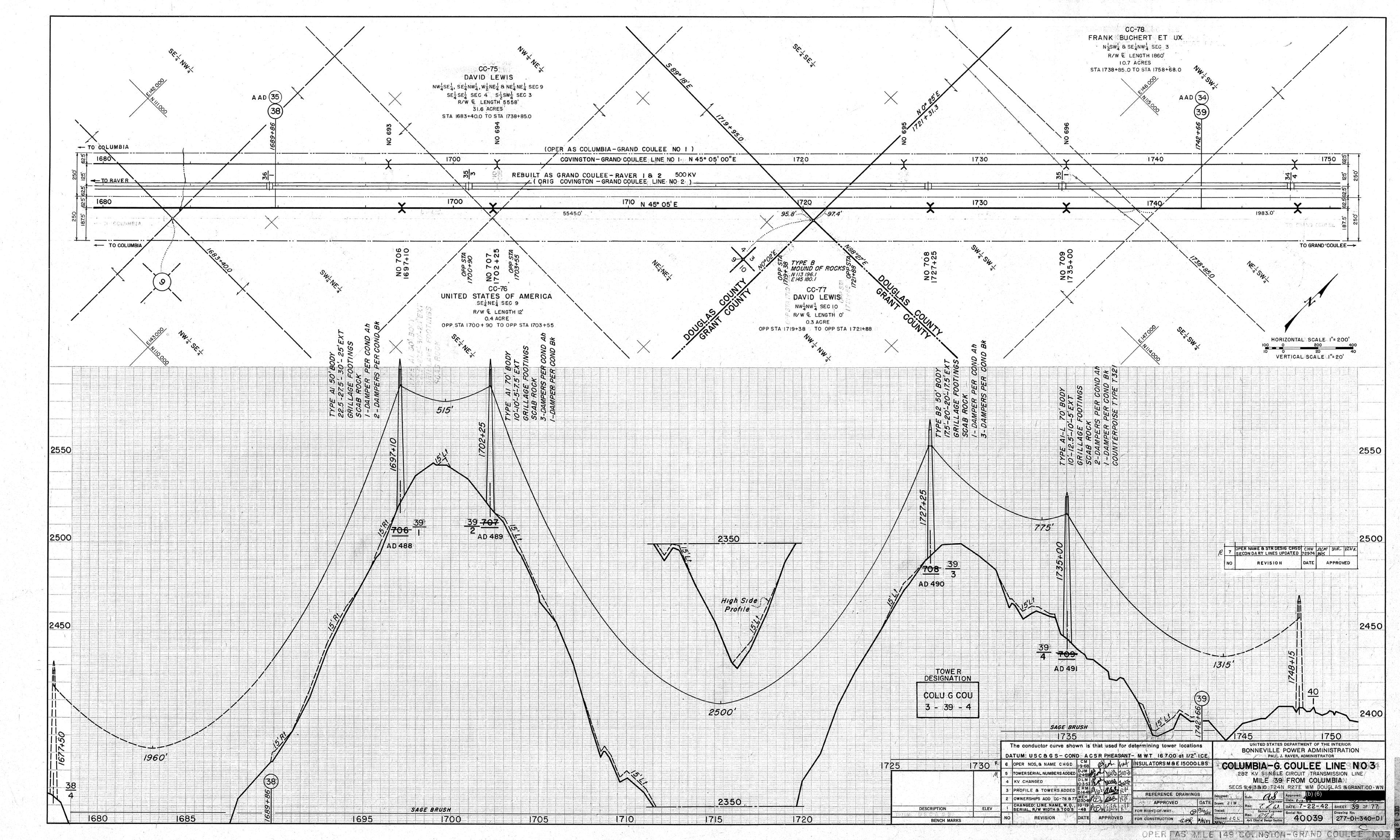


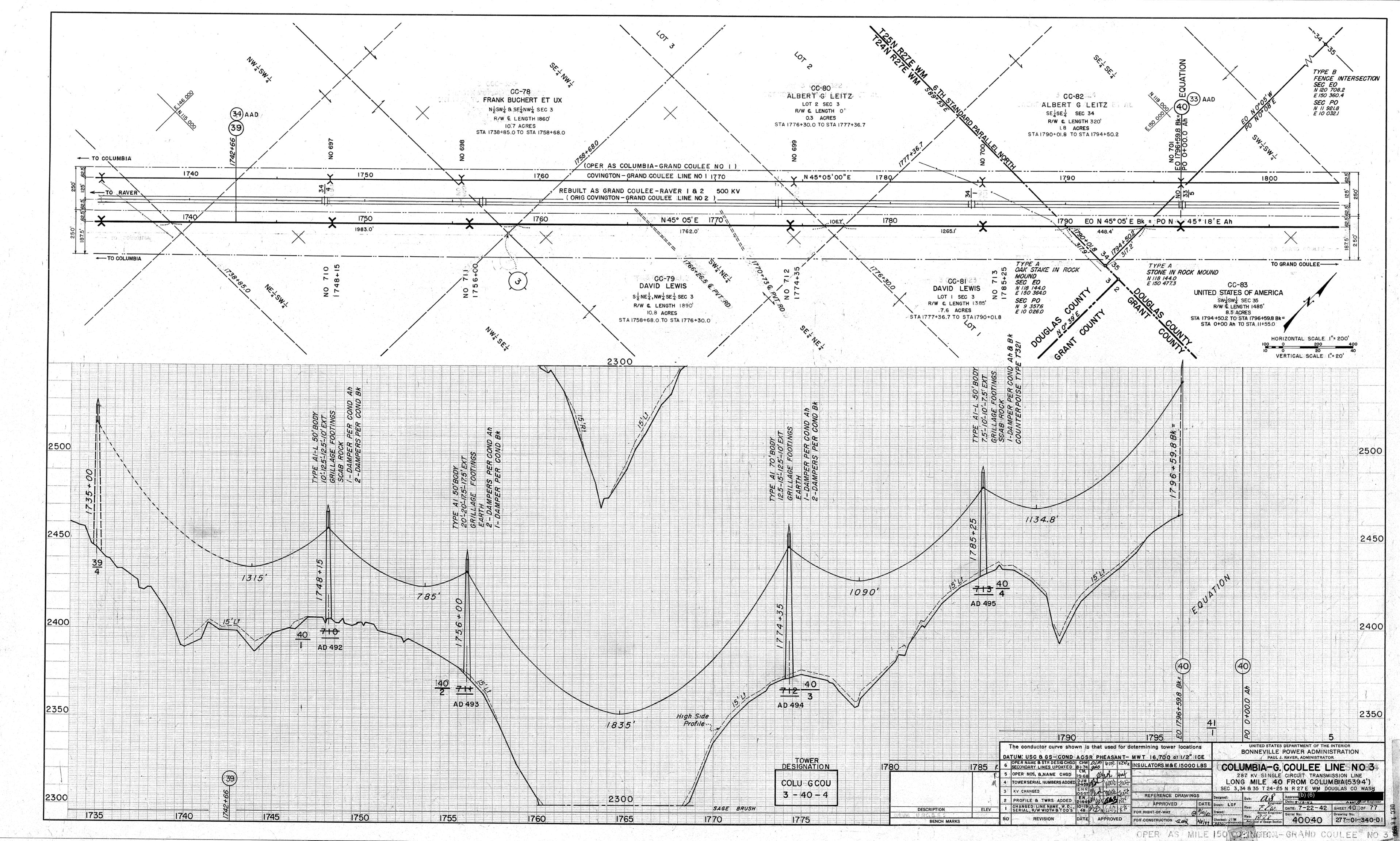


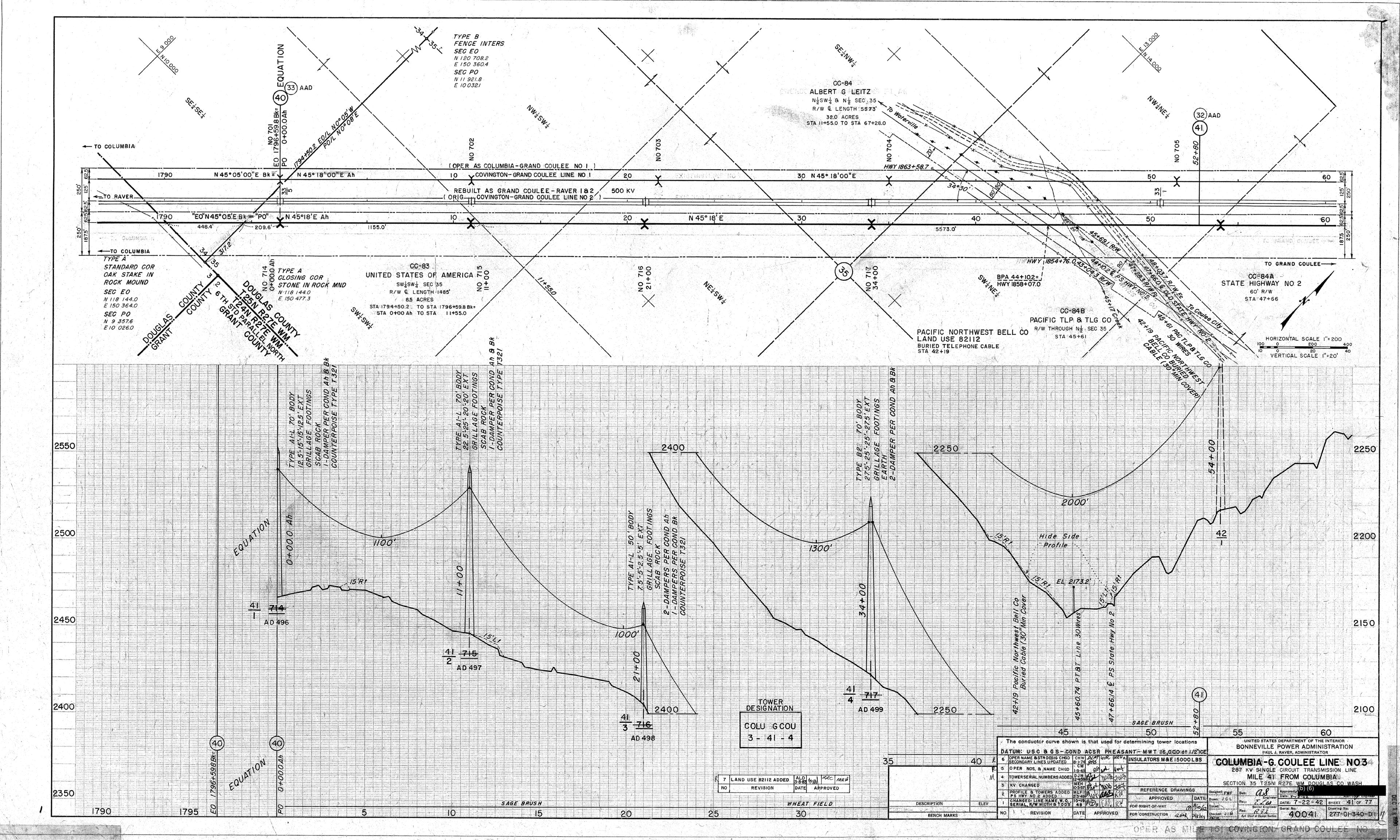


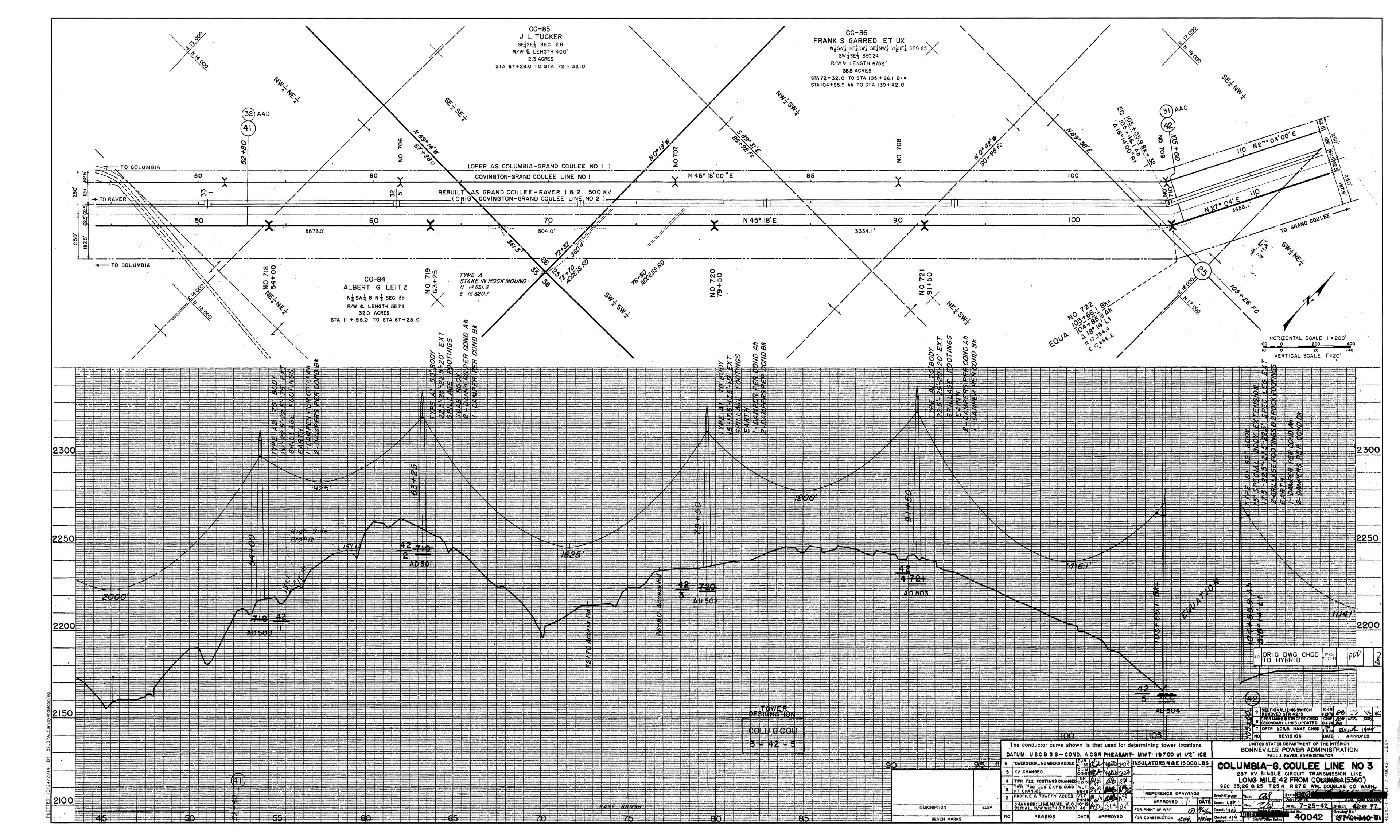


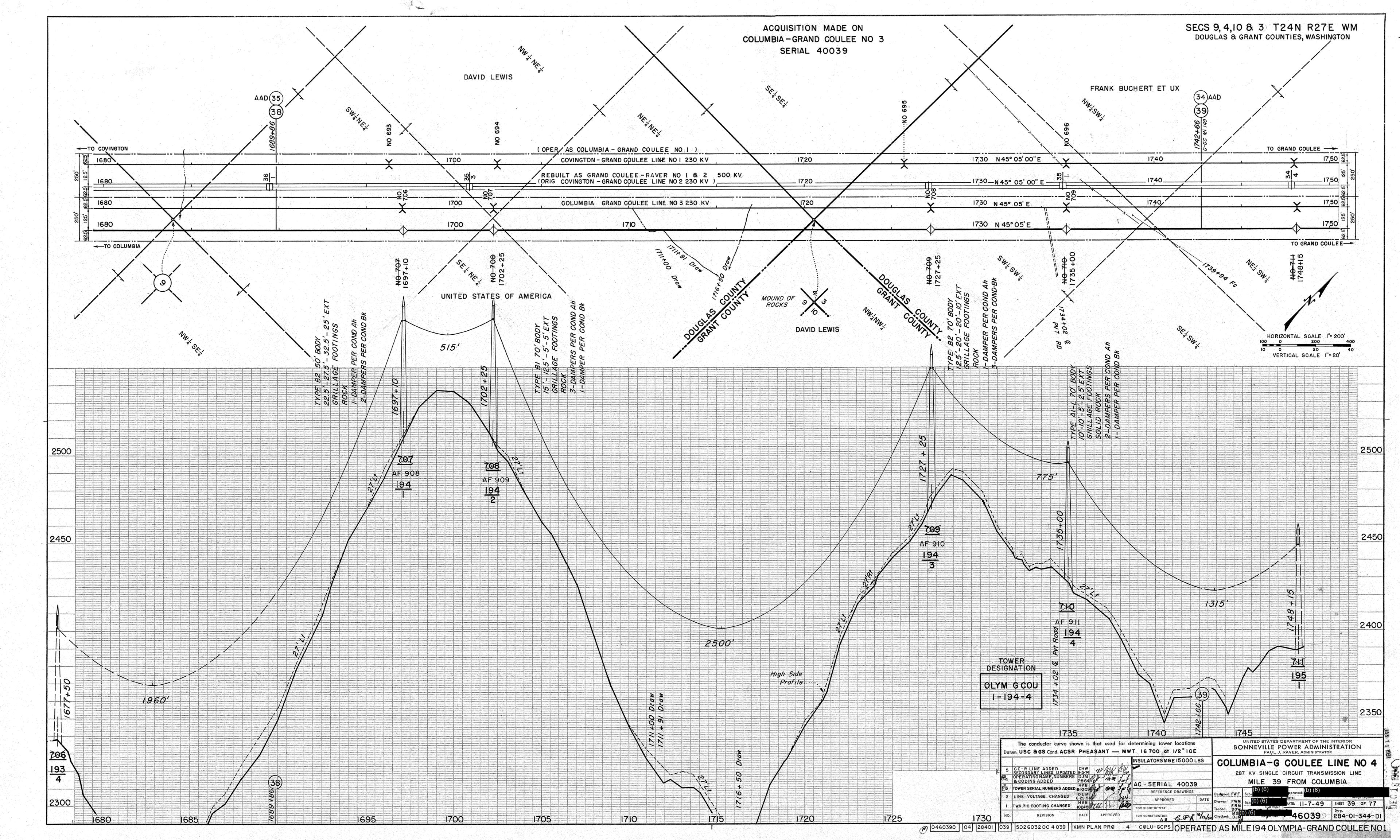


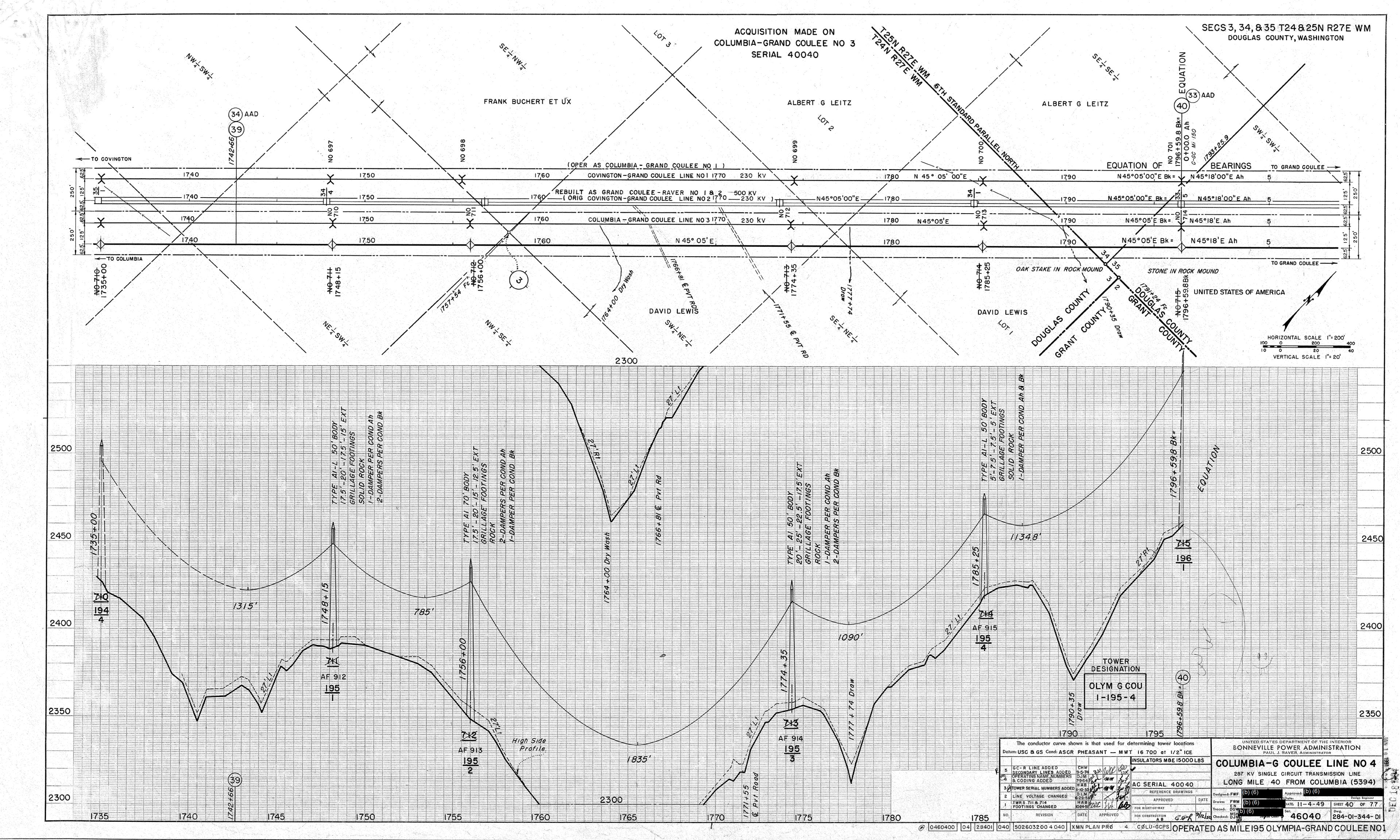


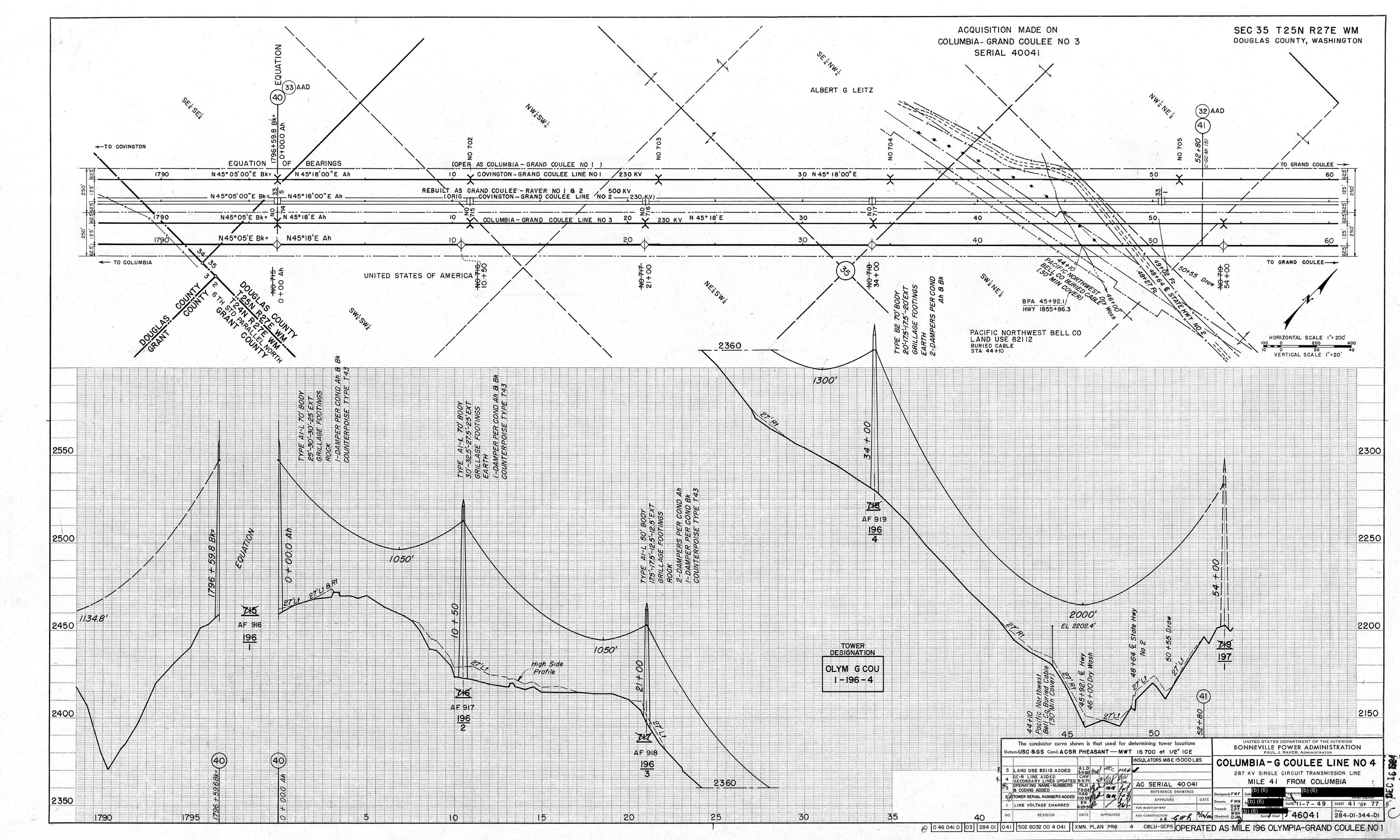


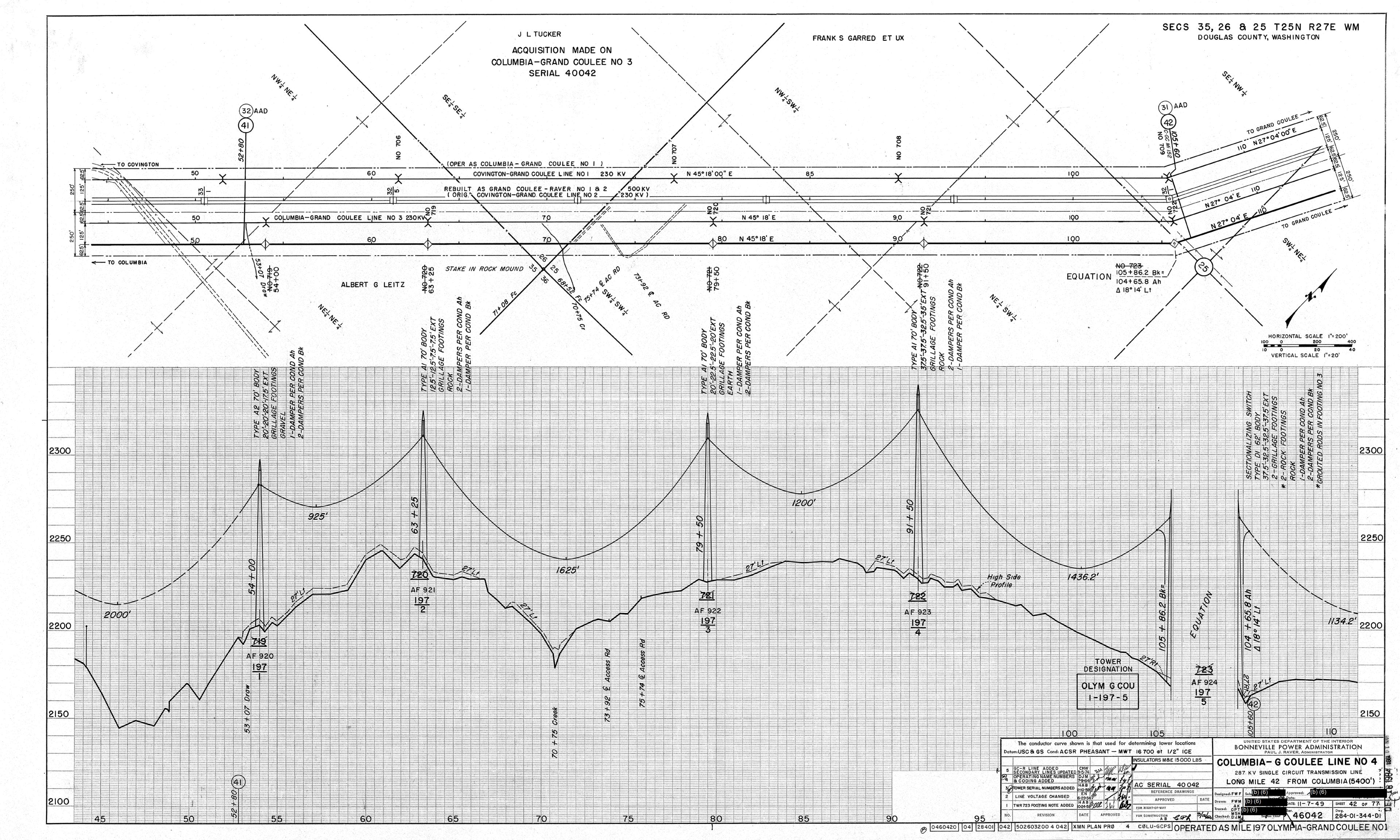


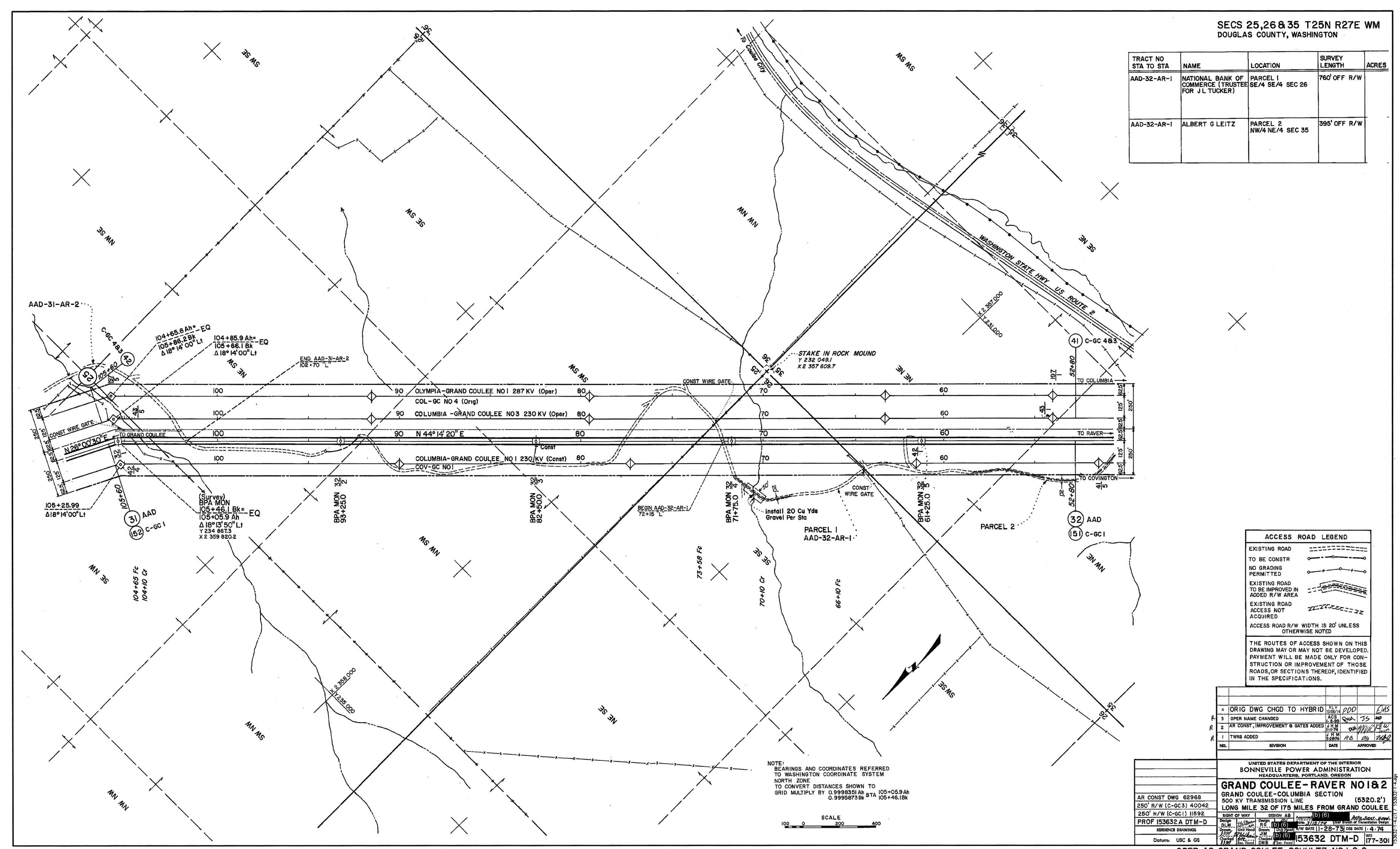












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