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# Foreword

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At the request of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Exponent has updated this environmental impact statement (EIS) to account for design modifications that were made by taking into account input from interested parties, including landowners in the region. As a result of this effort, the specific route, length, and design of some portions of the line has changed for the preferred alternative (Central Alternative using Central Option 1).

Using the updated route and design of the transmission line provided by BPA, Exponent has revised all calculation results for Central Alternative using Central Option 1. Central Alternative Options 2 and 3 have not changed and all reported numbers and calculations for these options are based on the original Central Alternative design. Likewise, East, West and Crossover Alternatives have not changed and reported numbers and calculations for these alternatives are based upon the original design. Where changes in the design and route of Central Alternative using Central Option 1 have resulted in changes to calculated results, these new results have been reflected throughout the text (replacing previous calculations). In tabular summaries of calculation results (particularly length-weighted averages), the updated calculation is shown first, while the original calculation presented in the draft EIS is shown second, presented in parentheses adjacent to the updated value. This convention is followed for all values in Central Alternative using Option 1, even in cases where there is no change between the draft EIS and this document.

In addition, Appendix F was originally prepared in 2011 and so some references and analyses have been revised to reflect updates in current literature and events.

## Limitations

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At the request of BPA Exponent updated the environmental impact study of the BPA I-5 transmission line project with regard to electric and magnetic fields, audible noise, radio noise, and television interference in specific portions of the Central Alternative using Central Option 1. Other alternatives and options were not assessed. In this analysis, we have relied on geometry, material data, usage conditions, specifications, geographic information, and various other types of information provided by BPA. We cannot verify the correctness of this input data, and rely on BPA for the data's accuracy. Although Exponent has exercised usual and customary care in the conduct of this analysis, the responsibility for the design and operation of the project remains fully with BPA.

The findings presented herein are made to a reasonable degree of engineering and scientific certainty. Exponent reserves the right to supplement this report and to expand or modify opinions based on review of additional material as it becomes available, through any additional work, or review of additional work performed by others.

The scope of services performed during this investigation may not adequately address the needs of other users of this report, and any re-use of this report or its findings, conclusions, or recommendations presented herein are at the sole risk of the user. The opinions and comments formulated during this assessment are based on observations and information available at the time of the investigation. No guarantee or warranty as to future life or performance of any reviewed condition is expressed or implied.

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## 1.0 Introduction

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The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to build an approximately 70-mile 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from a new BPA substation near Castle Rock in Cowlitz County, Washington, to a new BPA substation near Troutdale in Multnomah County, Oregon. The proposed line is designated the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project transmission line. Depending on the route selected, the proposed transmission line will traverse areas with a variety of land uses, including forest, agricultural, urban/suburban, and rural. Four alternatives—West, Central, East, and Crossover—are under consideration for the proposed transmission line as shown in Maps 1-4. In addition, there are three additional routing options for portions of each alternative.

The purpose of this report is to describe and quantify the electrical effects of the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project 500-kV transmission line along the alternatives and options. These effects include the following:

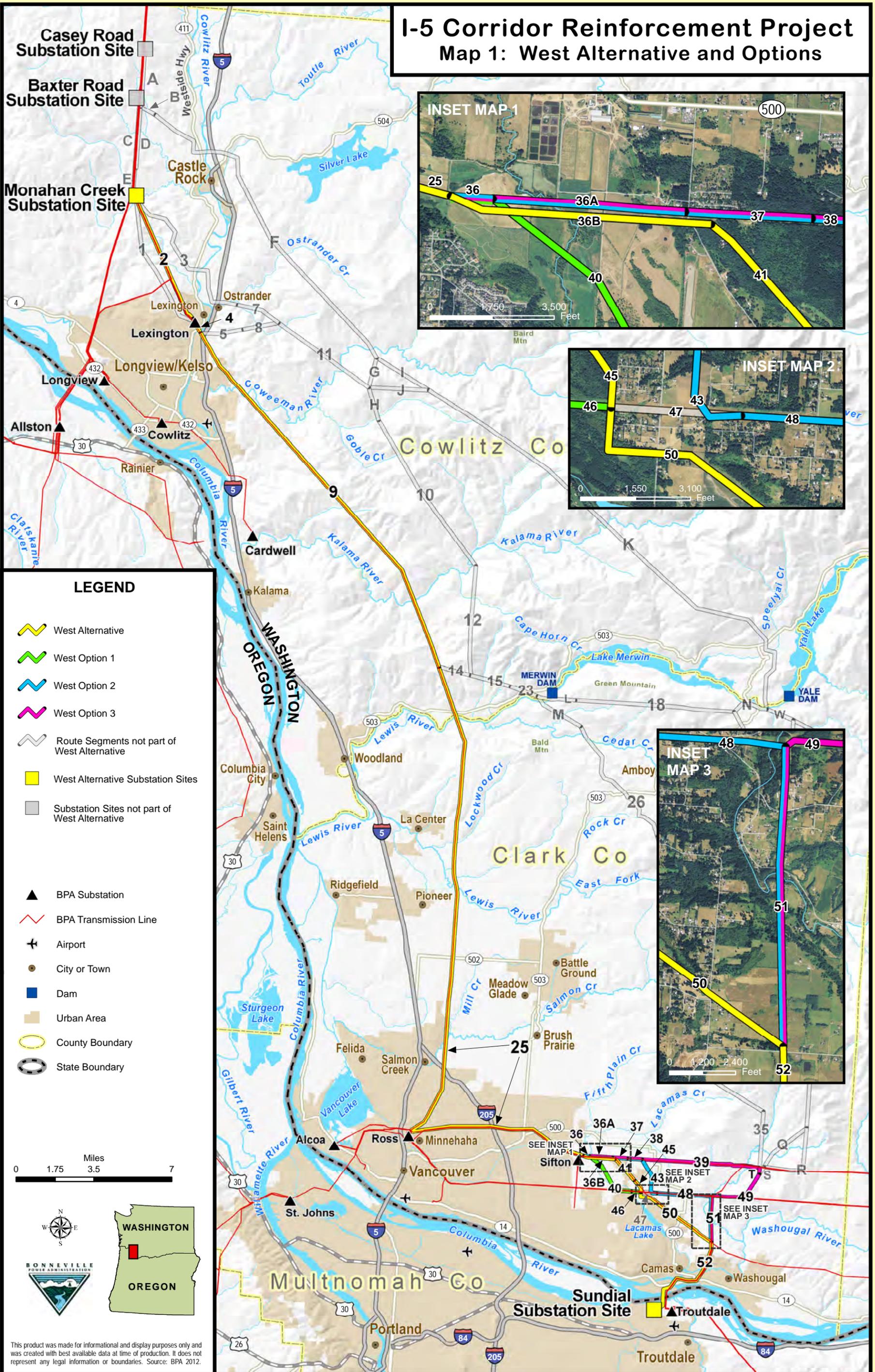
- the levels of 60-Hertz (Hz; cycles per second) electric and magnetic fields (EMF) at 3.28 feet (ft.) or 1 meter (m) above the ground,
- the effects associated with those fields,
- the levels of audible noise produced by the line, and
- electromagnetic interference to radio and television reception associated with the line.

Electrical effects occur near all transmission lines, including those 500-kV lines already present in the area of the proposed route for the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. Therefore, the levels of these quantities for the proposed line are computed and compared with those from the existing lines in Oregon, Washington, and elsewhere.

The proposed line would be built on new and existing rights-of-way, paralleling existing lines along portions of the route. Each of the four alternatives and options is described by a series of fixed, linear route segments between geographic locations. There are 60 segments total in the 4 alternatives and options. Although a route segment is unique geographically, it is not necessarily unique in the physical and electrical configurations that produce electrical effects.

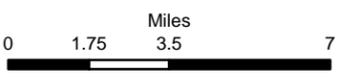
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## Map 1: West Alternative and Options



### LEGEND

- West Alternative
- West Option 1
- West Option 2
- West Option 3
- Route Segments not part of West Alternative
- West Alternative Substation Sites
- Substation Sites not part of West Alternative
- BPA Substation
- BPA Transmission Line
- Airport
- City or Town
- Dam
- Urban Area
- County Boundary
- State Boundary

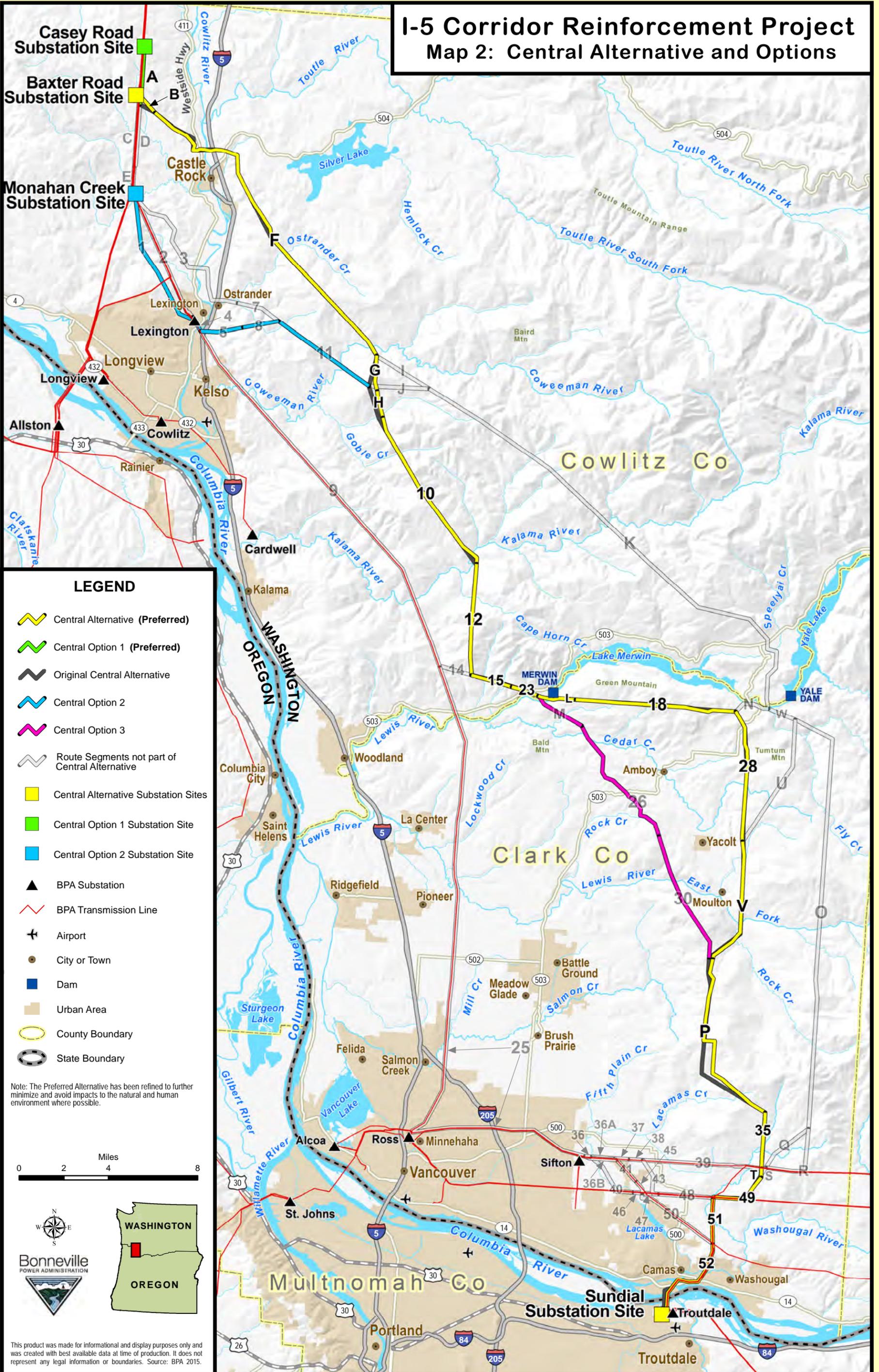


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Map 1: West Alternative and Options

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## Map 2: Central Alternative and Options



### LEGEND

- Central Alternative (Preferred)
- Central Option 1 (Preferred)
- Original Central Alternative
- Central Option 2
- Central Option 3
- Route Segments not part of Central Alternative
- Central Alternative Substation Sites
- Central Option 1 Substation Site
- Central Option 2 Substation Site
- BPA Substation
- BPA Transmission Line
- Airport
- City or Town
- Dam
- Urban Area
- County Boundary
- State Boundary

Note: The Preferred Alternative has been refined to further minimize and avoid impacts to the natural and human environment where possible.

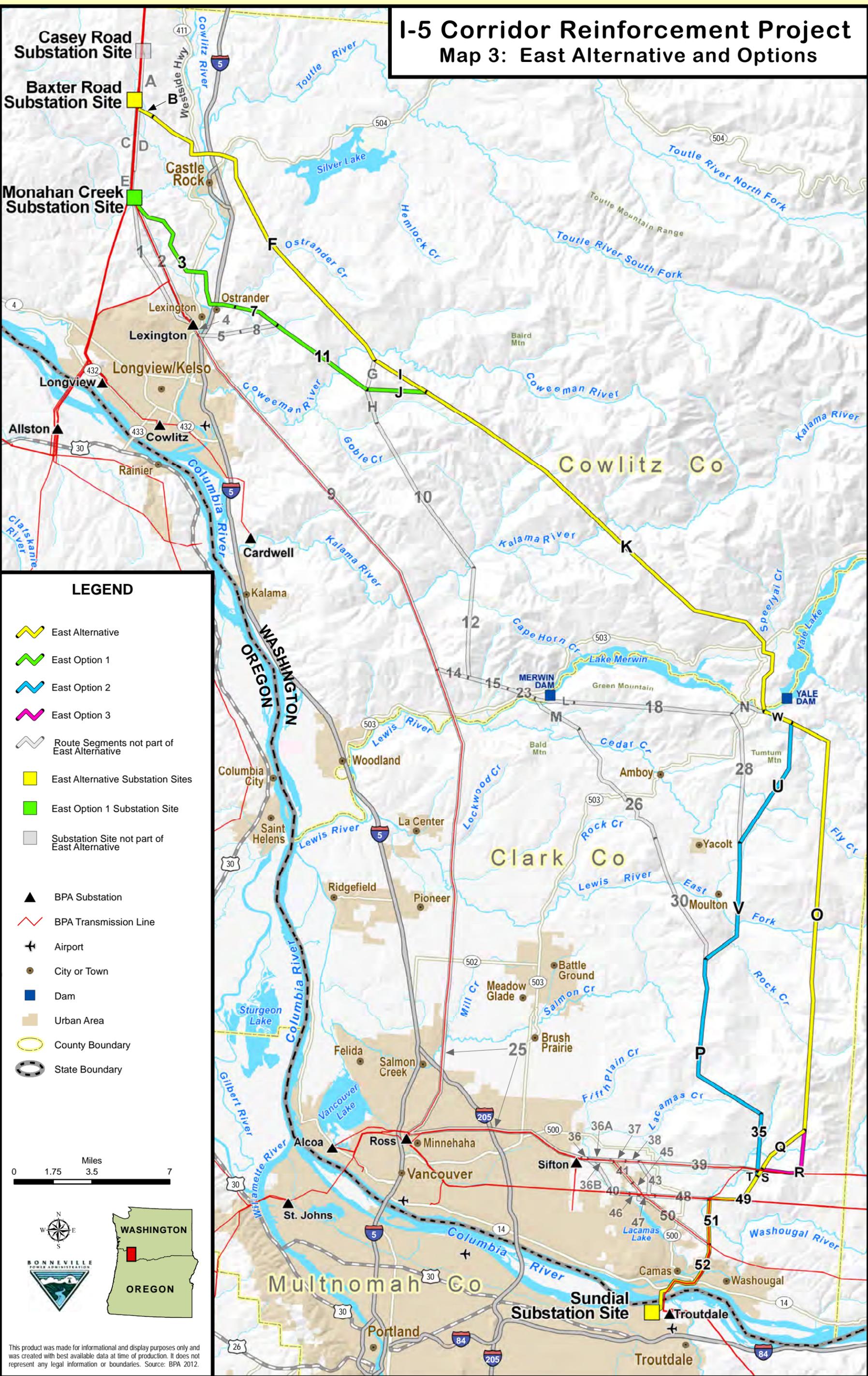


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Map 2: Central Alternative and Options

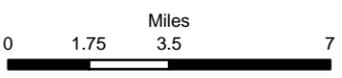
# I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

## Map 3: East Alternative and Options



### LEGEND

- East Alternative
- East Option 1
- East Option 2
- East Option 3
- Route Segments not part of East Alternative
- East Alternative Substation Sites
- East Option 1 Substation Site
- Substation Site not part of East Alternative
- BPA Substation
- BPA Transmission Line
- Airport
- City or Town
- Dam
- Urban Area
- County Boundary
- State Boundary

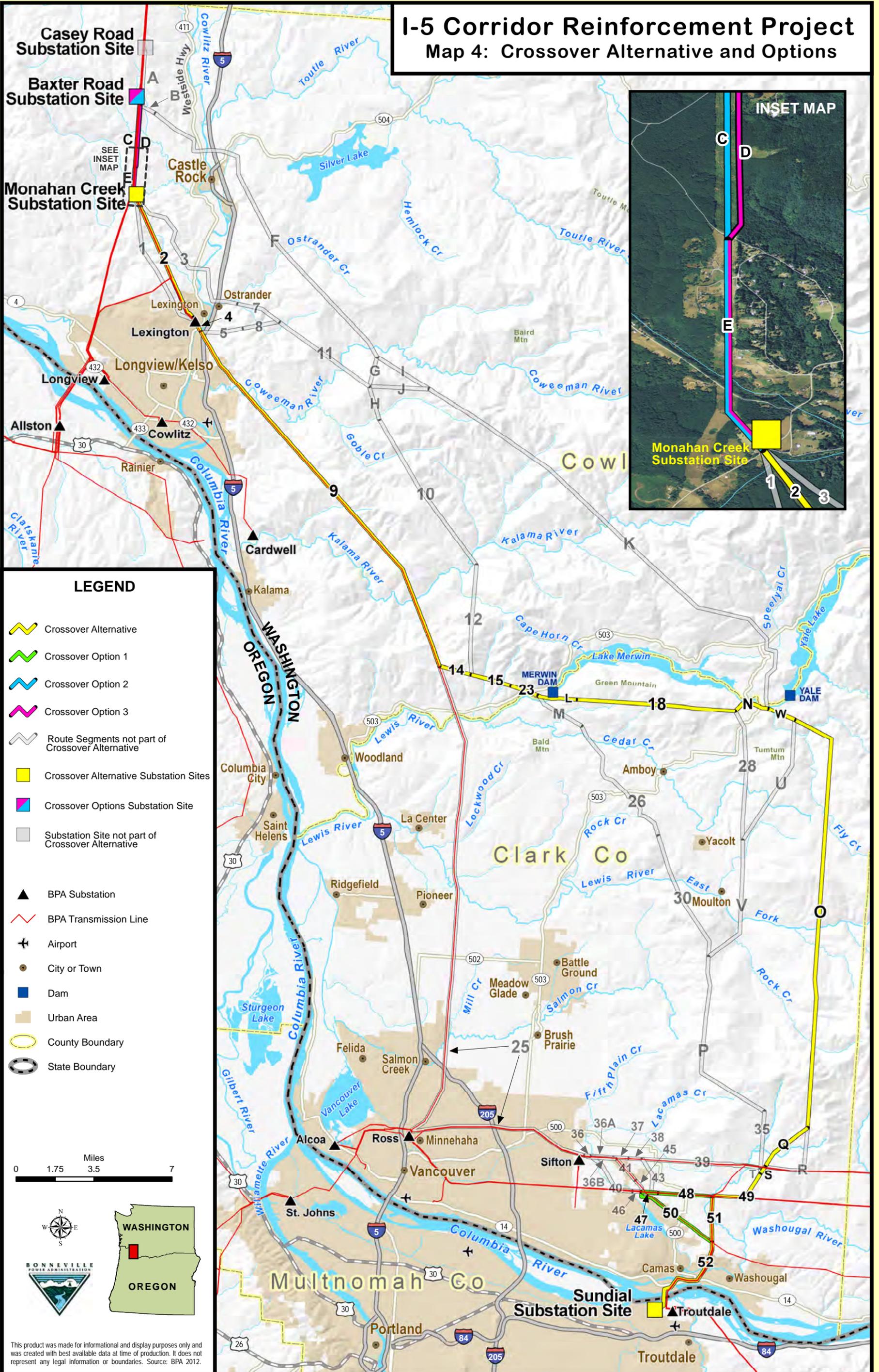


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Map 3: East Alternative and Options

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## Map 4: Crossover Alternative and Options



### LEGEND

- Crossover Alternative
- Crossover Option 1
- Crossover Option 2
- Crossover Option 3
- Route Segments not part of Crossover Alternative
- Crossover Alternative Substation Sites
- Crossover Options Substation Site
- Substation Site not part of Crossover Alternative
- BPA Substation
- BPA Transmission Line
- Airport
- City or Town
- Dam
- Urban Area
- County Boundary
- State Boundary



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Map 4: Crossover Alternative and Options

Therefore in some cases a route segment is broken up into two or more geographical line sections each with a constant configuration for calculation of electrical effects.

Electrical effects were analyzed for all line sections (with or without parallel transmission lines) that had constant physical and electrical characteristics for at least one span between towers. There were 109 separate line sections identified for the 4 alternatives and their options. Identical configurations are present in different sections. Therefore calculations of electrical effects were required for only 36 different electrical configurations. In eight short sections where the line would change direction, cross other lines, change conductor location on the towers, or enter a substation, physical characteristics would not be constant and calculations of effects were not performed. However, the electrical effects associated with these short line sections would be very similar to those for the analyzed segments.

***The results of electrical effects calculations for all the individual sections are described in the appendix to this report.*** These calculations are cross-referenced to alternative routes and segments to facilitate determination of electrical effects levels at specific locations along the proposed route alternatives.

The voltage on the conductors of transmission lines generates an electric field in the space between the conductors and the ground. The electric field is calculated or measured in units of volts-per-meter (V/m) or kilovolts-per-meter (kV/m) at a height of 3.28 ft (1 m) above the ground. The current flowing in the conductors of the transmission line generates a magnetic field in the air and earth near the transmission line; current is expressed in units of amperes (A). The magnetic field is expressed in gauss (G) or milligauss (mG). The electric field at the surface of the conductors causes the phenomenon of corona. Corona is the electrical breakdown or ionization of air in very strong electric fields, and is the source of audible noise, electromagnetic radiation, and visible light.

To quantify EMF levels along the route, the electric and magnetic fields from the proposed and existing lines were calculated using the BPA Corona and Field Effects Program (USDOE, undated). In this program, the calculation of 60-Hz fields uses standard superposition techniques for vector fields from several line sources: in this case, the line sources are transmission-line conductors. (Vector fields have both magnitude and direction: these must be taken into account

when combining fields from different sources.) Important input parameters to the computer program are voltage, current, and geometric configuration of the line. The transmission-line conductors are assumed to be straight, parallel to each other, and located above and parallel to an infinite flat ground plane. Although such conditions do not occur under real lines because of conductor sag and variable terrain, the validity and limitations of calculations using these assumptions have been well verified by comparisons with measurements. This calculation approach was used to estimate fields for the line segments in the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. Minimum clearances were assumed to provide worst-case (highest) estimates for the electric and magnetic fields.

Electric fields are calculated using an imaging method. Fields from the conductors and their images in the ground plane are superimposed with the proper magnitude and phase to produce the total electric field at a selected location.

The total magnetic field is calculated from the vector summation of the fields from currents in all the transmission-line conductors. Balanced currents are assumed for each three-phase circuit and the contribution of induced image currents in the conductive earth is not included. Peak and average current and power flow direction for the proposed and existing lines in each segment were provided by BPA. These currents were estimated for the four action alternatives (a term used to discuss the alternatives and options together) that include the addition of the proposed line and the No-action Alternative that assumes the proposed line is not constructed. The currents in these cases were based on the projected system's normal annual peak power loads in 2019, the selected year for modeling. A modeling year 5 to 10 years in the future provides meaningful estimates of loads for the proposed 500-kV transmission line during its initial years of operation. Projections beyond this timeframe may not be reliable.

Maximum and average electric and magnetic fields for the proposed transmission line were calculated at the standard height of 3.28 ft. (1 m) above the ground (IEEE, 1987). Calculations were performed out to 1000 ft. (305 m) from the centerline of the proposed line in each segment. The validity and limitations of such calculations have been well verified by measurements.

Because maximum voltage, maximum current, and minimum conductor height above-ground are used, *the calculated maximum values given here represent worst-case conditions:* i.e., the calculated fields are higher than they would be in practice. Such worst-case conditions would seldom occur. The average calculated values represent the average fields expected along the entire length of a route segment or line section within a segment.

The corona performance of the proposed line, which affects audible and radio noise emissions, also was calculated using the BPA Corona and Field Effects Program (USDOE, undated). Corona performance is calculated using empirical equations that have been developed over several years from the results of measurements on numerous high-voltage lines (Chartier and Stearns, 1981; Chartier, 1983). The validity of this approach for corona-generated audible noise has been demonstrated through comparisons with measurements on other lines all over the United States (IEEE Committee Report, 1982). The accuracy of this method for predicting corona-generated radio and television interference from transmission lines has also been established (Olsen et al., 1992). Important input parameters to the computer program are voltage, current, conductor size, and geometric configuration of the line.

Corona is a highly variable phenomenon that depends on conditions along a length of line. Predictions of the levels of corona effects are reported in statistical terms to account for this variability. Calculations of audible noise and electromagnetic interference levels were made under conditions of estimated average operating voltage (539 kV for the proposed line) and with the average line height over a span.

Levels of audible noise, radio interference, and television interference are predicted for both fair and foul weather; however, corona is basically a foul-weather phenomenon. Wet conductors can occur during periods of rain, fog, snow, or icing. Along the route of the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project transmission line, such conditions are expected to vary somewhat along the route. Based on hourly meteorological records available from the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC), between 2005 and 2013, the average foul weather rate varies between approximately 26 and 34 percent in different portions of the route.<sup>1</sup> Other privately-collected

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<sup>1</sup> Nearly continuous precipitation data from the NCDC was available for the Portland International Airport (Cooperative Network Number: 356751) and Merwin Dam (Cooperative Network Number: 455305) stations.

data indicated the rate of foul weather varied from 32 to 51 percent during the same period.<sup>2</sup> Corona activity also increases with altitude. For purposes of evaluating corona effects from the proposed line, an altitude of 0 to 1,000 ft. (305 m) was assumed. Sixty-two percent of spans were below an elevation of 1,000 ft. and 94 percent were below 2,000 ft.<sup>3</sup> Most of the population along the line is at the lower elevations.

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<sup>2</sup> Private data were collected in Yale, Washington (51 percent); Chelatchie, Washington (49 percent); Yacolt, Washington (45percent); and Battleground, Washington (32 percent).

<sup>3</sup> Along the revised Central Alternative using Central Option 1, approximately 49% of spans are below an elevation of 1,000 ft. and 99% are below 2,000 ft.

## 2.0 Physical Description

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### 2.1 Proposed Line

BPA provided the physical and operating characteristics of the proposed and existing lines that were used in the calculations. In almost all segments, the proposed 500-kV transmission line would be a three-phase, single-circuit line. Each phase is carried on a separate set of conductors (wires). The voltage and current waves on each phase are displaced by 120° in time (one-third of a cycle) from the waves on the other phases. For the proposed single-circuit configuration the phases would be arranged in a delta (triangular) configuration (Figure 1). In this configuration, the horizontal spacing between phases in the lower conductor positions would be 46 ft. (14 m). The vertical spacing between the conductor positions would be 31.5 ft. (9.6 m). The physical dimensions and electrical characteristics of the proposed single circuit line are shown in Table 1.

In a few segments where there is limited right-of-way available, it would be necessary to place the proposed line on a new tower with one or two existing lines in a double- or triple-circuit configuration. In these cases, the three phases of each line would be arranged vertically. The approximate conductor locations for all sections with calculations are shown in the appendix to this report.

For the 500-kV line, each phase is a bundle of three conductors (wires) and there are three bundles per circuit, as shown in Figure 1. Each bundle of the proposed 500-kV line will have three 1.300-inch diameter conductors arranged in an inverted triangle bundle configuration with approximately 17-inch (43.3 centimeter [cm]) spacing between conductors.

The height of the conductor above ground (i.e., the ground clearance\_ depends on conductor temperature: higher temperature produces smaller clearance because the conductors sag. The minimum conductor-to-ground clearance used in the calculations of electric and magnetic fields is 35 ft. (10.7 m) at a conductor temperature of 122 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) (50 degrees Celsius [°C]). This conductor temperature is specified by the National Electric Safety Code (NESC) (IEEE, 2002) for calculation of electric fields and is used by BPA to characterize the maximum electric and magnetic fields from transmission lines; it represents heavy operating conditions and high ambient air temperatures. Clearances above ground under normal operating temperatures

are greater than the clearance used for calculations. Under very infrequent extreme conditions, conductor temperatures could exceed 122°F (50°C), resulting in smaller clearances and somewhat higher fields, but the line would still be in compliance with the NESC.

In some line sections, larger clearances would be employed to ensure that the BPA criterion for maximum electric field at ground level of 9 kV/m is met along the entire route. The increases in conductor height usually range from 1 to 4 ft. (0.3 to 1.2 m) depending on the voltage, relative phases, and location of the adjacent line or lines. At road crossings, the ground clearance would be at least 50 ft. (15.2 m). The average height above ground along a span at a conductor temperature of 122°F (50°C) is approximately 12 ft. (3.7 m) greater than the minimum clearance. The average line height was used to calculate average electric and magnetic fields and corona noise levels along the line.

The maximum phase-to-phase voltage for the proposed line would be 550 kV and the average voltage would be 539 kV. The maximum electrical current on the line would be 1080 A per phase, based on the BPA projected system annual peak load in 2019 as the base year. The load factor for this line will be about 0.30 (average load = peak load x load factor), resulting in an average current of 324 A.

The new right-of-way for the proposed line will be 150 ft. (46 m) wide. When placed on existing right-of-way the centerline of the proposed line will be at least 75 ft. (23 m) from the edge of the existing or newly acquired right-of-way.

## **2.2 Existing Lines**

The proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project 500-kV line would parallel existing transmission lines along parts of all four action alternatives. The existing lines that will be parallel to the proposed line and the lengths of the parallel sections are dependent on the route. These lines are included in calculations for the four action alternatives and for the No Action Alternative.

## **2.3 Action Alternatives**

Four action alternatives are under consideration for the proposed line. Each action alternative is comprised of many route segments. Some route segments are divided into line sections to

account for changes in line configuration within the segment. (Detailed information about each route segment and line section can be found in tables in the appendix to this report.)

Comparison of the fields and corona effects for the alternatives and options requires more than examination or comparison of calculated results for individual route segments or line sections. To produce a general summary of levels for an action alternative, the distance-weighted means of the average and maximum values for all sections in an alternative or option were computed. These summary measures do not necessarily represent any particular location along a route; however, they do provide a basis for comparing alternatives and options.

The proposed line would be located on two types of right-of-way: a new right-of-way without adjacent transmission lines and an existing right-of-way with existing adjacent lines. In some cases, an existing right-of-way may still require purchase of an additional right-of-way for the proposed line; however, this situation is considered existing, because of the presence of an existing adjacent line or lines.

The mileage by type of right-of-way (new or existing) for the four alternatives and their options is shown in Table 2. This table also shows the number of route segments in each alternative and option. The West Alternative is almost entirely on existing rights-of-way (98 percent) while the Central and East Alternatives are primarily on new rights-of-way (87 percent and 90 percent, respectively). The Crossover Alternative is distributed about equally on new (58 percent) and existing (42 percent) rights-of-way.

The composition of right-of-way type in an alternative or option affects the overall field levels and the change in field levels between the action and No Action alternatives. New right-of-way sections have higher fields at their edges than existing right-of-way sections and introduce fields and corona effects where none exist in the No Action Alternative. The electrical effects summary measures were computed separately for the new and existing rights-of-way types within each alternative and option and then combined to provide overall summary measures for the action alternatives.

## **2.4 No Action Alternative**

A decision not to build the proposed line constitutes the No Action Alternative. Electrical effects levels for the No Action Alternative are calculated from the existing lines along the various routes in the absence of the proposed 500-kV line. Electrical effects for the No Action Alternative along the routes of the four action alternatives are summarized by computing distance-averaged means for the levels from the existing lines. There are no electrical effects along the new right-of-way sections for the No Action Alternative.

## 3.0 Electric Field

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### 3.1 Basic Concepts

An electric field is said to exist in a region of space if an electrical charge, at rest in that space, experiences a force of electrical origin (i.e., electric fields cause free charges to move). An electric field is a vector quantity: that is, it has both magnitude and direction. The direction corresponds to the direction that a positive charge would move in the field. Sources of electric fields are unbalanced electrical charges (positive or negative) and time-varying magnetic fields. Transmission lines, distribution lines, house wiring, and appliances generate electric fields in their vicinity because of the unbalanced electrical charges associated with voltage on the conductors. On the power system in North America, the voltage and charge on the energized conductors are cyclic (plus to minus to plus) at a rate of 60 times per second. This changing voltage results in electric fields near sources that are also time-varying at a frequency of 60 Hz (a frequency unit equivalent to 60 cycles per second).

As noted earlier, electric fields are expressed in units of V/m or kV/m (thousands of volts). Electric- and magnetic-field magnitudes in this report are expressed in root-mean-square (rms) units. For sinusoidal waves, the rms amplitude is given as the peak amplitude divided by the square root of 2.

The spatial uniformity of an electric field depends on the source of the field and the distance from that source. On the ground, under a transmission line, the electric field is nearly constant in magnitude and direction over distances of several feet (1 m). However, close to transmission- or distribution-line conductors, the field decreases rapidly with distance from the conductors. Similarly, near small sources such as appliances, the field is not uniform and falls off even more rapidly with distance from the device. If an energized conductor (source) is inside a grounded conducting enclosure, then the electric field outside the enclosure is zero, and the source is said to be shielded.

Electric fields interact with the charges in all matter, including living systems. When a conducting object, such as a vehicle or person, is located in a time-varying electric field near a transmission line, the external electric field exerts forces on the charges in the object, and electric

fields and currents are induced in the object. If the object is grounded, then the total current induced in the body (the short-circuit current) flows to earth. The distribution of the currents within, say, the human body, depends on the electrical conductivities of various parts of the body: for example, muscle and blood have higher conductivity than bone and would therefore experience higher currents.

At the boundary surface between air and the conducting object, the field in the air is perpendicular to the conductor surface and is much, much larger than the field in the conductor itself. For example, the average surface field on a human standing in a 10 kV/m field is 27 kV/m; the internal fields in the body are much smaller: approximately 0.008 V/m in the torso and 0.45 V/m in the ankles.

## **3.2 Transmission Line Electric Fields**

The electric field created by a high-voltage transmission line extends from the energized conductors to other conducting objects such as the ground, towers, vegetation, buildings, vehicles, and people. The calculated strength of the electric field at a height of 3.28 ft. (1 m) above an un-vegetated, flat earth is frequently used to describe the electric field under straight parallel transmission lines. The most important transmission-line parameters that determine the electric field at a height of 3.28 ft. (1 m) are the line voltage and the height of the conductors above ground.

Calculations of electric fields from transmission lines were performed with computer programs based on well-known physical principles (cf., Deno and Zaffanella, 1982). The calculated values under these conditions represent an ideal situation. When practical conditions approach this ideal model, measurements and calculations agree. Often, however, conditions are far from ideal because of variable terrain and vegetation. In these cases, fields are calculated for ideal conditions, with the lowest conductor clearances to provide upper bounds on the electric field under the transmission lines. With the use of more complex models or empirical results, it is also possible to account accurately for variations in conductor height, topography, and changes in line direction. Because the fields from different sources add vectorially, it is possible to compute the fields from several different lines if the electrical and geometrical properties of the

lines are known. However, in general, electric fields near transmission lines with vegetation below are highly complex and cannot be calculated. Measured fields in such situations are highly variable.

For evaluation of electric and magnetic fields from transmission lines, the fields must be calculated for a specific operating conditions. The NESC states the condition for evaluating electric-field-induced short-circuit current for lines with voltage above 98 kV, line-to-ground, as follows: conductors are at a minimum clearance from ground corresponding to a conductor temperature of 120°F (50°C), and at a maximum voltage (IEEE, 2002). BPA has supplied the needed information for calculating electric and magnetic fields from the proposed transmission lines: the maximum operating voltage, the estimated peak current in 2019, and the minimum conductor clearances.

There are standard techniques for measuring transmission-line electric fields (IEEE, 1987). Provided that the conditions at a measurement site closely approximate those of the ideal situation assumed for calculations, measurements of electric fields agree well with the calculated values. If the ideal conditions are not approximated, the measured field can differ substantially from calculated values. Usually the actual electric field at ground level is reduced from the calculated values by various common objects that act as shields.

Maximum or peak field values occur over a small area on the right-of-way at mid-span, where conductors are closest to the ground (minimum clearance). As the location of an electric-field profile approaches a tower, the conductor clearance increases, and the peak field decreases. A grounded tower will reduce the electric field considerably by shielding.

For traditional transmission lines, such as the proposed line, where the right-of-way extends laterally well beyond the conductors, electric fields at the edge of the right-of-way are not as sensitive as the peak field to conductor height. Computed values at the edge of the right-of-way for any line height are fairly representative of what can be expected all along the transmission-line corridor. However, the presence of vegetation on and at the edge of the right-of-way will reduce actual electric-field levels below calculated values.

### 3.3 Calculated Values of Electric Fields

The calculated values of electric fields at 3.28 ft. (1 m) above ground for all route segments and line sections in the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project are presented in the appendix to this report. The appendix also contains lateral profiles of the electric field out to 1,000 feet on either side of the centerline of the proposed line for all route segments. Maximum and average field values are also tabulated. Tables in the appendix allow readers to look up calculated values by alternative, option, route segment, line section, or calculation number.

Data for each alternative and option, including the No Action Alternative, are then summarized in Tables 3 to 7 in this report. Calculated maximum electric fields at various distances from the proposed line on new right-of-way are summarized in Table 3; tables 4 to 7 show electric field calculations for both new and existing right-of-way for all alternatives and options.

For all alternatives and options, the calculated electric fields expected on the right-of-way of the proposed line will depend on the particular segment. To facilitate comparison among alternatives and options, calculations shown in Tables 4 to 7 are of distance-weighted means for electric fields on and at the edge of the right-of-way. The electric fields designated as maximum on-right-of-way values (identified as “On ROW” in the tables) are the distance-weighted mean of the maximum (peak) fields for all segments in an alternative or option. These maximum fields would occur in a small area near mid-span with the conductors at minimum clearance and maximum voltage (550 kV). The average “On ROW” field values estimate the average along an entire span of these maximum (peak) fields with the proposed line operating at average voltage (539 kV). Both the maximum and average “On ROW” values represent conservative (upper limit) estimates for the electric fields expected to occur on the right-of-way.

The maximum and average edge-of-right-of-way (identified as “Edge of ROW” in the tables) fields are also distance-weighted averages across all segments in an alternative or option. They represent the fields at the edge of the right-of-way under the clearance and voltage conditions specified for the maximum and average fields on the right-of-way.

For all alternatives and options the maximum (peak) values “On ROW” range from 8.8 to 9.0 kV/m. The average peak field “On ROW” ranges from 5.3 to 5.8 kV/m. The peak fields for

the proposed line on new right-of-way would be 8.8 kV/m under maximum conditions and 5.3 kV/m under average conditions.

The maximum values expected at the “Edge of ROW” of the proposed line range from 0.6 to 2.9 kV/m. The low field values would occur when low voltage lines are present at the opposite edge from the proposed 500-kV line. The maximum and average electric fields at the “Edge of ROW” on new right-of-way would be 2.3 kV/m.

Electric field plots for all sections of the proposed line on existing and new rights-of-way are contained in the appendix to this report. Two examples are included here. The electric field plot for the proposed line operating on a new right-of-way is shown in Figure 2. An example of the electric fields near the proposed line on an existing right-of-way is shown in Figure 3.

Calculated electric field levels for the proposed line on new right-of-way are shown in Table 3 for locations on the right-of-way (“Peak on ROW”), at the edge of the right-of-way (“at Edge of ROW”), and at 150 and 300 feet from centerline. The maximum levels, which would occur very infrequently, would be 8.8 kV/m “Peak on ROW” and 2.3 kV/m “at Edge of ROW” (75 feet from the proposed line). The average levels would be 5.3 kV/m “Peak on ROW” and slightly less than 2.3 kV/m “at Edge of ROW.” By 150 feet from the proposed line both the maximum and average electric fields would be 0.5 kV/m; by 300 feet from the proposed line, the electric fields would be 0.1 kV/m.

The maximum (peak) electric field values on the right-of-way would occur only at locations almost directly under the conductors, near mid-span, where the conductors are at minimum clearance. The conditions of minimum conductor clearance at maximum voltage occur very infrequently. Thus, the calculated peak electric field levels are rarely reached under real-life conditions, because the actual line height is generally above the minimum value used in the computer model, because the actual voltage is below the maximum value used in the model, and because vegetation within and near the edge of the right-of-way tends to shield the field at ground level.

As noted, Tables 4 to 7 show distance-weighted means for electric fields on and at the edge of the right-of-way to allow comparison among alternatives and options. The maximum peak fields

on the existing rights-of-way averaged over the entire route would be very similar to the maximum peak field expected for the proposed line on new right-of-way: that is, maximum peak fields of 8.8 kV/m and average peak fields of about 5.3 kV/m for new rights-of-way. However, electric fields at the edges of existing rights-of-way tend to be lower than for the new rights-of-way, because the existing rights-of-way have one edge adjacent to a lower voltage line.

The No Action Alternative would produce lower fields on and at the edges of the rights-of-way than the four alternatives (excluding options). When the 12 options are considered, the field levels from the No Action Alternative field levels can be higher than the proposed line, particularly where 500-kV lines are present: Central Options 1 and 2, and Crossover Options 2 and 3. The segments with adjacent 500-kV lines are all located between the three possible substation locations at the northern end of the project.

Where new right-of-way is required, there are currently no electric fields present for the No Action Alternative.

### **3.4 Environmental Electric Fields**

The electric fields associated with the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project can be compared with those found in other environments. Sources of 60-Hz electric (and magnetic) fields exist everywhere electricity is used; levels of these fields in the modern environment vary over a wide range. Electric-field levels associated with the use of electrical energy are orders of magnitude greater than the naturally occurring 60-Hz fields of about 0.0001 V/m, which stem from atmospheric and extraterrestrial sources.

Electric fields in outdoor, publicly accessible places range from less than 1 V/m to 12 kV/m; the large fields exist close to high-voltage transmission lines of 500 kV or higher. In remote areas without electrical service, 60-Hz field levels can be well below 1 V/m. Electric fields in home and work environments generally are not spatially uniform like those of transmission lines; therefore, care must be taken when making comparisons between fields from different sources such as appliances and electric lines. In addition, fields from all sources can be strongly modified by the presence of conducting objects. However, it is helpful to know the levels of

electric fields generated in domestic and office environments to compare commonly experienced field levels with those near transmission lines.

Numerous measurements of residential electric fields have been reported for various parts of the United States, Canada, and Europe. Measurements of domestic 60-Hz electric fields indicate that levels are highly variable and source-dependent. Electric-field levels are not easily predicted because walls and other objects act as shields, because conducting objects perturb the field, and because homes contain numerous localized sources. Internal sources (wiring, fixtures, and appliances) seem to predominate in producing electric fields inside houses. Average measured electric fields in residences are generally in the range of 5 to 20 V/m. In a large occupational exposure monitoring project that included electric-field measurements at homes, average exposures for all groups away from work were generally less than 10 V/m (Bracken, 1990).

Electric fields from household appliances are localized and decrease rapidly with distance from the source. Local electric fields measured at 1 ft. (0.3 m) from small household appliances are typically in the range of 30 to 60 V/m. In a survey, reported by Deno and Zaffanella (1982), field measurements at a distance of 1 ft. (0.3 m) from common domestic and workshop sources were found to range from 3 to 70 V/m. The localized fields from appliances are not uniform, and care should be taken in comparing them with transmission-line fields.

Electric blankets can generate higher localized electric fields. Florig et al. (1987) carried out extensive empirical and theoretical analysis of electric-field exposure from electric blankets and presented results in terms of uniform equivalent fields such as those near transmission lines. Depending on what parameter was chosen to represent intensity of exposure and the grounding status of the subject, the equivalent vertical 60-Hz electric-field exposure ranged from 20 to over 3,500 V/m. The largest equivalent field corresponds to the measured field on the chest with the blanket-user grounded. The average field on the chest of an ungrounded blanket-user yields an equivalent vertical field of 960 V/m. Most newer electric blankets have a different design that results in lower magnetic fields, but the electric fields from these “low field” blankets are still comparable with those from older designs (Bassen et al., 1991).

Generally, people in occupations not directly related to high-voltage equipment are exposed to electric fields comparable with those of residential exposures. For example, the average electric

field measured in 14 commercial and retail locations in rural Wisconsin and Michigan was 4.8 V/m (IIT Research Institute, 1984). The median electric field was about 3.4 V/m. These values are about one-third the values in residences reported in the same study. Electric-field levels in public buildings such as shops, offices, and malls appear to be comparable with levels in residences.

In a survey of 1,882 volunteers from utilities, electric-field exposures were measured for 2,082 work days and 657 non-work days (Bracken, 1990). Electric-field exposures for occupations other than those directly related to high-voltage equipment were equivalent to those for non-work exposure.

Thus, except for the relatively few occupations where high-voltage sources are prevalent, electric fields encountered in the workplace are probably similar to those of residential exposures. Even in electric utility occupations where high field sources are present, exposures to high fields are limited on average to minutes per day.

Electric fields found in publicly accessible areas near high-voltage transmission lines can typically range up to 3 kV/m for 230-kV lines, to 10 kV/m for 500-kV lines, and to 12 kV/m for 765-kV lines. Although these peak levels are considerably higher than the levels found in other public areas, they are present only in limited areas on rights-of-way.

The calculated electric fields for the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement 500-kV transmission line are consistent with the levels reported for other 500-kV transmission lines in Washington, Oregon, and elsewhere. The calculated electric fields on and at the edge of the right-of-way of the proposed transmission line would be much higher than levels normally encountered in residences and offices.

## 4.0 Magnetic Field

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### 4.1 Basic Concepts

Magnetic fields can be characterized by the force they exert on a moving charge or on an electrical current. As with the electric field, the magnetic field is a vector quantity characterized by both magnitude and direction. Electrical currents generate magnetic fields. In the case of transmission lines, distribution lines, house wiring, and appliances, the 60-Hz electric current flowing in the conductors generates a time-varying, 60-Hz magnetic field in the vicinity of these sources. The strength of a magnetic field is measured in terms of magnetic lines of force per unit area, or magnetic flux density. The term magnetic field, as used here, is synonymous with magnetic flux density and is expressed in units of G or mG. (Tesla [T] is the unit of magnetic flux density preferred in scientific publications, where 1.0 G equals 0.1 millitesla and 1 mG equals 0.1 microtesla).

The uniformity of a magnetic field depends on the nature and proximity of the source, just as the uniformity of an electric field does. Transmission-line-generated magnetic fields are quite uniform over horizontal and vertical distances of several feet near the ground. However, for small sources such as appliances, the magnetic field decreases rapidly over distances comparable with the size of the device.

The interaction of a time-varying magnetic field with conducting objects results in induced electric fields and currents in the object. A changing magnetic field through an area generates a voltage around any conducting loop enclosing the area (Faraday's law). This is the physical basis for the operation of an electrical transformer. For a time-varying sinusoidal magnetic field, the magnitude of the induced voltage around the loop is proportional to the area of the loop, the frequency of the field, and the magnitude of the field. The induced voltage around the loop results in an induced electric field and current flow in the loop material. The induced current that flows in the loop depends on the conductivity of the loop as well as its area.

## 4.2 Transmission Line Magnetic Fields

The magnetic field generated by currents on transmission-line conductors extends from the conductors through the air and into the ground. The magnitude of the field at a height of 3.28 ft. (1 m) is frequently used to describe the magnetic field under transmission lines. Because the magnetic field is not affected by non-ferrous materials, the field is not influenced by normal objects on the ground under the line. The direction of the maximum field varies with location. (The electric field, by contrast, is essentially vertical near the ground.) The most important transmission-line parameters that determine the magnetic field at 3.28 ft. (1 m) height are conductor height above ground and magnitude of the current flowing in the conductors. As distance from the transmission line conductors increases, the magnetic field decreases.

Calculations of magnetic fields from transmission lines are performed using well-known physical principles (cf., Deno and Zaffanella, 1982). The calculated values usually represent the ideal straight parallel-conductor configuration. For simplicity, a flat earth is usually assumed. Balanced currents (currents of the same magnitude for each phase) are also assumed. This is usually valid for transmission lines, where loads on all three phases are maintained in balance during operation. Induced image currents in the earth are usually ignored for calculations of the magnetic field under or near the right-of-way. The resulting error is negligible. Only at distances greater than 300 ft. (91 m) from a line do such contributions become significant (Deno and Zaffanella, 1982). The clearance for magnetic-field calculations for the proposed line was the same as that used for electric-field evaluations.

Standard techniques for measuring magnetic fields near transmission lines are described in ANSI IEEE Standard No. 644-1994 (1995, reaffirmed 2008). Measured magnetic fields agree well with calculated values, provided the currents and line heights that go into the calculation correspond to the actual values for the line. To realize such agreement, it is necessary to get accurate current readings during field measurements (because currents on transmission lines can vary considerably over short periods of time) and also to account for all field sources in the vicinity of the measurements.

As with electric fields, maximum (peak) magnetic fields occur in areas near the centerline and at mid-span where conductors are the lowest. The magnetic field at the edge of the right-of-way is

not very dependent on line height. If more than one line is present, the peak field will depend on the relative electrical phasing of the conductors and the relative direction of power flow in the lines.

### 4.3 Calculated Values for Magnetic Fields

The appendix to this report contains tables and plots of the calculated values of the magnetic field at a 3.28 ft. (1 m) height for all of the proposed 500-kV transmission line sections. Field values on the right-of-way and at the edge of the right-of-way are given for projected maximum currents and minimum clearance. Field levels at the same locations for average current and average conductor clearance are also given. This information is then summarized in Tables 3 to 7 in this report. Calculated maximum magnetic fields on new rights-of-way are summarized in Table 3. Tables 4 to 7 show calculated magnetic fields (expressed in distance-weighted means) on new and existing rights-of-way by alternative and option. In addition, examples of magnetic field plots for the proposed line operating on a new right-of-way and existing right-of-way are shown in Figures 4 and 5.

The magnetic fields designated as maximum on-right-of-way values (designated as On ROW in the tables) represent the maximum (peak) fields that could occur infrequently in a small area near mid-span with the conductors at minimum clearance and maximum current (1080 A). The average on-right-of-way field values estimate the average along an entire span of these maximum (peak) fields with the proposed line operating at average current (324 A). Both the maximum and average on-right-of-way values represent conservative (upper limit) estimates for the magnetic fields expected to occur on the right-of-way.

The maximum and average edge-of-right-of-way (Edge of ROW) magnetic fields represent calculated values at the edge of the right-of-way under the clearance and voltage conditions specified for the maximum and average fields on the right-of-way.

Maximum magnetic-field levels for new right-of-way sections at peak loading (for all four alternatives) would be 184 mG “On ROW” and 48 mG at “Edge of ROW” (75 feet from the proposed line). The magnetic field levels at average loading would be much lower: 35 mG “On ROW” and 12 mG at “Edge of ROW.” By 150 ft. from the proposed line, magnetic fields would

fall to 13 mG and 4 mG at maximum and average loading, respectively; at 300 ft. from the proposed line, the magnetic field would be 4 mG and 1 mG at maximum and average loading, respectively. These levels are similar to what could be found in the environment associated with operation of lower voltage lines.

Figures 4 and 5 in this report provide visual representations of the potentially highest magnetic fields under the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement 500-kV line. The actual day-to-day magnetic-field levels would be lower. They would vary as currents change daily and seasonally and as clearances change with ambient temperature. As shown in these tables and figures, the average fields along the line over a year would be considerably reduced from the maximum values, as a result of increased clearances and reduced current.

The large number of existing right-of-way sections that comprise the alternative routes makes it impractical to tabulate results off the right-of-way for each of these. However, the field values for the proposed line alone shown in Table 3 provide an indication of the magnetic fields that can be expected off the right-of-way when the proposed line is on an existing right-of-way. In such cases, one edge of the right-of-way will be adjacent to the proposed line and it will be the dominant source of fields outside the right-of-way. Consequently, the values at 150 and 300 ft. shown in Table 3 will be representative of the fields beyond the edge nearest to the proposed line. On the far side of an existing right-of-way, an existing lower voltage line with lower currents will be present and magnetic (and electric) fields will likely be lower than on the near side. In this case, the field values off the right-of-way from the proposed line alone can be considered an upper bound on the fields off the right-of-way. However, if an existing 500-kV line is present on the far side of the right-of-way then the fields can be higher than those for the proposed line alone. This occurs in Central Option 1 and Crossover Options 2 and 3 (Tables 5 and 6).

To compare the magnetic-field levels between action alternatives, the magnetic fields for each alternative and option were characterized in the same manner as were electric fields. A distance-weighted average of each parameter was computed using the tabulated values in the appendix of this report for each line section along the entire length of each alternative and option. The distance-weighted average fields were calculated separately for sections with new and existing

rights-of-way for the four alternatives. Similar computations were performed for the options in each alternative.

For clarity, the results for the 12 options are presented separately in Tables 4-7, and discussed only in instances where there would be a significant change to the results for the overall action alternative. The tables show the distance-weighted average of the maximum and average fields on and at the edge of the right-of-way. The No Action Alternative levels are also shown for those sections where the proposed transmission line would be located on existing rights-of-way.

The maximum On ROW 60-Hz magnetic fields along the four alternatives (excluding options) range from 174 to 184 mG (all numbers in this section are distance-weighted averages). The lowest value would occur on existing rights-of-way for the West Alternative and the highest value applies to the other three alternatives. The range of maximum fields On ROW for the 12 options would be 139 to 276 mG. The larger upper limit for the options is due to the presence of existing 500-kV lines with high maximum currents on short segments (2.5 to 4.1 miles) of the Central and Crossover options.

For the No Action Alternative, maximum fields On ROW along the four alternatives (excluding options) range from 96 to 135 mG. When considering all options, the range of maximum fields On ROW on existing rights-of-way for the No Action Alternative range from 63 to 235 mG, with the highest value occurring where there is an existing 500-kV line.

Estimated average fields On ROW for the four alternatives (excluding options) range from 32 to 36 mG. The range of average fields On ROW for the 12 options are 28 to 68 mG. The average field on the existing rights-of-way for the No Action Alternative range from 11 to 49 mG under all options. In sections where a new right-of-way would be used for the proposed line, magnetic fields for the No Action Alternative would be zero. Distance-weighted maximum and average fields for the Edge of ROW for all action alternatives and the No Action Alternative are shown in Tables 4 to 7.

Beyond the edge of rights-of-way, magnetic fields fall off rapidly. For example, a maximum magnetic field of 48 mG at the edge of new right-of-way would drop to 13 mG at a distance of 150 ft. from centerline, and to 3 mG at 300 ft. For the same example, the average field would

drop from 12 mG at the edge of the right-of-way to 4 mG at 150 ft., and to 1 mG at 300 ft. This means that beyond a few hundred feet, transmission line magnetic fields approach common ambient levels.

## 4.4 Environmental Magnetic Fields

Transmission lines are not the only source of magnetic fields; as with 60-Hz electric fields, 60-Hz magnetic fields are present throughout the environment of a society that relies on electricity as a principal energy source. The magnetic fields associated with the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement 500-kV line can be compared with fields from other sources. The range of 60-Hz magnetic-field exposures in publicly accessible locations such as open spaces, transmission-line rights-of-way, streets, pedestrian walkways, parks, shopping malls, parking lots, shops, hotels, public transportation, and so on range from less than 0.1 mG to about 1 G, with the highest values occurring near small appliances with electric motors. In occupational settings in electric utilities, where high currents are present, magnetic-field exposures for workers can be above 1 G. At 60 Hz, the magnitude of the natural magnetic field is approximately 0.0005 mG.

Several investigations of residential fields have been conducted. In a large study to identify and quantify significant sources of 60-Hz magnetic fields in residences, measurements were made in 996 houses, randomly selected throughout the country (Zaffanella, 1993). The most common sources of residential fields were power lines, the grounding system of residences, and appliances. Field levels were characterized by both point-in-time (spot) measurements and 24-hour measurements. Spot measurements averaged over all rooms in a house exceeded 0.6 mG in 50 percent of the houses and 2.9 mG in 5 percent of houses. Power lines generally produced the largest average fields in a house over a 24-hour period. On the other hand, grounding system currents proved to be a more significant source of the highest fields in a house. Appliances were found to produce the highest local fields; however, fields fell off rapidly with increased distance. For example, the median field near microwave ovens was 36.9 mG at a distance of 10.5 inches (0.27 m) and 2.1 mG at 46 inches (1.17 m). Across the entire sample of 996 houses, higher magnetic fields were found in, among others, urban areas (vs. rural); multi-unit dwellings (vs. single-family); old houses (vs. new); and houses with grounding to a municipal water system.

In an extensive measurement project to characterize the magnetic-field exposure of the general population, over 1,000 randomly selected persons in the United States wore a personal exposure meter for 24 hours and recorded their location in a simple diary (Zaffanella and Kalton, 1998). Based on the measurements of 853 persons, the estimated 24-hour average exposure for the general population is 1.24 mG and the estimated median exposure is 0.88 mG. The average field “at home, not in bed” is 1.27 mG and “at home, in bed” is 1.11 mG. Average personal exposures were found to be largest “at work” (mean of 1.79 mG and median of 1.01 mG) and lowest “at home, in bed” (mean of 1.11 mG and median of 0.49 mG). Average fields in school were also low (mean of 0.88 mG and median of 0.69 mG). Factors associated with higher exposures at home were smaller residences, duplexes and apartments, metallic rather than plastic water pipes, and nearby overhead distribution lines.

As noted above, magnetic fields from appliances are localized and decrease rapidly with distance from the source. Localized 60-Hz magnetic fields have been measured near about 100 household appliances such as ranges, refrigerators, electric drills, food mixers, and shavers (Gauger, 1985). At a distance of 1 ft. (0.3 m), the maximum magnetic field ranged from 0.3 to 270 mG, with 95 percent of the measurements below 100 mG. Ninety-five percent of the levels at a distance of 4.9 ft. (1.5 m) were less than 1 mG. Devices that use light-weight, high-torque motors with little magnetic shielding exhibited the largest fields. These included vacuum cleaners and small hand-held appliances and tools. Microwave ovens with large power transformers also exhibited relatively large fields.

In a domestic magnetic-field survey, Silva et al. (1989) measured fields near different appliances at locations typifying normal use (e.g., standing at an electric stove). Specific appliances with relatively large fields included can openers ( $n = 9$ ), with typical fields ranging from 30 to 225 mG and a maximum value up to 2.7 G; shavers ( $n = 4$ ), with typical fields from 50 to 300 mG and maximum fields up to 6.9 G; and electric drills ( $n = 2$ ), with typical fields from 56 to 190 mG and maximum fields up to 1.5 G. The fields from such appliances fall off very rapidly with distance and are only present for short periods. Thus, although instantaneous magnetic-field levels close to small hand-held appliances can be quite large, they do not contribute to average area levels in residences. Battery-powered appliances and devices generally do not generate 60-Hz magnetic fields.

Although studies of residential magnetic fields have not all considered the same independent parameters, the following consistent characterization of residential magnetic fields emerges from the data:

1. External sources play a large role in determining residential magnetic-field levels. Transmission lines, when nearby, are an important external source. Unbalanced ground currents on neutral conductors and other conductors, such as water pipes in and near a house, can represent a significant source of magnetic fields. Distribution lines, unless they are quite close to a residence, do not appear to be a traditional distance-dependent source.
2. Homes with overhead electrical service appear to have higher average fields than those with underground service.
3. Appliances represent a localized source of magnetic fields that can be much higher than average or area fields. However, fields from appliances approach area levels at distances greater than 3 ft. (1 m) from the device.

Important variables in determining residential magnetic fields have been identified, and a general characterization of residential magnetic-field level is possible (Zaffanella, 1993): average levels in the United States are in the range of 0.6 to 2.9 mG, with the average field in a small number of homes exceeding this range by as much as a factor of 10 or more. Average personal exposure levels are slightly higher, possibly due to use of appliances and varying distances to other sources (Zaffanella and Kalton, 1988). Maximum fields can be much higher.

Magnetic fields in commercial and retail locations are comparable with those in residences. As with appliances, certain equipment or machines can be a local source of higher magnetic fields. Utility workers who work close to transformers, generators, cables, transmission lines, and distribution systems clearly experience high-level fields. Other sources of fields in the workplace include motors, welding machines, computers, and office equipment. In publicly accessible indoor areas, such as offices and stores, field levels are generally comparable with residential levels, unless a high-current source is nearby.

Because high-current sources of magnetic fields are more prevalent than high-voltage sources, occupational environments with relatively high magnetic fields encompass a more diverse set of occupations than do those with high electric fields. For example, in occupational magnetic-field measurements reported by Bowman et al. (1988), the geometric mean field from 105 measurements of magnetic field in electrical worker job locations was 5.0 mG. Electrical worker environments showed the following elevated magnetic-field levels (geometric mean greater than 20 mG): industrial power supplies, alternating current (AC) welding machines, and sputtering systems for electronic assembly.

Measurements of personal exposure to magnetic fields were made for 1,882 volunteer utility workers for a total of 4,411 workdays (Bracken, 1990). Median workday mean exposures ranged from 0.5 mG for clerical workers without computers to 7.2 mG for substation operators. Occupations not specifically associated with transmission and distribution facilities had median workday exposures less than 1.5 mG, while those associated with such facilities had median exposures above 2.3 mG. Magnetic-field exposures measured in homes during this study were comparable with those recorded in offices.

Magnetic fields in publicly accessible outdoor areas seem to be, as expected, directly related to proximity to electric-power transmission and distribution facilities. Near such facilities, magnetic fields are generally higher than indoors (residential). Higher-voltage facilities tend to have higher fields. Typical maximum magnetic fields in publicly accessible areas near transmission facilities can range from less than a few milligauss up to 300 mG or more, near heavily loaded lines operated at 230 to 765 kV. The levels depend on the line load, conductor height, and location on the right-of-way. Because magnetic fields near high-voltage transmission lines depend on the current in the line, they can vary daily and seasonally.

Fields near distribution lines and equipment are generally lower than those near transmission lines. Measurements in Montreal indicated that typical fields directly above underground distribution systems were 5 to 19 mG (Heroux, 1987). Beneath overhead distribution lines, typical fields were 1.5 to 5 mG on the primary side of the transformer and 4 to 10 mG on the secondary side. Near ground-based transformers used in residential areas, fields were 80 to 1,000 mG at the surface and 10 to 100 mG at a distance of 1 ft. (0.3 m).

The magnetic fields from the proposed line would be comparable to or less than those from existing 500-kV lines in Washington and elsewhere. On and near the right-of-way of the proposed line, magnetic fields would be well above average residential levels. However, the fields from the line would decrease rapidly and approach common ambient levels at distances greater than a few hundred feet from the line. Furthermore, the fields at the edge of the right-of-way would not be above those encountered during normal activities near common sources such as hand-held appliances.

## **5.0 Electric and Magnetic Field Effects**

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Possible effects associated with the interaction of EMF from transmission lines with people on and near a right-of-way fall into two categories: short-term effects that can be perceived and may represent a nuisance, and possible long-term health effects. Only short-term effects are discussed here. While questions have been raised as to the existence of effects of EMF exposure on health, repeated reviews and evaluations of research by scientific and health agencies have not confirmed the existence of any adverse effects of long-term EMF exposure. An overview of the cumulative body of research published since the WHO review of this research up to January 1, 2006 is provided in a separate technical report (see Appendix G).

### **5.1 Electric Fields: Short-term Effects**

Short-term effects from transmission line electric fields are associated with perception of induced currents and voltages or perception of the field. Induced current or spark discharge shocks can be experienced under certain conditions when a person contacts objects in an electric field. Such effects occur in the fields associated with transmission lines that have voltages of 230 kV or higher. These effects could occur infrequently under the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement 500-kV line.

Steady-state currents are those that flow continuously after a person contacts an object and provides a path to ground for the induced current. The amplitude of the steady-state current depends on the induced current to the object in question and on the grounding path. The magnitude of the induced current to vehicles and objects under the proposed line will depend on the electric-field strength and the size and shape of the object. When an object is electrically grounded, the voltage on the object is reduced to zero, and it is not a source of current or voltage shocks. If the object is poorly grounded or not grounded at all, then it acquires some voltage relative to earth and is a possible source of current or voltage shocks.

The responses of persons to steady-state current shocks have been extensively studied, and levels of response documented (Keeseey and Letcher, 1969; IEEE, 1978). Primary shocks are those that can result in direct physiological harm. Such shocks will not be possible from induced currents under the existing or proposed lines, because clearances above ground required by the NESC

preclude such shocks from large vehicles and grounding practices eliminate large stationary objects as sources of such shocks.

Secondary shocks are defined as those that could cause an involuntary and potentially harmful movement, but no direct physiological harm. Secondary shocks could occur under the proposed 500-kV line when making contact with ungrounded conducting objects such as vehicles or equipment. However, such occurrences are anticipated to be very infrequent. Shocks, when they occur under the 500-kV line, are most likely to be below the nuisance level. Induced currents are extremely unlikely to be perceived off the right-of-way of the proposed line.

Induced currents are always present in electric fields under transmission lines and will be present near the proposed line. However, during initial construction, BPA routinely grounds metal objects that are located on or near the right-of-way. The grounding eliminates these objects as sources of induced current and voltage shocks. Multiple grounding points are used to provide redundant paths for induced current flow. After construction, BPA would respond to any complaints and install or repair grounding to mitigate nuisance shocks.

Unlike fences or buildings, mobile objects such as vehicles and farm machinery cannot be grounded permanently. Limiting the possibility of induced currents from such objects to persons is accomplished in several ways. First, required clearances for above-ground conductors tend to limit field strengths to levels that do not represent a hazard or nuisance. The NESC (2012) requires that, for lines with voltage exceeding 98-kV line-to-ground (170-kV line-to-line), sufficient conductor clearance be maintained to limit the induced short-circuit current in the largest anticipated vehicle under the line to 5 milliamperes (mA) or less. This can be accomplished by limiting access or by increasing conductor clearances in areas where large vehicles could be present. BPA and other utilities design and operate lines to be in compliance with the NESC.

For the proposed line, conductor clearances at a 50°C conductor temperature would be increased to at least 50 ft. (15.2 m) over road crossings along the route to meet the BPA requirement that electric fields be less than 5.0 kV/m at road crossings. The actual clearance to meet the criterion would depend on the configuration and parallel lines. As indicated earlier, in some sections line heights were increased by from 1 to 4 feet to meet the BPA limit of 9 kV/m on the right-of-way.

Similarly, the conductor clearance at each road crossing would be checked during the line design stage to ensure that the BPA 5-kV/m and NESC 5-mA criteria are met. Line clearances would also be increased in accordance with the NESC, such as over railroads and water areas suitable for sailing.

The largest truck allowed on roads in Oregon and Washington without a special permit is 14 feet high by 8.5 feet wide by 75 feet long (4.3 x 2.6 x 22.9 meters). The induced currents to such a vehicle oriented perpendicular to the line in a maximum field of 5 kV/m (at 3.28 ft. height) would be 4.5 mA (Reilly, 1979). For smaller trucks, the maximum induced currents for perpendicular orientation to the proposed line would be less than this value. Larger special-permitted trucks, such as triple trailers, can be up to 105 feet in length, but are not expected on the roads crossed by the proposed line. However, because they average the field over such a long distance, the maximum induced current to a 105-foot vehicle oriented perpendicular to the 500-kV line at a road crossing would be less than 4.5 mA. Thus, the NESC 5-mA criterion would be met for perpendicular road crossings of the proposed line. These large vehicles are not anticipated to be off highways or oriented parallel and on the right-of-way of the proposed line. As discussed below, these are worst-case estimates of induced currents at road crossings; conditions for their occurrence are rare.

Several factors tend to reduce the levels of potential induced current shocks from vehicles:

1. Activities are distributed over the whole right-of-way, and only a small percentage of time is spent in areas where the field is at or close to the maximum value.
2. At road crossings, vehicles are aligned perpendicular to the conductors, resulting in a substantial reduction in induced current.
3. The conductor clearance at road crossings may not be at minimum values because of lower conductor temperatures or the location of the road crossing away from mid-span, or both.
4. The largest vehicles are permitted only on certain highways.

5. Off-road vehicles are in contact with soil or vegetation, which reduces shock currents substantially.

Induced voltages occur on objects, such as vehicles, in an electric field where there is an inadequate electrical ground. If the voltage is sufficiently high, then a spark discharge shock can occur as contact is made with the object. Such shocks are similar to "carpet" shocks that occur, for example, when a person touches a doorknob after walking across a carpet on a dry day. The number and severity of spark discharge shocks depend on electric-field strength. Based on the low frequency of complaints reported by Glasgow and Carstensen (1981) for 500-kV ac transmission lines (one complaint per year for each 1,500 mi. or 2400 km of 500-kV line), nuisance shocks, which are primarily spark discharges, do not appear to be a serious impediment to allowed activities under 500-kV lines. Recommended safety practices and restricted activities on BPA transmission line rights-of-way are described in the BPA booklet "Living and Working Safely Around High-Voltage Transmission Lines" (BPA 2001; USDOE, 2007).

In electric fields higher than will occur under the proposed line, it is theoretically possible for a spark discharge from the induced voltage on a large vehicle to ignite gasoline vapor during refueling. The probability for exactly the right conditions to occur for ignition is extremely remote. The additional clearance of conductors provided at road crossings reduces the electric field in areas where vehicles are prevalent and reduces the chances for such events. Even so, BPA recommends that vehicles should not be refueled under the proposed line unless specific precautions are taken to ground the vehicle and the fueling source (USDOE, 2007).

Under certain conditions, the electric field can be perceived through hair movement on an upraised hand or arm of a person standing on the ground under high-voltage transmission lines. The median field for perception in this manner was 7 kV/m for 136 persons; only about 12 percent could perceive fields of 2 kV/m or less (Deno and Zaffanella, 1982). In areas under the conductors at mid-span, the fields at ground level would exceed the levels where field perception normally occurs. In these instances, field perception could occur on the right-of-way of the proposed line. It is unlikely that the field would be perceived beyond the edge of the right-of-way. Where vegetation provides shielding, the field would not be perceived.

Conductive shielding reduces both the electric field and induced effects such as shocks. Persons inside a vehicle cab or canopy are shielded from the electric field. Similarly, a row of trees or a lower-voltage distribution line reduces the field on the ground in the vicinity. Metal pipes, wiring, and other conductors in a residence or building shield the interior from the transmission-line electric field.

The electric fields from the proposed 500-kV line would be comparable to those from existing 500-kV lines in the project area and elsewhere. Potential impacts of electric fields can be mitigated through grounding policies, adherence to the NESC, and increased clearances above the minimums specified by the NESC. Worst-case levels are used for safety analyses but, in practice, induced currents and voltages are reduced considerably by unintentional grounding. Shielding by conducting objects, such as vehicles and vegetation, also reduces the potential for electric-field effects.

## **5.2 Magnetic Field: Short-term Effects**

Magnetic fields associated with transmission and distribution systems can induce voltage and current in long conducting objects that are parallel to the transmission line. As with electric-field induction, these induced voltages and currents are a potential source of shocks. A fence, irrigation pipe, pipeline, electrical distribution line, or telephone line forms a conducting loop when it is grounded at both ends. The earth forms the other portion of the loop. The magnetic field from a transmission line can induce a current to flow in such a loop if it is oriented parallel to the line. If only one end of the fence is grounded, then an induced voltage appears across the open end of the loop. The possibility for a shock exists if a person closes the loop at the open end by contacting both the ground and the conductor. The magnitude of this potential shock depends on the following factors: the magnitude of the field; the length of the object (the longer the object, the larger the induced voltage); the orientation of the object with respect to the transmission line (parallel as opposed to perpendicular, where no induction would occur); and the amount of electrical resistance in the loop (high resistance limits the current flow).

Magnetically-induced currents from power lines have been investigated for many years; calculation methods and mitigating measures are available. A comprehensive study of gas pipelines near transmission lines developed prediction methods and mitigation techniques

specifically for induced voltages on pipelines (Dabkowski and Taflove, 1979; Taflove and Dabkowski, 1979). Similar techniques and procedures are available for irrigation pipes and fences. Grounding policies employed by utilities for long fences reduce the potential magnitude of induced voltage.

The magnitude of the coupling with both pipes and fences is very dependent on the electrical unbalance (unequal currents) among the three phases of the line. Thus, a distribution line where a phase outage may go unnoticed for long periods of time can represent a larger source of induced currents than a transmission line where the loads are well-balanced (Jaffa and Stewart, 1981).

Knowledge of the phenomenon, grounding practices, and the availability of mitigation measures mean that magnetic-induction effects from the proposed 500-kV transmission line will be minimal.

Magnetic fields from transmission and distribution facilities can interfere with certain electronic equipment. Magnetic fields have been observed to cause distortion of the image on older VDTs and computer monitors that employ cathode ray tubes. This can occur in fields as low as 10 mG, depending on the type and size of the monitor (Baishiki et al., 1990; Banfai et al., 2000).

Generally, the problem arose when computer monitors were in use near electrical distribution facilities in large office buildings. Contemporary display devices using flat-panel technologies, such as liquid-crystal or plasma displays are not affected.

Interference from magnetic fields can be mitigated by shielding the affected device or moving it to an area with lower fields. Interference from 60-Hz fields with computers and control circuits in vehicles and other equipment is not anticipated at the field levels found under and near the proposed 500-kV transmission line.

The magnetic fields from the proposed line will be comparable to or less than those from existing 500-kV lines in the area of the proposed line and elsewhere in Washington and Oregon.

## 6.0 Regulations

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Regulations that apply to transmission-line electric and magnetic fields fall into two categories. Safety standards or codes are intended to limit or eliminate electric shocks that could seriously injure or kill persons. Field limits or guidelines are intended to limit electric- and magnetic-field exposures that can cause nuisance shocks or neurostimulation.

The proposed line would be designed to meet the NESC (2012), which specifies how far transmission-line conductors must be from the ground and other objects. The clearances specified in the NESC provide safe distances that prevent harmful shocks to workers and the public. In addition, people who live and work near transmission lines must be aware of safety precautions to avoid electrical (which is not necessarily physical) contact with the conductors. For example, farmers should not up-end irrigation pipes under a transmission or other electrical line. In addition, as a matter of safety, the NESC specifies that electric-field-induced currents from transmission lines to vehicles must be below the 5 mA (“let go”) threshold deemed a lower limit for primary shock. BPA publishes and distributes a booklet that describes safe practices to protect against shock hazards around power lines (USDOE, 2007).

Field limits or guidelines have been adopted in several states and countries and by national and international organizations (Maddock, 1992). Electric and magnetic field limits on new transmission lines have generally been based on minimizing nuisance shocks or field perception or limiting the fields from new lines to levels of existing lines.

General guidelines for EMF exposure have been established for occupational and public exposure by national and international organizations. The limits established by three such guidelines are described in Table 8.

The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) sets Threshold Limit Value (TLV) guidelines for occupational exposures to environmental agents (ACGIH, 2009). In general, a TLV represents the level below which it is believed that nearly all workers may be exposed repeatedly without adverse health effects. For EMF, the TLVs represent ceiling levels. For 60-Hz electric fields, occupational exposures should not exceed the TLV of 25 kV/m. However, the ACGIH also recognizes the potential for startle reactions from spark discharges

and short-circuit currents in fields greater than 5 kV/m, and recommends implementing grounding practices. They recommend the use of conductive clothing for work in fields exceeding 15 kV/m. The TLV for occupational exposure to 60-Hz magnetic fields is a ceiling level of 10 G (10,000 mG) (ACGIH, 2009).

The International Committee on Non-ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), working in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO) has developed guidelines for occupational and public exposures to EMF (ICNIRP, 2010). For occupational exposures at 60 Hz, the recommended limits to exposure are 8.3 kV/m for electric fields and 4.2 G (4,200 mG) for magnetic fields. The electric-field level can be exceeded, provided precautions are taken to prevent spark discharge and induced current shocks. For the general public, the ICNIRP guidelines recommend exposure limits of 4.2 kV/m for electric fields and 2.0 G (2,000 mG) for magnetic fields (ICNIRP, 2010).

The International Committee on Electromagnetic Safety (ICES) under the auspices of the IEEE has also established exposure guidelines for 60-Hz electric and magnetic fields (ICES, 2002). The ICES recommended limits for occupational exposures are 20 kV/m for electric fields and 27.1 G (27,100 mG) for magnetic fields. The recommended limits for the general public are lower: 5 kV/m for the general public, except on power line rights-of-way where the limit is 10 kV/m; and 9.04 G (9,040 mG) for magnetic fields.

Electric and magnetic fields from various sources (including automobile ignitions, appliances and, possibly, transmission lines) can interfere with implanted cardiac pacemakers. In light of this potential problem, manufacturers design devices to be immune from such interference. However, research has shown that these efforts have not been completely successful and that a few models of older pacemakers still in use could be affected by 60-Hz fields from transmission lines. There were also numerous models of pacemakers that were not affected by fields larger than those found under transmission lines. Because of the known potential for interference with pacemakers by 60-Hz fields, the ACGIH recommends that, lacking additional information from the manufacturer of their pacemaker, wearers of pacemakers and similar medical-assist devices limit their exposure to electric fields of 1 kV/m or less and to magnetic fields to 1 G (1,000 mG)

or less (ACGIH, 2009). Additional discussion of interference with implanted devices is given in the accompanying technical report on health effects (Appendix G).

There are currently no national standards in the United States for 60-Hz electric and magnetic fields. The state of Washington does not have guidelines for electric or magnetic fields from transmission lines. The state of Oregon has a limit on the maximum electric field allowed under a line of 9 kV/m. Several other states have established mandatory or suggested limits on 60-Hz electric and (in two cases) magnetic fields. Six states have specific electric-field limits that apply to transmission lines: Florida, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New York, and Oregon. Florida and New York have established regulations for magnetic fields. These regulations are summarized in Table 9.

Government agencies and utilities operating transmission systems have established design criteria that include EMF levels. BPA has maximum allowable electric fields of 9 and 2.5 kV/m on and at the edge of the right-of-way, respectively (USDOE, 2010). BPA also has maximum-allowable electric field strengths of 5 kV/m, 3.5 kV/m, and 2.5 kV/m for road crossings, shopping center parking lots, and commercial/ industrial parking lots, respectively. The latter levels are based on limiting the maximum short-circuit currents from anticipated vehicles to less than 1 mA in shopping center lots and to less than 2 mA in commercial parking lots.

The electric fields from the proposed 500-kV line would meet the ACGIH standards, provided wearers of pacemakers and similar medical-assist devices are discouraged from unshielded right-of-way use (A passenger in an automobile under the line would be shielded from the electric field). The electric fields in limited areas on the right-of-way would exceed the ICNIRP reference levels for public exposure, but additional analysis of these reference levels indicate that the ICNIRP basic restrictions would not be exceeded even for much higher field levels (Kavet et al., 2012). In addition, electric field levels in all locations would be below ICES reference levels. The magnetic fields from the proposed line would be below the ACGIH, ICNIRP, and ICES reference levels.

The estimated peak electric fields on the right-of-way of the proposed transmission line would meet limits set in Florida, New York, and Oregon, but not those of Minnesota and Montana (see Table 9). The edge of right-of-way electric fields from the proposed line would be below limits

set in New Jersey, but above those in Florida, Montana and New York. The BPA maximum allowable electric-field limit on the right-of-way would be met for all configurations of the proposed line. At the edge of the right-of-way the electric values are higher than BPA's guidelines of 2.5 kV/m in some existing sections; however, in those sections the electric field levels will not change from existing conditions.

The magnetic field at the edge of the right-of-way from the proposed line would be below the regulatory levels of states where such regulations exist.

## 7.0 Audible Noise

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### 7.1 Basic Concepts

Audible noise, as defined here, represents an unwanted sound, as from a transmission line, transformer, airplane, or vehicle traffic. Sound is a pressure wave caused by a sound source vibrating or displacing air. The ear converts the pressure fluctuations into auditory sensations. Audible noise from a source is superimposed on the background or ambient noise that is present before the source is introduced.

The amplitude of a sound wave is the incremental pressure resulting from sound above atmospheric pressure. The sound-pressure level is the fundamental measure of AN; it is generally measured on a logarithmic scale with respect to a reference pressure. The sound-pressure level (SPL) in decibels (dB) is given by:

$$\text{SPL} = 20 \log (P/P_0)\text{dB}$$

where  $P$  is the effective rms sound pressure,  $P_0$  is the reference pressure, and the logarithm ( $\log$ ) is to the base 10. The reference pressure for measurements concerned with hearing is usually taken as 20 micropascals (Pa), which is the approximate threshold of hearing for the human ear. A logarithmic scale is used to encompass the wide range of sound levels present in the environment. The range of human hearing is from 0 dB up to about 140 dB, a ratio of 10 million in sound pressure levels (USEPA, 1978).

Logarithmic scales, such as the dB scale, are not directly additive: to combine dB levels, the dB values must be converted back to their respective equivalent pressure values, the total rms pressure level found, and the dB value of the total recalculated. For example, adding two sounds of equal level on the dB scale results in a 3 dB increase in sound level. Such an increase in SPL of 3 dB, which corresponds to a doubling of the energy in the sound wave, is barely discernible by the human ear. It requires an increase of about 10 dB in SPL to produce a subjective doubling of sound level for humans. The upper range of hearing for humans (140 dB) corresponds to a sharply painful response (USEPA, 1978). The computation method described above was

incorporated into the derivation of a distance-weighted mean audible noise level as a summary measure for each alternative,

Humans respond to sounds in the frequency range of 16 to 20,000 Hz. The human response depends on frequency, with the most sensitive range is roughly between 2,000 and 4,000 Hz. The frequency-dependent sensitivity is reflected in various weighting scales for measuring audible noise. The A-weighted scale weights the various frequency components of a noise in approximately the same way that the human ear responds. This scale is generally used to measure and describe levels of environmental sounds such as those from vehicles or occupational sources. The A-weighted scale is also used to characterize transmission-line noise. Sound levels measured on the A-scale are expressed in units of dBA.

Audible noise levels and, in particular, corona-generated audible noise (see below) vary in time. In order to account for fluctuating sound levels, statistical descriptors have been developed for environmental noise. Exceedance levels (L levels) refer to the A-weighted sound level that is exceeded for a specified percentage of the time. Thus, the L<sub>5</sub> level refers to the noise level that is exceeded only 5 percent of the time. L<sub>50</sub> refers to the sound level exceeded 50 percent of the time. Sound-level measurements and predictions for transmission lines are often expressed in terms of exceedance levels, with the L<sub>5</sub> level representing the maximum level and the L<sub>50</sub> level representing a median level.

Table 10 shows audible noise levels from various common sources. Clearly, there is wide variation. Noise exposure depends on how much time an individual spends in different locations. Outdoor noise generally does not contribute to indoor levels (USEPA, 1974). Activities in a building or residence generally dominate interior audible noise levels.

BPA has established a transmission-line design criterion for corona-generated audible noise (L<sub>50</sub>, foul weather) of 50 dBA at the edge of the right-of-way (USDOE, 2006). This criterion applies to new line construction and is under typical conditions of foul weather, altitude, and system voltage for the line. It is generally only of concern for 500-kV lines. If a new line is being built adjacent to an existing line, possibly of an older and noisier design, the criterion allows the 50 dBA criterion to be exceeded if the increase from the existing noise level is no more than 3 dBA.

The Washington Administrative Code provides noise limitations by class of property—residential, commercial, or industrial (Washington State, 1975). Transmission lines are classified as industrial and may cause a maximum permissible audible noise level of 60 dBA to intrude into residential property. During nighttime hours (10 p.m. to 7 a.m.), the maximum permissible limit for noise from industrial to residential areas is reduced to 50 dBA. This latter level applies to transmission lines that operate continuously. The state of Washington Department of Ecology accepts the 50 dBA level at the edge of the right-of-way for transmission lines, but encouraged BPA to design lines with lower audible noise levels (WDOE, 1981).

Audible noise from substations is generated predominantly by equipment such as transformers, reactors, and other wire-wound equipment. It is characterized by a 120-Hz hum that is associated with vibrations in the equipment caused by magnetic fields. Noise from such equipment varies by voltage and other operating conditions. The BPA design level for substation noise is 50 dBA at the substation property line for new construction (USDOE, 2010). The design level is met by obtaining equipment that meets specified noise limits and, for new substations, by securing a no-built buffer beyond the substation perimeter fence.

In industrial, business, commercial, or mixed use zones, the audible noise level from substations may exceed 50 dBA, but must still meet any state or local audible noise requirements. The design criteria also allow the 50 dBA design level to be exceeded in remote areas where development of noise sensitive properties is highly unlikely.

The EPA has established a guideline of 55 dBA for the annual average day-night level ( $L_{dn}$ ) in outdoor areas (USEPA, 1978). In computing this value, a 10 dB correction (penalty) is added to night-time noise between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

## **7.2 Transmission Line Audible Noise**

Corona is the partial electrical breakdown of the insulating properties of air around the conductors of a transmission line. In a small volume near the surface of the conductors, energy and heat are dissipated. Part of this energy is in the form of small local pressure changes that result in audible noise. Corona-generated audible noise can be characterized as a hissing, crackling sound that, under certain conditions, is accompanied by a 120-Hz hum. Corona-

generated audible noise is of concern primarily for contemporary lines operating at voltages of 345 kV and higher during foul weather. The proposed 500-kV line will produce some noise under foul weather conditions.

The conductors of high-voltage transmission lines are designed to be corona-free under ideal conditions. However, protrusions on the conductor surface—particularly water droplets on or dripping off the conductors—cause electric fields near the conductor surface to exceed corona onset levels, and corona occurs. Therefore, audible noise from transmission lines is generally a foul-weather (wet-conductor) phenomenon. Wet conductors can occur during periods of rain, fog, snow, or icing. The occurrence rate of foul weather is expected to vary somewhat along the route. Based on hourly meteorological records available from the NCDC (2005-2013) the average foul weather rate varies between approximately 26 percent and 34 percent in different portions of the route.<sup>4</sup> Other privately-collected data indicated the rate of foul weather varied from 32 percent to 51 percent during the same period.<sup>5</sup>

For a few months after line construction, residual grease or oil on the conductors can cause water to bead up on the surface. This results in more corona sources and slightly higher levels of audible noise and electromagnetic interference if the line is energized. However, the new conductors age in a few months, and the level of corona activity decreases to the predicted equilibrium value. During fair weather, insects and dust on the conductor can also serve as sources of corona.

### 7.3 Predicted Audible Noise Levels

Audible noise ( $L_{50}$ ) levels were calculated for average voltage of 539 kV and average conductor heights for foul-weather conditions. The calculated values of the  $L_{50}$  foul-weather audible noise level for all of the proposed 500-kV transmission-line sections can be found in the appendix to this report. Specifically, the appendix contains a table of noise levels at the edge of the right-of-

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<sup>4</sup> Nearly continuous precipitation data from the NCDC was available for the Portland International Airport (Cooperative Network Number: 356751) and Merwin Dam (Cooperative Network Number: 455305) stations.

<sup>5</sup> Private data were collected in Yale, Washington (51%); Chelatchie, Washington (49%); Yacolt, Washington (45%); and Battleground, Washington (32%).

way and a plot of noise levels as a function of distance from the line for each proposed transmission line section.

An audible noise plot for the proposed line operating on a new right-of-way is shown in Figure 6. The  $L_{50}$  foul-weather level at the edge of the right-of-way is 47 dBA. The audible noise falls about 3 dBA for every doubling of distance. Therefore at 150 feet from the proposed centerline the noise level would be about 44 dBA; at 300 feet, 41 dBA; and at 600 feet, 38 dBA.

The large number of existing right-of-way sections that comprise the alternative routes make it impractical to tabulate results for each of these. However, the 3 dBA drop in audible noise at the distances described above for the new right-of-way provide an indication of the noise levels that can be expected off the right-of-way when the proposed line is on an existing right-of-way.

The distance-weighted average levels of corona-generated audible noise at the edge of the right-of-way for the alternatives, options and No Action Alternative are given in Tables 11 to 14. Across all alternatives and options, the calculated  $L_{50}$  foul-weather noise levels at the edge of the right-of-way depend on the width of the right-of-way and the adjacent lines in the route segment or line section. The highest of the distance-weighted average noise levels from the two sides of the right-of-way was used to characterize the summary measure for each alternative.

Where there are existing lines in the right-of-way, distance-weighted average foul-weather audible noise levels for the alternatives (excluding options) at the edge of the right-of-way would range from 47 to 48 dBA, as shown in Tables 11-14. Thus, audible noise from all four alternatives would be comparable by this measure. Calculated noise levels at the edge of existing rights-of-way for all 12 options would range from 47 to 56 dBA. Audible noise would exceed 50 dBA in some sections in West Option 3, Central Option 1, and Crossover Options 2 and 3. (There is one section exceeding 50 dBA in East Option 3.) In all these instances, the increase in audible noise levels above the No Action Alternative would be less than 3 dBA, so all sections would meet BPA noise criteria. As noted above, the  $L_{50}$  foul-weather level at the edge of a new right-of-way with no adjacent lines is 47 dBA.

Audible noise levels at the edge of the No Action Alternative's existing rights-of-way range from 37 to 57 dBA. In the highest case, an existing 500-kV of older design is on the existing right-of-

way. Audible noise levels for the No Action Alternative are lower than those for the action alternatives, with one exception (Crossover Option 2).

During fair-weather conditions, which occur the majority of the time, audible noise levels at the edge of the right-of-way would be about 20 dB lower (if corona were present). These lower levels could be masked by ambient noise on and off the right-of-way.

## 7.4 Discussion

Along much of the proposed routes there would be increases in the perceived noise above current ambient levels during foul weather at the edges of the right-of-way. This would be especially true in areas adjacent to the edge of the right-of-way next to the proposed 500-kV line.

However, even there, the corona-generated noise during foul weather would be masked to some extent by naturally occurring sounds such as wind and rain on foliage. The calculated foul-weather corona noise levels for the proposed line would be comparable to, or less, than those from existing 500-kV lines in Oregon and Washington. Relatively lower levels would be especially prevalent in line segments with existing wide rights-of-way that allow a large separation between the proposed 500-kV line and the opposite edge.

Off the right-of-way, corona-generated noise during fair weather will likely be masked by ambient noise or so low as to not be perceived. During foul-weather, ambient noise levels can be higher, 41-63 dBA (Miller, 1978). These sounds can mask corona noise both on and off the right-of-way. Furthermore, in foul weather people tend to be indoors with windows closed, providing additional attenuation when corona noise is present.

Off the right-of-way, the foul-weather levels of audible noise from the proposed line would be well below the 55 dBA level that can produce interference with speech outdoors. Residential buildings provide significant sound attenuation (-12 dBA with windows open; -24 dBA with windows closed). Therefore indoor noise levels off the right-of-way would be well below the 45 dBA level where interference with speech indoors can occur and below the 35 dBA level where sleep interference can occur (USEPA, 1973; USEPA, 1978).

The highest noise level of 50 dBA for the action alternatives (without options) would meet the BPA design criterion and, hence, the statutory limits established in both Oregon and Washington. The computed annual  $L_{dn}$  level for transmission lines operating in areas with 34percentfoul weather is about  $L_{dn} = L_{50} + 2.6$  dB (Dietrich, 1982). Therefore, assuming such conditions in the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project area, the estimated worst case  $L_{dn}$  at the edge of the right-of-way would be approximately 53 dBA, which is below the EPA  $L_{dn}$  guideline of 55 dBA.<sup>6</sup>

At the proposed substations, audible noise levels will be predominantly due to foul weather corona noise from incoming and outgoing transmission lines. There are no transformers proposed for the new substations. (Even if there were, noise levels produced from new transformers are required to meet BPA specifications that limit noise to 50 dBA at the edge of the substation). Thus, the proposed substations would meet the 50 dBA criterion as it applies to substations (USDOE, 2010).

Thus all applicable federal, state, and local regulations will be met by the proposed transmission line and substations.

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<sup>6</sup> For an assumed foul weather occurrence rate of 60%, the highest single-year average from any privately-collected data available, the correction factor is 4.7 dB so the  $L_{dn}$  at the edge of the right-of-way for this condition would be approximately 55 dBA, meeting the EPA  $L_{dn}$  guideline.

## 8.0 Electromagnetic Interference

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### 8.1 Basic Concepts

Corona on transmission-line conductors can also generate electromagnetic noise in the frequency bands used for radio and television signals. The noise can interfere with amplitude-modulated (AM) radio signals and, in the past, with broadcast television signals on Channels 2 to 6 (i.e., radio interference [RI] and television interference [TVI]). With the introduction of digital television technology, the broadcast frequencies for these channels have been increased and corona-generated interference with their signals is no longer a potential problem.

In certain circumstances, corona-generated electromagnetic interference (EMI) can also affect communications systems and other sensitive receivers. Interference with electromagnetic signals by corona-generated noise is generally associated with lines operating at voltages of 345 kV or higher. The bundle of three 1.3-inch diameter conductors used in the design of the proposed 500-kV line will mitigate corona generation and keep EMI levels at acceptable levels.

Spark gaps on distribution lines and on low-voltage wood-pole transmission lines have been a more common source of RI and TVI than is corona from high-voltage electrical systems. This gap-type interference is primarily a fair-weather phenomenon caused by loose hardware and wires. The proposed transmission line would be constructed with modern hardware that eliminates such problems and therefore minimizes gap noise. Consequently, this source of EMI is not anticipated for the proposed line.

No state has limits for either RI or TVI. In the United States, EMI from power transmission systems is governed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rules and Regulations presently in existence (FCC, 2010). A power transmission system falls into the FCC category of “incidental radiation device,” which is defined as “a device that radiates radio frequency energy during the course of its operation although the device is not intentionally designed to generate radio frequency energy.” Such a device “shall be operated so that the radio frequency energy that is emitted does not cause harmful interference. In the event that harmful interference is caused, the operator of the device shall promptly take steps to eliminate the harmful interference.” For purposes of these regulations, harmful interference is defined as: “any

emission, radiation or induction which endangers the functioning of a radio navigation service or of other safety services or seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radio communication service operating in accordance with this chapter” (FCC, Vol II, part 15. 47CFR, Ch. 1, 2010).

Electric power companies have been able to work quite well under the present FCC rule because harmful interference can generally be eliminated. It has been estimated that more than 95 percent of power line sources that caused interference were due to gap-type discharges. These can be found and completely eliminated, when required to prevent interference (USDOE, 1980). Complaints related to corona-generated interference occur infrequently. This is especially true due to increased use of satellite radio, and cable and satellite television, which are not subject to corona-generated interference. In addition, mitigation of corona-generated interference with conventional broadcast radio and television receivers can be accomplished in several ways, such as use of a directional antenna or relocation of an existing antenna (USDOE, 1977; USDOE, 1980; Loftness et al., 1981).

## **8.2 Radio Interference**

Radio reception in the AM broadcast band (535 to 1605 kilohertz [kHz-]) is most often affected by corona-generated EMI. Frequency-modulated radio reception is rarely affected. Generally, only residences very near to transmission lines can be affected by RI. The IEEE Radio Noise Design Guide identifies an acceptable limit of fair-weather RI as expressed in decibels above 1 microvolt per meter ( $\text{dB}\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$ ) of about  $40 \text{ dB}\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$  at 1 megahertz (MHz) (IEEE Committee Report, 1971). This limit applies at 100 ft. (30 m) from the outside conductor. As a general rule, average levels during foul weather (when the conductors are wet) are 16 to 22  $\text{dB}\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$  higher than average fair-weather levels.

### **8.2.1 Predicted RI Levels**

Distance-weighted  $L_{50}$  fair-weather RI levels were predicted for all line sections at 100 ft. (30 m) from the outside conductor. The results are summarized in Tables 11 to 14. The  $L_{50}$  fair weather levels for all configurations are at or below the acceptable limit of about  $40 \text{ dB}\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$  and are

therefore compliant with the IEEE guideline level. The RI levels for the proposed 500-kV configurations would exceed those from the existing lower voltage lines.

## 8.3 Television Interference

Corona-caused TVI occurs during foul weather and generally has been of concern for transmission lines with voltages of 345 kV or above, and only for conventional receivers within about 600 ft. (183 m) of a line. As indicated above, the conversion to digital television signals has resulted in the affected channels (2 to 6) being broadcast at much higher frequencies where TVI has not been present.

### 8.3.1 Predicted TVI Levels

For comparison with existing 500-kV lines, the predicted foul-weather TVI levels at 75 MHz from the proposed configurations operating at 539 kV are shown in Tables 11 to 14. These distance-weighted average levels are given for 100 ft. (30 m) from the outside conductor. The highest average levels at these points for the alternatives and options would range from 18 to 21 dB $\mu$ V/m with two exceptions: Levels near Crossover Options 2 and 3 that include an existing 500-kV line are higher, 27 and 24 dB $\mu$ V/m, respectively. In these cases, the higher levels are also present from the existing lines in the No Action Alternative. These levels are comparable to or lower than those from existing 500-kV lines in Oregon and Washington. As with RI the largest values occur when the proposed 500-kV line is directly adjacent to the edge of the right-of-way.

TVI can potentially interfere with the video portion of analog television signals. This is not of particular concern for the majority of television stations in the United States since the switchover from analog to digital broadcasting began in 1996 under the Digital Television Transition Act. Under this act, full-power television stations received an additional broadcast channel to run digital and analog broadcasts simultaneously. The deadline for full-power television stations to switch to digital was June 12, 2009,<sup>7</sup> and the deadline for low-power television stations to switch to digital is September 1, 2015, after which TVI is not expected to affect television reception. In

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<sup>7</sup> <http://www.fcc.gov/digital-television>

the unlikely event that interference with television reception occurs, it can be corrected by any of several approaches: improving the receiving antenna system; installing a remote antenna; installing an antenna for TV stations less vulnerable to interference; connecting to an existing cable system; or installing a translator (cf. USDOE, 1977). BPA has an active program to identify, investigate, and mitigate legitimate RI and TVI complaints. It is anticipated that any instances of TVI caused by the proposed line could be effectively mitigated.

## **8.4 Interference with Other Devices**

Corona-generated interference can conceivably cause disruption on other communications bands. However, interference is very unlikely with newer devices (satellite internet, cell phones, and Global Positioning System units) that operate with digital signals and at frequencies well above those where corona-generated interference is prevalent. Mobile-radio communications are not susceptible to transmission-line interference because they are generally frequency modulated. In the unlikely event that interference occurs with these or other communications, mitigation can be achieved with the same techniques used for TV and AM radio interference. To be in compliance with FCC regulations, BPA will work with owners and operators of communications facilities along the alternative routes to identify possible mitigation measures and to implement them in the event of interference from the proposed transmission line.

## **8.5 Conclusion**

Predicted EMI levels for the proposed 500-kV transmission line are comparable to, or lower, than those that already exist near 500-kV lines and no impacts of corona-generated interference on radio, television, or other reception are anticipated. Based on land use surveys and population density estimates, the number of houses that could be potentially affected by EMI would vary by alternative, with the West Alternative having the most potential for impact and the East Alternative the least. Whether interference occurs will depend on which action alternative or option is selected, as well as the type of receivers and devices that are present. Furthermore, if interference should occur, there are various methods for correcting it; BPA has a program to respond to legitimate complaints.

## 9.0 Other Corona Effects

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Corona is visible as a bluish glow or as bluish plumes. On the proposed 500-kV line, corona levels would be very low, so that corona on the conductors would be observable only under the darkest conditions and only with the aid of binoculars, if at all. Without a period of adaptation for the eyes and without intentional looking for the corona, it would not be noticeable.

When corona is present, the air surrounding the conductors is ionized and many reactions take place, producing small amounts of ozone and other oxidants. Ozone is approximately 90 percent of the oxidants, while the remaining 10 percent is composed principally of nitrogen oxides. The national primary ambient air quality standard for ozone is 75 parts per billion averaged over eight hours. The maximum incremental ozone levels at ground level produced by corona activity on the proposed transmission line during foul weather would be much less than 1 part per billion. This level is insignificant when compared with natural levels and fluctuations in natural levels.

## 10.0 Summary

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Electric and magnetic fields from the proposed transmission line have been characterized using well-known techniques accepted within the scientific and engineering community. The expected maximum electric and magnetic fields on and at the edge of the right-of-way from the proposed line at minimum design clearance would be comparable to those from existing 500-kV lines in Washington, Oregon, and elsewhere.

A number of states have regulatory limits for electric and magnetic field levels from new transmission lines. The electric fields from the proposed project would meet regulatory limits in some states but not others. The magnetic fields from the proposed line would be within the regulatory limits of the two states that have established such limits and below the guidelines for public exposure established by ICNIRP and ICES. Neither Washington nor Oregon have any electric- or magnetic-field regulatory limits or guidelines.

More relevant, however, are the guidelines that pertain to health and safety from ICNIRP and the ICES. The electric fields in limited areas on the right-of-way would exceed the ICNIRP reference levels for public exposure but additional analysis of these reference levels indicate that the ICNIRP basic restrictions would not be exceeded even for much higher field levels (Kavet et al., 2012). Electric field levels in all locations would be below ICES reference levels.

In addition, the BPA maximum allowable electric-field limit on the right-of-way would be met for all configurations of the proposed line. At the edge of the right-of-way the electric values are higher than BPA's guidelines in some existing sections; however, in those sections the electric field levels will not change from existing conditions.

Short-term effects from transmission-line fields are well understood and can be mitigated. Nuisance shocks arising from electric-field induced currents and voltages could be perceivable on the right-of-way of the proposed line. It is common practice to ground permanent conducting objects during and after construction to mitigate against such occurrences.

Corona-generated audible noise from the line would be perceivable during foul weather. The levels would be comparable to or less than those near existing 500-kV transmission lines in

Oregon and Washington, would meet BPA design criteria, would be in compliance with noise regulations in Oregon and Washington, and would meet EPA guidelines.

Corona-generated EMI from the proposed line would be comparable to or less than that from existing 500-kV lines in Washington. AM RI levels would be at or below limits identified as acceptable. TVI, a foul-weather phenomenon, is anticipated to be comparable to or less than that from existing 500-kV lines in Washington and Oregon. Digital television significantly reduces the potential for corona-generated TVI from both new and existing lines. The deadline for full-power television stations to switch to digital was June 12, 2009,<sup>8</sup> and the deadline for low-power television stations to switch to digital is September 1, 2015, after which TVI is not expected to affect television reception. However, if legitimate complaints arise, BPA has a mitigation program.

Table 15 presents a group of summary measures for average electric field, magnetic field, and audible noise levels at the edge of the right-of-way along each alternative. This table provides a means to compare long-term levels of the three parameters among action alternatives. Line segments in the action alternative options were included only in the computation of the segment's maximum and minimum levels. The impact of this exclusion on the other summary measures is expected to be minimal, except for the three options that include existing 500-kV lines. The effects on magnetic fields and audible noise of inclusion of these options have been cited previously.

The differences among the average levels of electric fields of alternatives depend to some extent on right-of-way type. The Central and East Alternatives with 87 and 90 percent new right-of-way, respectively, tend to have higher electric fields at the edge-of the right-of way. The West Alternative with only 2 percent of new right-of-way has the lowest average electric fields at the edge of the right-of-way. However, the differences in electric-field levels are not sufficient to prevent the potential induction effects that may occur under any 500-kV line.

A comparison of magnetic fields in Table 15 indicates that the preponderance of new right-of-way in the Central and East Alternatives also leads to slightly higher average magnetic fields at

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<sup>8</sup> <http://www.fcc.gov/digital-television>

the edge of the right-of-way. The route segment maximums in all alternatives are very similar. The differences among the magnetic field levels associated with all alternatives are slight.

The average audible noise level for all alternatives is about 47 dBA. Incorporation of the options with existing 500-kV lines would result in localized areas with perceptibly higher noise levels. However, in these cases, changes to noise levels from the No Action Alternative at the edge of the right-of-way would not be discernable to the human ear. Like audible noise, RI and TVI levels are directly related to corona level and will exhibit the same consistency across alternatives.

The comparison of average edge of right-of-way values in Table 15 indicates differences between some of the alternatives. However the magnitude of the differences among the alternatives is not deemed sufficient to differentiate the different alternatives. Therefore, the level of impact as measured by frequency of occurrence of effects such as nuisance shocks, audible noise annoyance, or TVI will depend more on the number of people living on or utilizing the land within several hundred feet of the line than on the levels of the physical parameters.

Summaries of land-use area crossed by the action alternatives and zoning within 1,000 feet of the proposed line indicate that there are significant differences in the estimated number of people that live or will ultimately live and use the land near the different alternatives (Golder, 2011).

- The West Alternative and options would occupy predominantly (98 percent) existing right-of-way, which crosses the highest proportion (17 percent) of populated area compared to the other action alternatives—about 7 percent urban/suburban and 10 percent rural. Most of the rural area along the West Alternative is undeveloped. Beyond the right-of-way—from the right-of-way edge out to 1,000 feet on either side of the line—the West Alternative and options would encompass a greater percentage of property zoned for residential use than the other alternatives: about 46 percent of property along the West Alternative is zoned for residential use.
- The Central Alternative and options would primarily use new right-of-way (about 87 percent) that would run through predominantly forest land (around 90 percent of land use crossed). Only 4 percent of the land crossed by the right-of-way would be populated—2 percent

urban/suburban and 2 percent rural (with the exception that Central Option 2 would cross 4 percent rural land). About 14 percent of the land beyond the right-of-way (out to 1,000 feet on both sides) of the Central Alternative and options is zoned for residential use.

- The East Alternative and options would primarily use new right-of-way (about 90 percent) that would run through predominantly forest land (around 90 percent of land use crossed). Only 3 percent of the land crossed by the right-of-way would be populated—about 1 percent urban/suburban and 2 percent rural (with the exception that East Option 1 would cross 4 percent rural land). About 7 percent of the land beyond the right-of-way (out to 1,000 feet) of the East Alternative and options is zoned for residential use.
- The Crossover Alternative and options would require about 55 percent new right-of-way that would cross predominantly forest land (about 76 percent). About 8 percent of the land crossed by the right-of-way would be populated—about 1 percent urban/suburban and 7 percent rural. About 14 percent of the land beyond the right-of-way (out to 1,000 feet) of the Crossover Alternative and options is zoned for residential use.

The distribution of land uses and zoning along the various alternatives suggests that the overall potential impact of electrical effects would be greater for the West Alternative than for the other alternatives. Potential electrical effects would be comparable for the other three alternatives.

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Table 1: Physical Dimensions and Electrical Characteristics of the Proposed Single-circuit 500 kV Transmission Line for the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

Line Characteristic	Proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement 500-kV Line <sup>2</sup>
Voltage, kV Maximum/Average <sup>1</sup>	550/539
Circuit Configuration <sup>2</sup>	Single
Proposed Current, A Peak/Average	1080/324
Electric Phasing	Orientation varies.
Clearance, ft. Minimum/Average <sup>1, 2</sup>	35/47
Tower configuration	Delta
Phase spacing, ft.	46H, 31.5V
Conductor: #/Diameter, in.	3/1.3
Centerline distance to edge of ROW, ft. <sup>3</sup>	75
Centerline distance to existing lines, ft.	Variable
Average altitude, ft.	500-1000

<sup>1</sup> Average voltage and average clearance used for corona calculations.

<sup>2</sup> To meet the BPA 9 kV/m limit for peak electric field, the minimum and average design clearances were increased by from 1 to 4 feet in some sections.

<sup>3</sup> The distance to the edge of the right-of-way on existing rights-of-way will vary but will always be at least 75 feet.

Table 2: Mileage and Segments of the Action Alternatives of the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

Characteristic		Action Alternative			
		West	Central*	Crossover	East
Length, miles	Total	67.5	80.3 (77.3)	74	75.5
	New ROW	1.4 (2%)	69.7 (69.5) (87% (90%))	42.7 (58%)	67.7 (90%)
	Existing ROW	66.1	10.6 (6.8)	31.3	7.8
	Option 1	3.1	2.3 (2.5)	7.3	17.6
	Option 2	9.0	15.7	4.1	23.5
	Option 3	13.1	14.9	4.2	3.7
Segments, number	Alternative	9	18	18	11
	Option 1	3	1	3	4
	Option 2	7	5	2	5
	Option 3	7	3	2	1

\* Updated numbers are shown in first; numbers shown second, in parentheses are Draft EIS values before data and project updates. Central Options 2 and 3 have not changed and numbers for these options are based on the original Central Alternative numbers.

Table 3: Electric and Magnetic Fields from the Proposed 500-kV Transmission Line when Operated on New Right-of-Way\*

Field Location	Electric Field, kV/m <sup>1</sup>		Magnetic Field, mG <sup>2</sup>	
	Maximum	Average	Maximum	Average
<b>Peak on ROW</b>	8.8 (8.8)	5.3 (5.3)	184 (184)	35 (35)
<b>At Edge of ROW</b>	2.3 (2.3)	2.3 (2.3)	48 (48)	12 (12)
<b>At 150 feet from Centerline</b>	0.5 (0.5)	0.5 (0.5)	13 (13)	4 (4)
<b>At 300 feet from Centerline</b>	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	3 (3)	1 (1)

\* Updated numbers are shown first; numbers shown second, in parentheses are Draft EIS values before data and project updates. Central Options 2 and 3 have not changed and numbers for these options are based on the original Central Alternative numbers.

<sup>1</sup> Maximum electric fields are calculated for maximum voltage and minimum clearance. Average electric fields are calculated for average voltage and average clearance.

<sup>2</sup> Maximum magnetic fields are calculated for maximum current and minimum clearance. Average magnetic fields are calculated for average current and average clearance.

Table 4: Distance-Weighted Average Electric and Magnetic Field Levels for the West Alternative and Options

West Alternative				Electric Field, kV/m		Magnetic Field, mG	
Right-of-Way	Length, miles <sup>1</sup>	Field Location	Field Descriptor <sup>2</sup>	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action
New	1.4	On ROW	Average	5.3	-	35	-
			Maximum	8.8		184	
		Edge of ROW	Average	2.3		12	
			Maximum	2.3		48	
Existing	64.2	On ROW	Average	5.4	2.0	36	24
			Maximum	8.8	3.8	182	134
		Edge of ROW	Average	1.4	0.5	10	5
			Maximum	1.4	0.5	36	21
<b>West Option 1<sup>3</sup></b>							
New	2.0	Same as new ROW values shown above for West Alternative					
Existing	1.1	On ROW	Average	5.6	2.3	28	19
			Maximum	8.9	4.0	139	94
		Edge of ROW	Average	0.6	0.6	10	4
			Maximum	0.6	0.5	35	13
<b>West Option 2</b>							
New	1.7	Same as new ROW values shown above for West Alternative					
Existing	7.3	On ROW	Average	5.6	2.4	35	32
			Maximum	8.8	4.4	158	119
		Edge of ROW	Average	1.0	0.8	10	8
			Maximum	1.1	0.8	34	23
<b>West Option 3</b>							
New	1.5	Same as new ROW values shown above for West Alternative					
Existing	11.5	On ROW	Average	5.6	2.8	41	43
			Maximum	8.8	5.2	163	136
		Edge of ROW	Average	1.3	0.6	12	9
			Maximum	1.3	0.5	35	21

<sup>1</sup> The lengths for alternatives and options cited in this table include only those segments used in the calculations of average levels. The omitted segments included the Columbia River crossing and short segments where conductor locations varied over the length of the segment and/or where another line crossed the route. Calculations in these segments were not practical with the calculation model. Inclusion of these segments would not significantly change the average values of fields and corona effects along the route.

<sup>2</sup> All field descriptors are distance-weighted means of the fields on or at the edge of the ROW. The edge-of-ROW values are computed from fields on both sides of the route. Average electric fields are computed for maximum voltages and average clearances along the route; likewise, average magnetic fields are computed for average currents and average clearances. Maximum electric fields are computed for maximum voltages and minimum clearances; maximum magnetic fields are computed for maximum currents and minimum clearances.

<sup>3</sup> The field levels for all West options are very similar to those in the segments they would replace. The inclusion of one of these options would not significantly affect the overall mean field levels for the alternative.

Table 5: Distance-Weighted Average Electric and Magnetic Field Levels for the Central Alternative and Options\*

Central Alternative				Electric Field, kV/m		Magnetic Field, mG	
Right-of-Way	Length, miles <sup>1</sup>	Field Location	Field Descriptor <sup>2</sup>	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action
New	69.7 (69.5)	On ROW	Average	5.3 (5.3)	—	35 (35)	—
			Maximum	8.8 (8.8)		184 (184)	
		Edge of ROW	Average	2.3 (2.3)		12 (12)	
			Maximum	2.3 (2.3)		48 (48)	
Existing	10.6 (6.8)	On ROW	Average	4.6 (5.4)	0.9 (2.1)	34 (33)	31 (31)
			Maximum	8.8 (8.9)	3.8 (3.8)	180 (175)	134 (135)
		Edge of ROW	Average	1.2 (1.1)	1.0 (1.0)	8 (9)	12 (11)
			Maximum	1.2 (1.1)	1.1 (1.0)	29 (32)	37 (36)
<b>Central Option 1<sup>3</sup></b>							
New	0	Same as edge of ROW values shown above for Central Alternative					
Existing	2.3 (0.0)	On ROW	Average	5.5 (5.5)	5.5 (5.5)	62 (62)	49 (49)
			Maximum	9.0 (9.0)	9.0 (9.0)	257 (257)	235 (235)
		Edge of ROW	Average	2.3 (2.3)	1.4 (1.4)	15 (15)	10 (10)
			Maximum	2.4 (2.4)	1.5 (1.5)	59 (59)	40 (40)
<b>Central Option 2</b>							
New	15.0	Same as edge of ROW values shown above for Central Alternative					
Existing	0.4	On ROW	Average	5.5	2.0	34	11
			Maximum	8.8	3.7	180	78
		Edge of ROW	Average	1.6	0.7	7	3
			Maximum	1.7	0.8	27	15
<b>Central Option 3</b>							
New	14.9	Same as edge of ROW values shown above for Central Alternative					
Existing	0	On ROW	Average	—	—	—	—
			Maximum				
		Edge of ROW	Average				
			Maximum				

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<sup>1</sup> The lengths for alternatives and options cited in this table include only those segments used in the calculations of average levels. The omitted segments included the Columbia River crossing and short segments where conductor locations varied over the length of the segment and/or where another line crossed the route. Calculations in these segments were not practical with the calculation model. Inclusion of these segments would not significantly change the average values of fields and corona effects along the alternatives or options.

- <sup>2</sup> All field descriptors are distance-weighted means of the fields on or at the edge of the ROW. The edge-of-ROW values are computed from fields on both sides of the route. Average electric fields are computed for maximum voltages and average clearances along the route; likewise, average magnetic fields are computed for average currents and average clearances. Maximum electric fields are computed for maximum voltages and minimum clearances; maximum magnetic fields are computed for maximum currents and minimum clearances.
- <sup>3</sup> The segments in the Central options do not replace any existing segments. Using one of these options would not significantly affect average field levels for the alternative. However, there would be localized increases in magnetic fields for Option 1.

Table 6: Distance-weighted Average Electric and Magnetic Field Levels for the Crossover Alternative and Options

Crossover Alternative				Electric Field, kV/m		Magnetic Field, mG	
Right-of-Way	Length, miles <sup>2</sup>	Field Location	Field Descriptor <sup>3</sup>	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action
New	42.7	On ROW	Average	5.3	-	35	-
			Maximum	8.8		184	
		Edge of ROW	Average	2.3		12	
			Maximum	2.3		48	
Existing	29.7	On ROW	Average	5.4	2.0	34	17
			Maximum	8.9	3.7	182	96
		Edge of ROW	Average	1.3	0.5	3	3
			Maximum	1.3	0.5	26	12
<b>Crossover Option 1<sup>4</sup></b>							
New	0.7	Same as edge of ROW values shown above for Crossover Alternative					
Existing	6.6	On ROW	Average	5.5	1.5	29	11
			Maximum	8.8	2.8	150	63
		Edge of ROW	Average	0.9	0.3	9	2
			Maximum	0.9	0.3	34	24
<b>Crossover Option 2</b>							
New	0	Same as edge of ROW values shown above for Crossover Alternative					
Existing	4.1	On ROW	Average	5.8	5.5	68	49
			Maximum	8.8	9	270	235
		Edge of ROW	Average	1.9	2	14	16
			Maximum	2.1	2.1	51	57
<b>Crossover Option 3</b>							
New	0	Same as edge of ROW values shown above for Crossover Alternative					
Existing	4.2	On ROW	Average	5.8	5.5	68	49
			Maximum	8.9	9	276	235
		Edge of ROW	Average	2.2	1.6	13	12
			Maximum	2.3	1.7	52	45

<sup>1</sup> The lengths for alternatives and options cited in this table include only those segments used in the calculations of average levels. The omitted segments included the Columbia River crossing and short segments where conductor locations varied over the length of the segment and/or where another line crossed the route. Calculations in these segments were not practical with the calculation model. Inclusion of these segments would not significantly change the average values of fields and corona effects along the alternatives or options.

<sup>2</sup> All field descriptors are distance-weighted means of the fields on or at the edge of the ROW. The edge-of-ROW values are computed from fields on both sides of the route. Average electric fields are computed for maximum voltages and average clearances along the route; likewise, average magnetic fields are computed for average currents and average clearances. Maximum electric fields are computed for maximum voltages and minimum clearances; maximum magnetic fields are computed for maximum currents and minimum clearances.

<sup>3</sup> The segments in the Crossover options do not replace any existing segments. Using one of these options would not significantly affect average field levels for the alternative. However, there would be localized increases in the magnetic fields for Options 2 and 3.

Table 7: Distance-weighted Average Electric and Magnetic Field Levels for the East Alternative and Options

East Alternative				Electric Field, kV/m		Magnetic Field, mG	
Right-of-Way	Length, miles <sup>2</sup>	Field Location	Field Descriptor <sup>3</sup>	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action
New	67.7	On ROW	Average	5.3	-	35	-
			Maximum	8.8		184	
		Edge of ROW	Average	2.3		12	
			Maximum	2.3		48	
Existing	6.8	On ROW	Average	5.4	2.1	32	31
			Maximum	8.9	3.8	174	135
		Edge of ROW	Average	1.1	1.0	9	11
			Maximum	1.1	1.0	32	36
<b>East Option 1<sup>4</sup></b>							
New	17.6	Same as edge of ROW values shown above for East Alternative					
Existing	0	On ROW	Average	-	-	-	-
			Maximum				
		Edge of ROW	Average				
			Maximum				
<b>East Option 2</b>							
New	23.5	Same as edge of ROW values shown above for East Alternative					
Existing	0	On ROW	Average	-	-	-	-
			Maximum				
		Edge of ROW	Average				
			Maximum				
<b>East Option 3</b>							
New	1.9	Same as edge of ROW values shown above for East Alternative					
Existing	1.8	On ROW	Average	5.7	2.9	53	48
			Maximum	8.8	5.3	186	133
		Edge of ROW	Average	1.2	0.2	6	4
			Maximum	1.4	0.2	27	8

<sup>1</sup> The lengths for alternatives and options cited in this table include only those segments used in the calculations of average levels. The omitted segments included the Columbia River crossing and short segments where conductor locations varied over the length of the segment and/or where another line crossed the route. Calculations in these segments were not practical with the calculation model. Inclusion of these segments would not significantly change the average values of fields and corona effects along the alternatives or options.

<sup>2</sup> All field descriptors are distance-weighted means of the fields on or at the edge of the ROW. The edge-of-ROW values are computed from fields on both sides of the route. Average electric fields are computed for maximum voltages and average clearances along the route; likewise, average magnetic fields are computed for average currents

and average clearances. Maximum electric fields are computed for maximum voltages and minimum clearances; maximum magnetic fields are computed for maximum currents and minimum clearances.

<sup>3</sup> The segments in the East options do not replace any existing segments. Using one of these options would not significantly affect average field levels for the alternative.

Table 8: Electric- and Magnetic-Field Exposure Guidelines

Organization	Type of Exposure	Electric Field, kV/m	Magnetic Field, mG
ACGIH	Occupational	25 <sup>1</sup>	10,000
ICNIRP	Occupational	8.3 <sup>2</sup>	4,200
	General Public	4.2	2000
ICES	Occupational	20	27,100
	General Public	5 <sup>3</sup>	9,040

<sup>1</sup> Grounding is recommended above 5 –7 kV/m and conductive clothing is recommended above 15 kV/m.

<sup>2</sup> Increased to 16.7 kV/m if nuisance shocks are eliminated.

<sup>3</sup> Within power line rights-of-way, the guideline is 10 kV/m.

Sources: ACGIH, 2009; ICNIRP, 2010; ICES, 2002

Table 9: States with Transmission Line Field Limits

State Agency	Within Right-of-Way	At Edge of Right-of-Way	Comments
<b>a. 60-Hz ELECTRIC-FIELD LIMIT, kV/m</b>			
Florida Department of Environmental Regulation	8 ( 230 kV) 10 (500 kV)	2	Codified regulation, adopted after a public rulemaking hearing in 1989.
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board	8	–	12-kV/m limit on the high voltage direct current (HVDC) nominal electric field.
Montana Board of Natural Resources and Conservation	7 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	Codified regulation, adopted after a public rulemaking hearing in 1984.
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	–	3	Used only as a guideline for evaluating complaints.
New York State Public Service Commission	11.8 (7,11) <sup>3</sup>	1.6	Explicitly implemented in terms of a specified right-of-way width.
Oregon Facility Siting Council	9	–	Codified regulation, adopted after a public rulemaking hearing in 1980.
<b>b. 60-Hz MAGNETIC-FIELD LIMIT, mG</b>			
Florida Department of Environmental Regulation	–	150 ( 230 kV) 200 (500 kV)	Codified regulations, adopted after a public rulemaking hearing in 1989.
New York State Public Service Commission	–	200	Adopted August 29, 1990.

<sup>1</sup> At road crossings

<sup>2</sup> Landowner may waive limit

<sup>3</sup> At highway and private road crossings, respectively

Source: USDOE, 1996

Table 10: Common Noise Levels

Sound Level, dBA	Noise Source or Effect
130	Threshold of pain
110	Rock-and-roll band
80	Truck at 50 ft. (15.2 m)
70	Gas lawnmower at 100 ft. (30 m)
60	Normal conversation indoors
50	Moderate rainfall on foliage
49	Highest foul-weather L <sub>50</sub> at edge of proposed 500-kV right-of-way
40	Refrigerator
25	Bedroom at night
0	Hearing threshold

Adapted from: USDOE, 1986; USDOE, 1996.

Table 11: Distance-weighted L<sub>50</sub> Foul Weather Audible Noise Levels and Radio and Television Interference Levels for the West Alternative and Options

West Alternative		Audible Noise, dBA At Edge of ROW		Radio Interference dBA(μV/m) At 100 ft from Outside Conductor		Television Interference, dBA(μV/m) At 100 ft from Outside Conductor	
Right-of-Way	Length, miles <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action
New	1.4	47	—	36	—	21	—
Existing	64.2	48	43	34	29	19	15
<b>West Option 1</b>							
New	2.0	47	—	36	—	21	—
Existing	1.1	47	40	37	26	18	13
<b>West Option 2</b>							
New	1.7	47	—	36	—		—
Existing	7.3	49	47	36	32	19	18
<b>West Option 3</b>							
New	1.5	47	—	36	—		—
Existing	11.5	50	49	36	35	21	21

<sup>1</sup> Audible noise levels are distance-weighted means of the L<sub>50</sub> foul weather levels at the edge of the right-of-way. The highest average value from the two edges is shown. Audible noise levels are computed for average voltages and average conductor heights.

<sup>2</sup> See note 1 of Table 4.

<sup>3</sup> All RI and TVI levels are distance-weighted means of interference levels at the edge of the right-of-way for average voltage and average line height. The highest average value from the two edges is shown. RI levels are computed for fair-weather conditions and TVI for foul-weather conditions.

Table 12: Distance-Weighted L<sub>50</sub> Foul Weather Audible Noise Levels and Radio and Television Interference Levels for the Central Alternative and Options\*

Central Alternative		Audible Noise, dBA At Edge of ROW		Radio Interference, dBA(μV/m) At 100 ft from Outside Conductor		Television Interference, dBA(μV/m) At 100 ft from Outside Conductor	
Right-of-Way	Length, miles <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action
New	69.7 (69.5)	47 (47)	—	36 (36)	—	21 (21)	—
Existing	10.6 (6.8)	48 (47)	42 (42)	36 (37)	27 (27)	21 (18)	14 (14)
<b>Central Option 1</b>							
New	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Existing	2.3 (2.5)	53 (53)	52 (52)	36 (36)	36 (36)	21 (21)	21 (20)
<b>Central Option 2</b>							
New	15	47	—	36	—	21	—
Existing	0.4	47	41	34	24	19	11
<b>Central Option 3</b>							
New	14.9	47	—	36	—	21	—
Existing	0	—	—	—	—	—	—

\* Updated numbers are shown first; numbers shown second, in parentheses are Draft EIS values before data and project updates. Central Options 2 and 3 have not changed and numbers for these options are based on the original Central Alternative numbers.

<sup>1</sup> Audible noise levels are distance-weighted means of the L<sub>50</sub> foul weather levels at the edge of the right-of-way. The highest average value from the two edges is shown. Audible noise levels are computed for average voltages and average conductor heights.

<sup>2</sup> See note 1 of Table 4.

<sup>3</sup> All RI and TVI levels are distance-weighted means of interference levels at the edge of the ROW for average voltage and average line height. The highest average value from the two edges is shown. RI levels are computed for fair-weather conditions and TVI for foul-weather conditions.

Table 13: Distance-weighted L<sub>50</sub> Foul Weather Audible Noise Levels and Radio and Television Interference Levels for the Crossover Alternative and Options

Crossover Alternative		Audible Noise, dBA At Edge of ROW		Radio Interference, dBA(μV/m) At 100 ft from Outside Conductor		Television Interference, dBA(μV/m) At 100 ft from Outside Conductor	
Right-of-Way	Length, miles <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action
New	42.7	47	—	36	—	21	—
Existing	29.7	47	40	34	26	19	13
<b>Crossover Option 1</b>							
New	0.7	47	—	36	—	21	—
Existing	6.6	47	37	42	36	18	10
<b>Crossover Option 2</b>							
New	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Existing	4.1	56	57	43	42	27	27
<b>Crossover Option 3</b>							
New	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Existing	4.2	54	54	39	42	24	27

<sup>1</sup> Audible noise levels are distance-weighted means of the L<sub>50</sub> foul weather levels at the edge of the right-of-way. The highest average value from the two edges is shown. Audible noise levels are computed for average voltages and average conductor heights.

<sup>2</sup> See note 1 of Table 4.

<sup>3</sup> All RI and TVI levels are distance-weighted means of interference levels at the edge of the ROW for average voltage and average line height. The highest average value from the two edges is shown. RI levels are computed for fair-weather conditions and TVI for foul-weather conditions.

Table 14: Distance-Weighted L<sub>50</sub> Foul Weather Audible Noise Levels and Radio and Television Interference Levels for the East Alternative and Options

East Alternative		Audible Noise, dBA At Edge of ROW		Radio Interference, dBA(μV/m) At 100 ft. from Outside Conductor		Television Interference, dBA(μV/m) At 100 ft. from Outside Conductor	
Right-of-Way	Length, miles <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action	Proposed Action	No Action
New	67.7	47	—	36	—	21	—
Existing	6.8	48	42	35	27	—	—
<b>East Option 1</b>							
New	17.6	47	—	36	—	21	—
Existing	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>East Option 2</b>							
New	23.5	47	—	36	—	21	—
Existing	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>East Option 3</b>							
New	1.9	47	—	36	—	—	—
Existing	1.8	50	48	34	35	18	20

<sup>1</sup> Audible noise levels are distance-weighted means of the L<sub>50</sub> foul weather levels at the edge of the right-of-way. The highest average value from the two edges is shown. Audible noise levels are computed for average voltages and average conductor heights.

<sup>2</sup> See note 1 of Table 4.

<sup>3</sup> All RI and TVI levels are distance-weighted means of interference levels at the edge of the ROW for average voltage and average line height. The highest average value from the two edges is shown. RI levels are computed for fair-weather conditions and TVI for foul-weather conditions.

Table 15: Average Electric Fields, Magnetic Fields and Audible Noise at the Edge of the Right-of-Way by Alternative<sup>1</sup>

	Average Electric Field at Edge of ROW, kV/m			
Alternative	West	Central	Crossover	East
Section Maximum, kV/m	2.3	2.6 (2.6)	2.6	2.3
Distance-weighted Average, kV/m	1.4	2.2 (2.2)	1.8	2.2
Section Minimum, kV/m	0.1	0.1 (0.1)	0.1	0.1
Percentage of Route > 2 kV/m	28	96 (89)	62	91
Percentage of Route > 1 kV/m	51	100 (92)	76	94
Percent of Route with New ROW	2	87 (90)	58	90
	Average Magnetic Field at Edge of ROW, mG			
Alternative	West	Central	Crossover	East
Section Maximum, mG	20	19 (19)	19	13
Distance-weighted Average, mG	10	12 (12)	9	12
Section Minimum, mG	1	2.1 (2)	1	2
Percentage of Route > 20 mG	0	0 (0)	0	0
Percentage of Route > 10 mG	62	98 (93)	74	95
Percent of Route with New ROW	2	87 (90)	58	90
	Foul Weather L50 Audible Noise at Edge of ROW, dBA			
Alternative	West	Central	Crossover	East
Section Maximum, dBA	52	53 (53)	56	50
Distance-weighted Average, dBA	47	47 (47)	47	48
Section Minimum, dBA	41	44 (44)	41	43
Percentage of Route > 48 dBA	11	0 (0)	0	0
Percentage of Route > 45 dBA	78	100 (95)	81	96
Percent of Route with New ROW	2	87 (90)	58	90

\* Updated numbers are shown first; numbers shown second in parentheses are Draft EIS values before data and project updates. Central Options 2 and 3 have not changed and numbers for these options are based on the original Central Alternative numbers.

<sup>1</sup> Levels from the options are not included in distance-weighted averages and percentages along routes but are included in calculating the section minima and maxima.

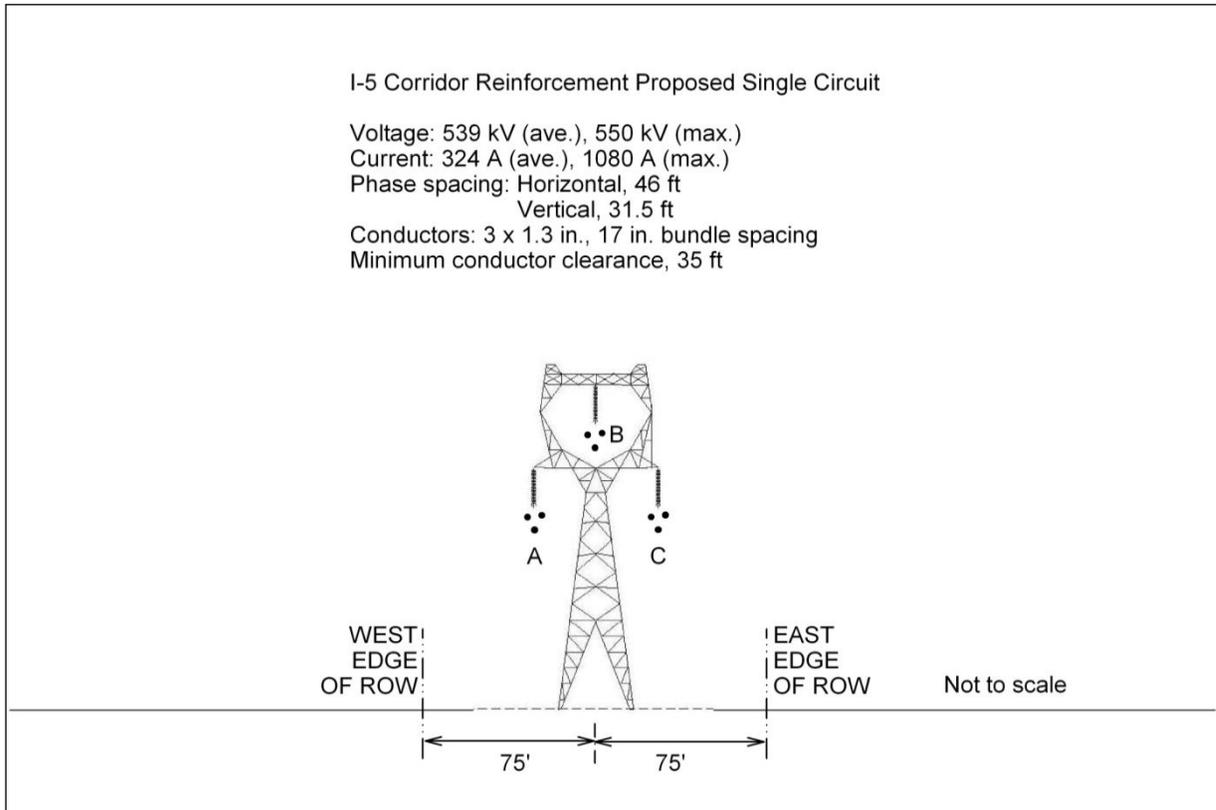


Figure 1: Single-Circuit Tower for I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

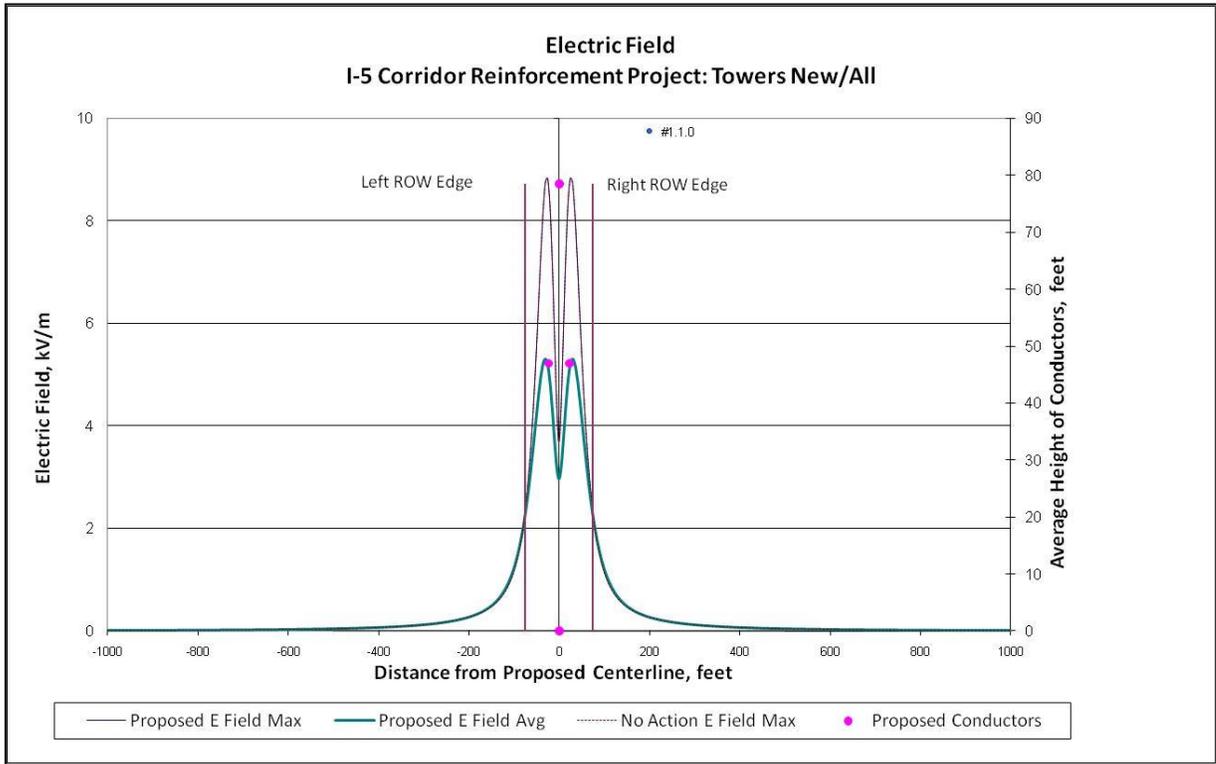


Figure 2. Plot of Electric Fields from Proposed Line on New ROW (Calculation 1.0.0)

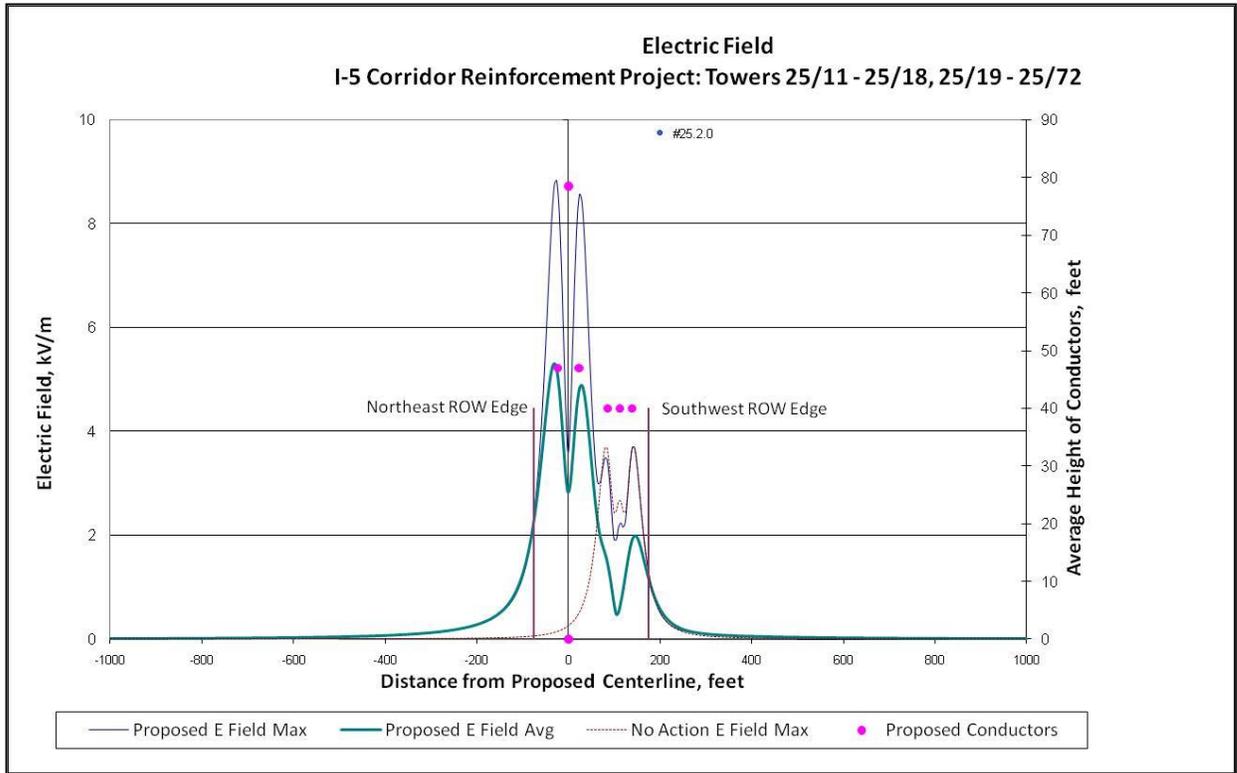


Figure 3. Example Plot of Electric Field from Proposed Line on Existing ROW (Calculation 25.2.0)

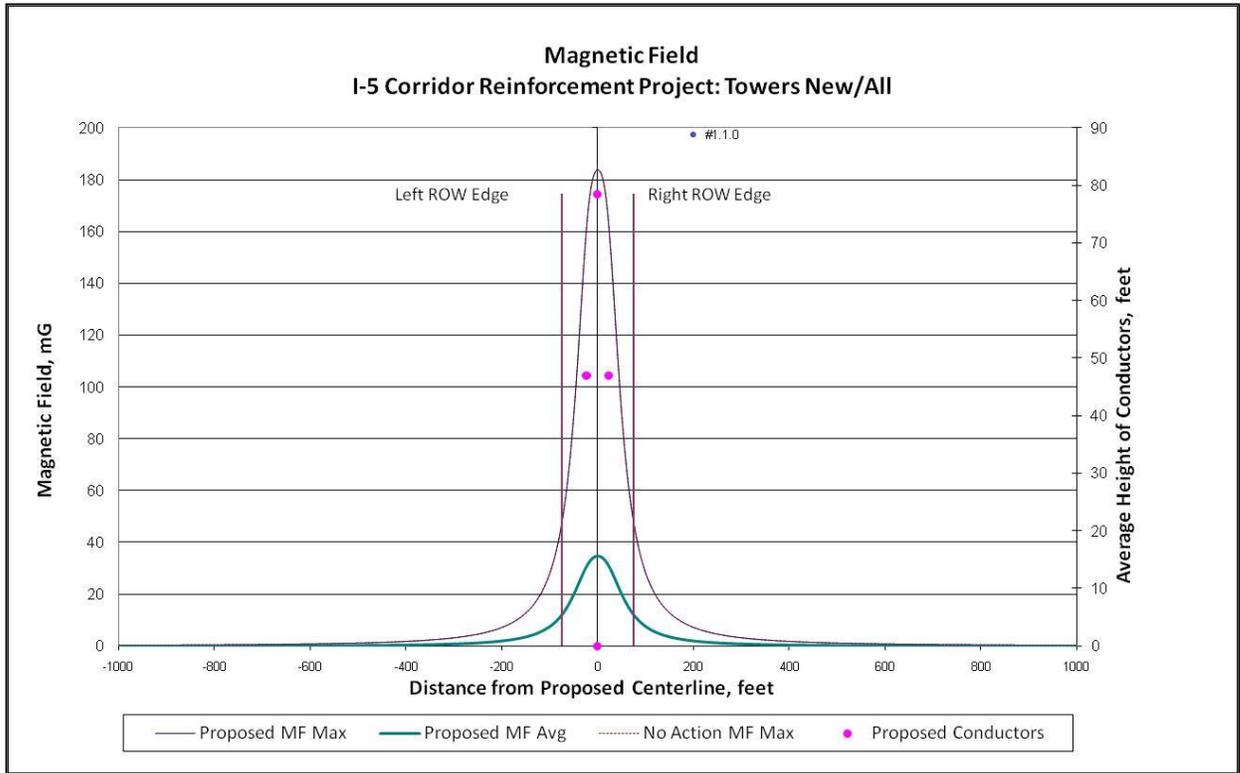


Figure 4. Plot of Magnetic Fields from Proposed Line on New ROW (Calculation 1.1.0)

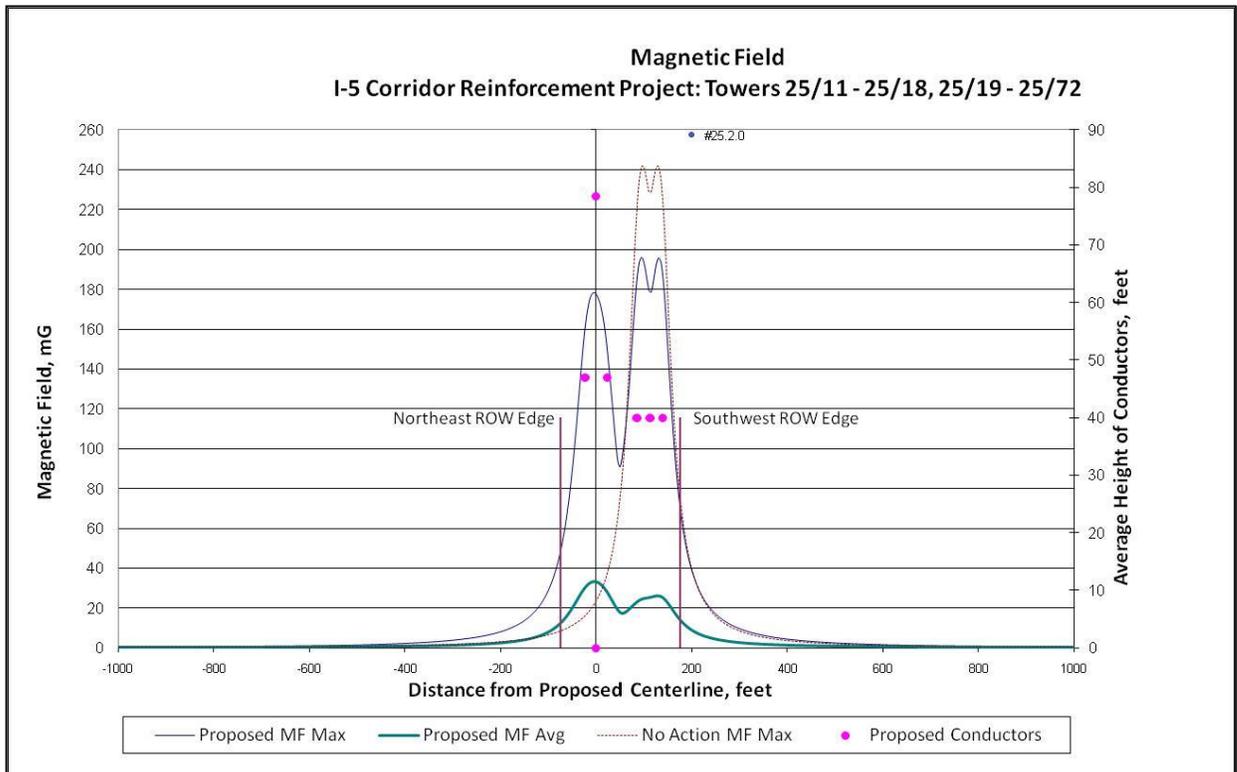


Figure 5. Example Plot of Magnetic Fields from Proposed Line on Existing ROW (Calculation 25.2.0)

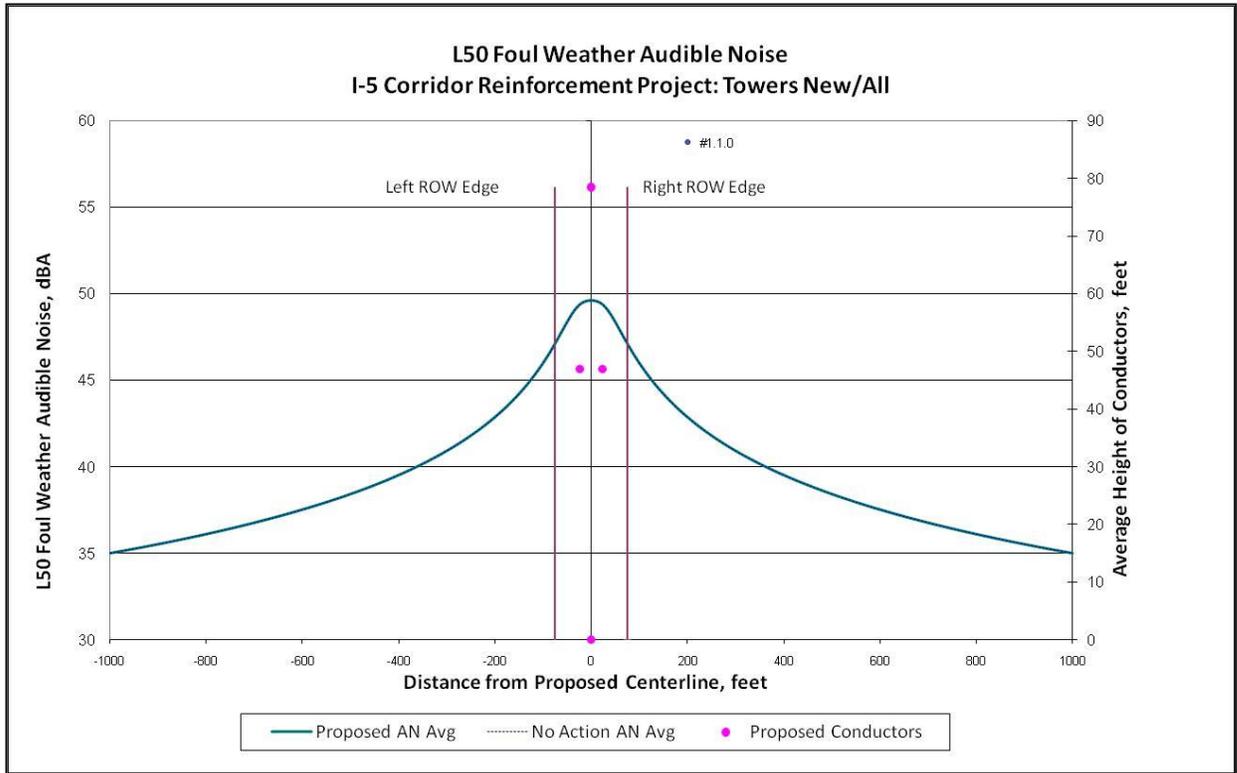


Figure 6. Plot of Audible Noise from Proposed Line on New ROW (Calculation 1.1.0)

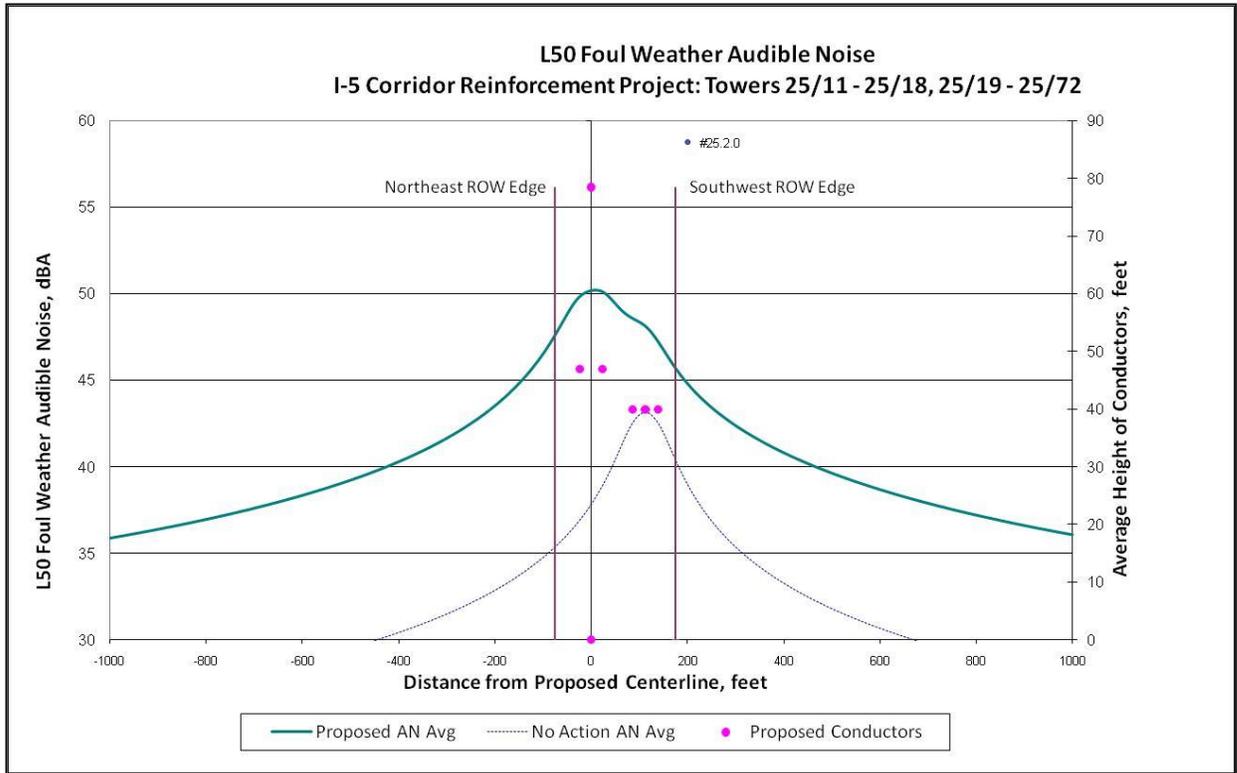


Figure 7. Example Plot of AN from Proposed Line on Existing ROW (Calculation 25.2.0)

## **Appendix F**

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**Electrical Effects Summaries  
by Route Segments  
for the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project**



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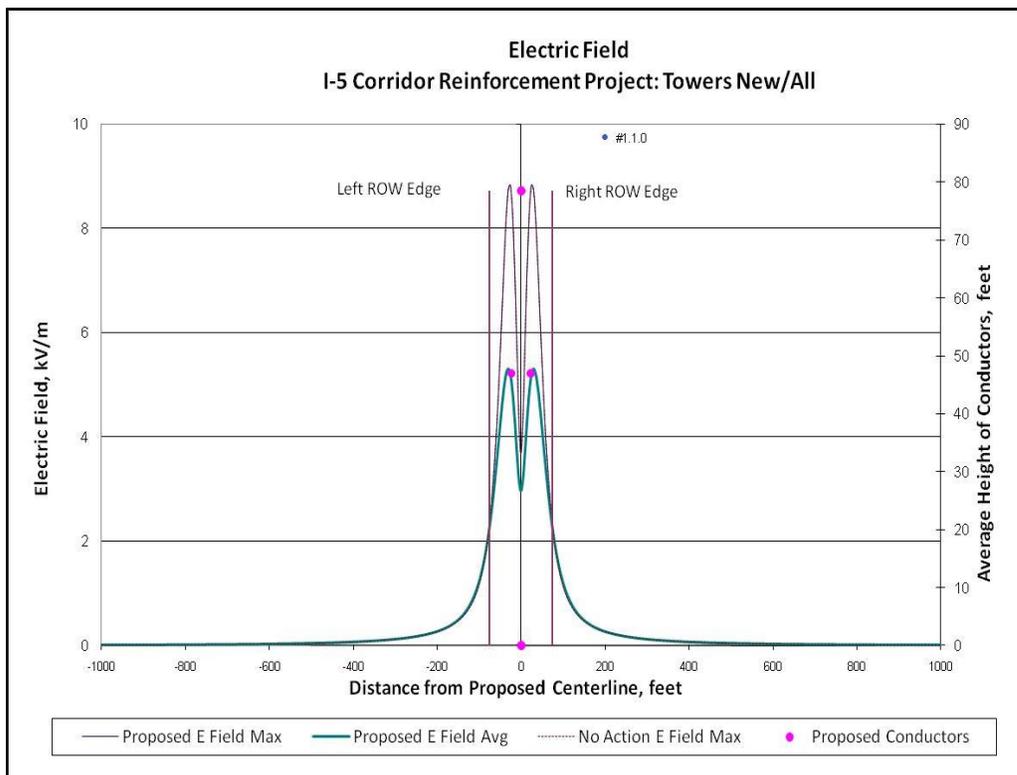


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# Summaries of Electrical Effects by Proposed Route Segments

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This appendix presents summaries of the levels of electric fields, magnetic fields, and corona-generated audible noise, radio interference, and television interference that would be produced by the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. To characterize the electrical effects of the project, they have been calculated for each route segment and/or line section (see definitions below) that has unique physical and electrical characteristics. Calculations for 101 of 109 sections are included in this appendix. Calculations were not performed for eight sections due to their very short length, non-parallel conductors at transition points (which can skew calculations), or height at the Columbia River crossing (where conductors would be very high above the ground or river).

## Definitions

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The following terms are used in the summary data. Understanding them will help readers use tables later in the appendix, which list field summaries for specific locations along the transmission line routes. The summary data include: plots of average and maximum electric and magnetic fields for minimum ground clearance; plots of L50 (median) audible noise; tables of average and maximum electric and magnetic fields on and at the edge of the right-of-way; and tables of L50 levels for audible noise, radio interference, and television interference levels at the edge of the right-of-way (audible noise) or at 100 feet from the outside conductor (radio and television interference).

## Action Alternatives

There are four action alternatives proposed for the transmission line. Each alternative includes constructing a 500-kV transmission line from a substation near Castle Rock, Washington, to a substation near Troutdale, Oregon. There are three possible locations for the substation at the northern terminus near Castle Rock and one location for the new substation near Troutdale. The action alternatives are shown in Maps 1-4 in the report.

## **Route Segments and Options**

Each of the four alternatives is described by a series of fixed, linear route segments between geographic locations. Each alternative has a primary route, composed of one set of route segments, and three optional routes: Options 1, 2 and 3. Each option is composed of a different mix of route segments. Segments can be present in one or more alternatives and are designated by a unique alphanumeric label: for example, 25, A or 36A. Route segments and options for all four alternatives are shown in Maps 1-4 in the report and listed in Tables 1 through 4 in this appendix.

## **Tower Numbers**

Location along a route segment is denoted by tower numbers beginning with Tower 1 and ending with the last tower in the segment: for example, Segment 25 extends from Tower 25/1 to Tower 25/152. Towers are numbered per the direction of power flow from the Castle Rock to Troutdale substations, which is generally north to south. The first and last tower of each route segment may have more than one number where segments intersect. For example, towers 1/18, 2/28 and 4/1 are the same tower, but have three designations because the tower is part of segments 1, 2, and 4. Tower numbers are shown on detailed project maps and can be found online at: <http://gis.bpa.gov/gis/i5/gmviewer.html>.

## **Line Sections**

Although a route segment is unique geographically, it is not necessarily unique in the physical and electrical configurations that produce electrical effects. Therefore in some cases a route segment is broken up into two or more line sections for calculations. These sections are delineated by starting and ending tower numbers. Possible changes along a route segment that can create a new section for calculations of electrical effects include the addition or absence of a parallel line on the right-of-way, a change in the electrical phasing of the new line, or a change in tower type.

## Calculation Numbers

Each unique calculation represents a distinct physical and electrical configuration along a line section or sections, and includes fields from the new transmission lines and existing transmission lines, when present. A specific calculation may apply in one or more line sections in a route segment or in more than one segment. For example, many route segments and line sections require new right-of-way where there are no existing lines. The same calculation (1.0.0) is used to describe the electrical effects for all new rights-of-way sections.

Each calculation is identified by a calculation number consisting of three numbers: the first number is generally selected from the first route segment where the configuration occurs; the second number refers to a line section within a segment; and the third number, called a version number, refers to a section where the physical layout of the lines are the same as for a previous section, but a change in electrical phasing occurs. For example, 2.1.0 refers to the field calculation along Segment 2, line section 1, while 2.1.1 refers to the field calculation along the same segment but where there is a transposition in phasing along line section 1. Table 5 shows calculations listed by route segment and line section (tower numbers). Table 6 shows route segments and line sections (by tower numbers) listed by calculation number. Tables 7 through 41 show details for each distinct calculation (segment or section) and Figures 1 through 105 provide visual examples of maximum and average fields for each calculation.

## **Determining Field Levels at Specific Locations**

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The process for locating a specific site along a segment and determining the levels of electric fields, magnetic fields, audible noise, radio interference and television interference at the site is as follows:

1. From Maps 1 through 4 in the report, or the online project map, determine the route segment that is adjacent to the specific site.
2. From Table 5, determine if the segment is comprised of two or more line sections:

- If the segment is not divided, then the electrical effects data is described by the calculation number associated with the segment.
  - If the segment is divided into two or more line sections, then determine the tower numbers closest to the specific site from the online project map. Using these tower numbers, determine from Table 5 which calculation number within the segment is associated with the towers near the specific site.
3. Locate the summary sheet for the selected calculation number. The summary sheets are in sequential order by segment following Table 6.
  4. The summary sheets provide illustrated profiles of data for electric fields, magnetic fields, and audible noise as well as tabular data for these parameters and for radio and television interference.

## **Abbreviations and Acronyms**

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AN	Audible noise
Avg	Average
dB( $\mu$ V/m)	Unit of electric field for radio and television interference: decibels above one microvolt per meter
dba	Unit of sound level: decibels (A-weighted)
E Field	Electric field
Ft	Unit of distance: feet or foot
kV/m:	Unit of electric field: kilovolts per meter
L <sub>50</sub>	Statistical descriptor: Level of physical quantity exceeded 50 percent of the time (median)
Max	Maximum
MF	Magnetic field
mG	Unit of magnetic field: milligauss
PUD	Public Utility District
RI	Radio interference
ROW	Right-of-way
TVI	Television interference

**Table 1: Route Segments and Substations for West Alternative and Options**

Route Segments and Substations	West Alternative	West Option 1		West Option 2		West Option 3	
		<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>
<b>Northern Substation</b>	Monahan						
<b>Segments</b>	2	36	36B	36	36B	36	36B
	4	40	41	36A	41	36A	41
	9	46	45	37	45	37	45
	25			38	50	38	50
	36B			43		39	
	41			48		T	
	45			51		49	
	50					51	
52							
<b>Southern Substation</b>	Sundial						

**Table 2: Route Segments and Substations for Central Alternative and Options**

Route Segments and Substations	Central Alternative	Central Option 1		Central Option 2		Central Option 3	
		<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>
<b>Northern Substation</b>	Baxter	Casey	Baxter	Monahan	Baxter		
<b>Segments</b>	B	A		1	B	M	L
	F			4	F	26	18
	G			5	G	30	28
	H			8			V
	10			11			
	12						
	15						
	23						
	L						
	18						
	28						
	V						
	P						
	35						
	T						
	49						
51							
52							
<b>Southern Substation</b>	Sundial						

**Table 3: Route Segments and Substations for Crossover Alternative and Options**

Route Segments and Substations	Crossover Alternative	Crossover Option 1		Crossover Option 2		Crossover Option 3	
		<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>
<b>Northern Substation</b>	Monahan			Baxter	Monahan	Baxter	Monahan
<b>Segments</b>	B	47	51	C		D	
	F	48		E		E	
	G	50					
	H						
	10						
	12						
	15						
	23						
	L						
	18						
	28						
	V						
	P						
	35						
	T						
	49						
51							
52							
<b>Southern Substation</b>	Sundial						

**Table 4: Route Segments and Substations for East Alternative and Options**

Route Segments and Substations	East Alternative	East Option 1		East Option 2		East Option 3	
		<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>	<i>Add</i>	<i>Remove</i>
<b>Northern Substation</b>	Baxter	Monahan	Baxter				
<b>Segments</b>	B	3		U	O	R	Q
	F	7		V	Q		
	I	11		P	S		
	K	J		35			
	W			T			
	O						
	Q						
	S						
	49						
	51						
52							
<b>Southern Substation</b>	Sundial						

**Table 5: Electrical Effects Calculation Numbers by Route Segment and Tower Numbers**

Segment	Calculation Section (tower to tower)	Calculation Number	Length Covered by Calculation (miles)	Comments
1	1/1-1/28	1.0.0	6.42	New ROW
2	2/1-2/7	2.1.0	1.64	
	2/7-2/18	2.1.1	2.32	Transposition <sup>1</sup>
	2/18-2/24	2.2.0	1.38	
	2/24-2/27	2.2.1	0.46	Transposition
	2/27-2/28	No Calc	0.24	Transposition
3	3/1-3/38	1.0.0	7.82	New ROW
4	4/1-4/3	No Calc	0.37	Transition spans <sup>2</sup>
	4/3-4/5	9.2.0	0.40	
5	5/1-5/10	1.0.0	1.93	New ROW
7	7/1-7/10	1.0.0	2.05	New ROW
8	8/1-8/9	1.0.0	1.61	New ROW
9	9/1-9/3	9.2.0	0.52	
	9/3-9/11	9.2.0	1.61	Configuration change
	9/11-9/20	9.2.0	1.94	
	9/20-9/21	9.3.0	0.50	
	9/21-9/28	9.3.0	1.54	
	9/28-9/82	9.3.1	12.62	Transposition
10	10/1-10/34	1.0.0	8.14 (7.93)	New ROW
11	11/1-11/21	1.0.0	5.00	New ROW
12	12/1-12/20	1.0.0	4.99 (4.96)	New ROW
14	14/1-14/7	1.0.0	1.50	New ROW
15	15/1-15/9	1.0.0	2.02 (1.86)	New ROW
18	18/1-18/32	1.0.0	7.19 (7.17)	New ROW
23	23/1-23/7	1.0.0	1.06 (1.29)	New ROW
25	25/1-25/7	9.3.1	1.35	
	25/7-25/11	9.3.2	0.75	Transposition
	25/11-25/18	25.2.0	1.64	Current change
	25/18-25/19	No Calc	0.47	25.2.0 with 12.5' extra ROW; use 25.2.0

<b>Segment</b>	<b>Calculation Section (tower to tower)</b>	<b>Calculation Number</b>	<b>Length Covered by Calculation (miles)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	25/19-25/72	25.2.0	11.00	
	25/72-25/106	25.2.1	6.47	Transposition
	25/106-25/110	25.3.0	0.63	
	25/110-25/141	25.4.0	5.67	
	25/141-25/151	25.5.0	1.71	
	25/151-25/152	25.5.0	0.18	
<b>26</b>	26/1-26/35	1.0.0	6.54	New ROW
<b>28</b>	28/1-28/27	1.0.0	6.15 (5.94)	New ROW
<b>30</b>	30/1-30/31	1.0.0	6.01	New ROW
<b>35</b>	35/1-35/15	1.0.0	2.54 (2.52)	New ROW
<b>36</b>	36/1-36/2	36A.1.0	0.22	
<b>36A</b>	36A/1-36A/5	36A.1.0	0.80	
	36A/5-36A/6	36A.2.0	0.23	
<b>36B</b>	36B/1-36B2	No Calc	0.18	Transition span
	36B/2-36B/7	36B.1.0	1.04	
	36B/7-36B/8	No Calc	0.19	Transition span
<b>37</b>	37/1-37/2	36A.2.0	0.21	
	37/2-37/4	37.2.0	0.46	
<b>38</b>	38/1-38/5	37.2.0	0.66	
<b>39</b>	39/1-39/20	37.2.0	4.05	
	39/20-39/23	39.2.0	0.62	
	39/23-39/27	39.3.0	0.68	
<b>40</b>	40/1-40/11	1.0.0	2.02	New ROW
	40/11-40/14	40.1.0	0.67	
<b>41</b>	41/1-41/2	41.1.0	0.14	
	41/2-41/8	41.1.0	1.13	
<b>43</b>	43/1-43/9	1.0.0	1.69	New ROW
	43/9-43/10	40.1.0	0.17	
<b>45</b>	45/1-45/3	41.1.0	0.35	
	45/3-45/6	1.0.0	0.32	New ROW
<b>46</b>	46/1-46/3	40.1.0	0.46	
<b>47</b>	47/1-47/4	40.1.0	0.69	

<b>Segment</b>	<b>Calculation Section (tower to tower)</b>	<b>Calculation Number</b>	<b>Length Covered by Calculation (miles)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>48</b>	48/1-48/14	40.1.0	2.49	
	48/1-48/14	40.1.0	2.49	Reversed current for Crossover Opt. 1
<b>49</b>	49/1-49/6 (49/1-49/7)	1.0.0	0.89 (1.23)	New ROW
	49/6-49/13 (49/7-49/10)	49.1.0	1.54 (0.69)	
	49/6-49/13 (49/7-49/10)	49.1.1	1.54 (0.69)	Phasing change for Central Alt. and all options
	49/13-49/14 (49/10-49/15)	49.2.0	0.15 (0.80)	
	49/13-49/14 (49/10-49/15)	51.1.0 (49.2.1)	0.15 (0.80)	Phasing change for Central Alt. and all options
<b>50</b>	50/1-50/5	1.0.0	0.67	New ROW
	50/5-50/13	50.1.0	1.46	
	50/5-50/13	50.1.1	1.46	Phasing change for West Opt. 1 and Crossover Opt. 1
	50/13-50/21	41.1.0	1.16	
	50/21-50/26	50.1.0	0.80	
	50/21-50/26	50.1.1	0.80	Phasing change for West Opt. 1 and Crossover Opt. 1
<b>51</b>	51/1-51/11	51.1.0	2.00 (2.07)	
<b>52</b>	52/1-52/2	51.1.0	0.20 (0.13)	
	52/2-52/9	52.2.0	1.50 (1.48)	
	52/9-52/12 (52/9-52/12)	51.1.0	0.50 (0.44)	
	52/12-52/19 (52/12-52/17)	51.1.1	1.48 (1.23)	Transposition in No Action Alternative
	Eliminated (52/17-52/20)	1.0.0	N/A (0.43)	
	52/19-52/22 (52/20-52/22)	No Calc	0.37 (0.47)	River crossing
	52/22-52/26 (52/22-52/24)	No Calc	0.65 (0.52)	Entering Sundial Sub.

<b>Segment</b>	<b>Calculation Section (tower to tower)</b>	<b>Calculation Number</b>	<b>Length Covered by Calculation (miles)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>A</b>	A/1-A/9	A.1.0	2.15 (1.81)	
	A/9-A/10 (A/9-A/12)	A.1.0	0.16 (0.71)	
<b>B</b>	B/1-B/6 (B/1-B/5)	1.0.0	1.00 (0.78)	New ROW
<b>C</b>	C/1-C/17	C.1.0	3.00	
<b>D</b>	D/1-D/17	D.1.0	2.86	
<b>E</b>	E/1-E/6	C.1.0	1.07	
	E/6-E/7	No Calc	0.28	Transition span
<b>F</b>	F/1-F/75	1.0.0	15.90 (15.86)	New ROW
<b>G</b>	G/1-G/8	1.0.0	1.66 (1.39)	New ROW
<b>H</b>	H/1-H/8	1.0.0	1.22 (1.53)	New ROW
<b>I</b>	I/1-I/13	1.0.0	2.77	New ROW
<b>J</b>	J/1-J/13	1.0.0	2.72	New ROW
<b>K</b>	K/1-K/94	1.0.0	22.80	New ROW
<b>L</b>	L/1-L/5	1.0.0	1.02 (0.95)	New ROW
	L/5-L/9	1.0.0	0.76 (0.76)	New ROW
<b>M</b>	M/1-M/11	1.0.0	2.39	New ROW
<b>N</b>	N/1-N/9	1.0.0	1.64	New ROW
<b>O</b>	O/1-O/83	1.0.0	19.47	New ROW
<b>P</b>	P/1-P/39	1.0.0	8.64 (8.62)	New ROW
<b>Q</b>	Q/1-Q/13	1.0.0	2.63	New ROW
<b>R</b>	R/1-R/10	1.0.0	1.93	New ROW
	R/10-R/19	R.1.0	1.75	
<b>S</b>	S/1-S/3	1.0.0	0.42	New ROW
<b>T</b>	T/1-T/3	1.0.0	0.60 (0.31)	New ROW
<b>U</b>	U/1-U/26	1.0.0	6.11	New ROW
<b>V</b>	V/1-V/27	1.0.0	5.91 (5.96)	New ROW
<b>W</b>	W/1-W/6	1.0.0	1.31	New ROW

Segment	Calculation Section (tower to tower)	Calculation Number	Length Covered by Calculation (miles)	Comments
<p><sup>1</sup> A transposition span is where the locations of the phase conductors (A, B, C) on the tower change; that is, instead of the A-phase being on the top, it is now on the bottom left and the other phases change accordingly. Such conductor location changes result in non-parallel conductors.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> A transition span is where the conductors go from one configuration to another, such as from a delta configuration to a flat configuration or from a single-circuit tower to one side of a double-circuit tower.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Central Alternative, Option 1 has been modified to take into account specific input from landowners and other interested parties. Updated numbers are shown in bold face; numbers shown in parentheses are Draft EIS values before data and project updates. Central Options 2 and 3 have not changed and numbers for these options are based on the original Central Alternative numbers.</p>				

**Table 6: Route Segments and Tower Numbers by Electrical Effects Calculation Number**

Calculation Number	Segment	Calculation Section (tower to tower)	Length Covered by Calculation (miles)	Comments
<b>1.0.0</b>	1	1/1-1/28	6.42	New ROW
	3	3/1-3/38	7.82	New ROW
	5	5/1-5/10	1.93	New ROW
	7	7/1-7/10	2.05	New ROW
	8	8/1-8/9	1.61	New ROW
	10	10/1-10/34	8.14 (7.93)	New ROW
	11	11/1-11/21	5.00	New ROW
	12	12/1-12/20	4.99 (4.96)	New ROW
	14	14/1-14/7	1.50	New ROW
	15	15/1-15/9	2.02 (1.86)	New ROW
	18	18/1-18/32	7.19 (7.17)	New ROW
	23	23/1-23/7	1.06 (1.29)	New ROW
	26	26/1-26/35	6.54	New ROW
	28	28/1-28/27	6.15 (5.94)	New ROW
	30	30/1-30/31	6.01	New ROW
	35	35/1-35/15	2.54 (2.52)	New ROW
	40	40/1-40/11	2.02	New ROW
	43	43/1-43/9	1.69	New ROW
	45	45/3-45/6	0.32	New ROW
	49	49/1-49/6 (49/1-49/7)	0.89 (1.23)	New ROW
50	50/1-50/5	0.67	New ROW	
52	Eliminated 52/17-52/20	0.00 (0.43)	New ROW	
B	B/1-B/6 (B/1-B/5)	1.00 (0.78)	New ROW	
F	F/1-F/75	15.90 (15.86)	New ROW	
G	G/1-G/8	1.66 (1.39)	New ROW	
H	H/1-H/8	1.22 (1.53)	New ROW	
I	I/1-1/13	2.77	New ROW	

Calculation Number	Segment	Calculation Section (tower to tower)	Length Covered by Calculation (miles)	Comments
	J	J/1-J/13	2.72	New ROW
	K	K/1-K/94	22.80	New ROW
	L	L/1-L/5	1.02 (0.95)	New ROW
	L	L/5-L/9	0.76 (0.76)	New ROW
	M	M/1-M/11	2.39	New ROW
	N	N/1-N/9	1.64	New ROW
	O	O/1-O/83	19.47	New ROW
	P	P/1-P/39	8.64 (8.62)	New ROW
	Q	Q/1-Q/13	2.63	New ROW
	R	R/1-R/10	1.93	New ROW
	S	S/1-S/3	0.42	New ROW
	T	T/1-T/3	0.60 (0.31)	New ROW
	U	U/1-U/26	6.11	New ROW
	V	V/1-V/27	5.91 (5.96)	New ROW
	W	W/1-W/6	1.31	New ROW
<b>2.1.0</b>	2	2/1-2/7	1.64	
<b>2.1.1</b>	2	2/7-2/18	2.32	Transposition <sup>1</sup>
<b>2.2.0</b>	2	2/18-2/24	1.38	
<b>2.2.1</b>	2	2/24-2/27	0.46	Transposition
<b>9.2.0</b>	4	4/3-4/5	0.40	
	9	9/11-9/20	1.94	
	9	9/1-9/3	0.52	
	9	9/3-9/11	1.61	Configuration change
<b>9.3.0</b>	9	9/20-9/21	0.50	
	9	9/21-9/28	1.54	
<b>9.3.1</b>	9	9/28-9/82	12.62	Transposition
	25	25/1-25/7	1.35	
<b>9.3.2</b>	25	25/7-25/11	0.75	Transposition
<b>25.2.0</b>	25	25/11-25/18	1.64	Current change
	25	25/18-25/19	0.47	25.2.0 with 12.5' extra ROW; use 25.2.0
	25	25/19-25/72	11.00	

Calculation Number	Segment	Calculation Section (tower to tower)	Length Covered by Calculation (miles)	Comments
25.2.1	25	25/72-25/106	6.47	Transposition
25.3.0	25	25/106-25/110	0.63	
25.4.0	25	25/110-25/141	5.67	
25.5.0	25	25/141-25/151	1.71	
	25	25/151-25/152	0.18	
36A.1.0	36	36/1-36/2	0.22	
	36A	36A/1-36A/5	0.80	
36A.2.0	37	37/1-37/2	0.21	
	36A	36A/5-36A/6	0.23	
36B.1.0	36B	36B/2-36B/7	1.04	
37.2.0	37	37/2-37/4	0.46	
	38	38/1-38/5	0.66	
	39	39/1-39/20	4.05	
39.2.0	39	39/20-39/23	0.62	
39.3.0	39	39/23-39/27	0.68	
40.1.0	40	40/11-40/14	0.67	
	43	43/9-43/10	0.17	
	46	46/1-46/3	0.46	
	47	47/1-47/4	0.69	
	48	48/1-48/14	2.49	
40.1.1	48	48/1-48/14	2.49	Reverse current for Crossover Opt. 1
41.1.0	41	41/1-41/2	0.14	
	41	41/2-41/8	1.13	
	45	45/1-45/3	0.35	
	50	50/13-50/21	1.16	
49.1.0	49	49/7-49/10	0.69	
49.1.1	49	49/6-49/13 (49/7-49/10)	1.54 (0.69)	Phasing change for Central Alt. and all options
49.2.0	49	49/13-49/14 (49/10-49/15)	0.15 (0.80)	
49.2.1	49	49/10-49/15	0.80	Eliminated

Calculation Number	Segment	Calculation Section (tower to tower)	Length Covered by Calculation (miles)	Comments
50.1.0	50	50/21-50/26	0.80	
	50	50/5-50/13	1.46	
50.1.1	50	50/21-50/26	0.80	Phasing change for West Opt. 1 and Crossover Opt. 1
	50	50/5-50/13	1.46	Phasing change for West Opt. 1 and Crossover Opt. 1
51.1.0	51	51/1-51/11	2.07	
	52	52/1-52/2	0.13	
	52	52/9-52/12 (52/9-52/12)	0.5 (0.44)	
51.1.1	49	49/13-49/14 (N/A)	0.15 (N/A)	Phasing change for all Central routes
	52	52/12-52/19 (52/12-52/17)	1.48 (1.23)	Transposition in No Action Alternative
52.2.0	52	52/2-52/9	1.48	
A.1.0	A	A/1-A/9	1.81	
	A	A/9-A/10 (A/9-A/12)	0.15 (0.71)	
C.1.0	C	C/1-C/17	3.00	
	E	E/1-E/6	1.07	
D.1.0	D	D/1-D/17	2.86	
R.1.0	R	R/10-R/19	1.75	
No Calc	2	2/27-2/28	0.24	Transition span <sup>2</sup>
No Calc	4	4/1-4/3	0.37	Transition spans
No Calc	52	52/19-52/22 (52/20-52/22)	0.37 (0.47)	Transition spans
No Calc	52	52/22-52/26 (52/22-52/24)	0.65 (0.52)	Transition spans
No Calc	36B	36B/1-36B2	0.18	Transition span
No Calc	36B	36B/7-36B/8	0.19	Transition span
No Calc	E	E/6-E/7	0.28	Transition span

Calculation Number	Segment	Calculation Section (tower to tower)	Length Covered by Calculation (miles)	Comments
<p><sup>1</sup> A transposition span is where the locations of the phase conductors (A, B, C) on the tower change; that is, instead of the A-phase being on the top, it is now on the bottom left and the other phases change accordingly. Such conductor location changes result in non-parallel conductors.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> A transition span is where the conductors go from one configuration to another, such as from a delta configuration to a flat configuration or from a single-circuit tower to one side of a double-circuit tower.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Central Alternative, Option 1 has been modified to take into account specific input from landowners and other interested parties. Updated numbers are shown in bold face; numbers shown in parentheses are Draft EIS values before data and project updates. Central Options 2 and 3 have not changed and numbers for these options are based on the original Central Alternative numbers.</p>				

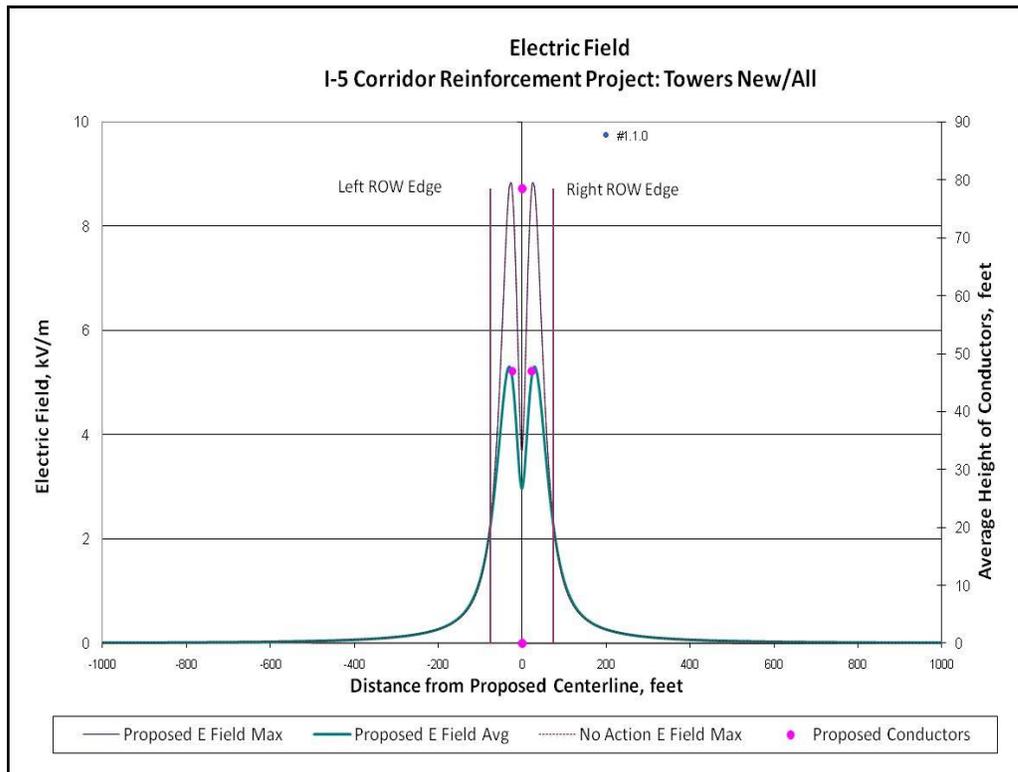
**Table 7: Calculation 1.0.0 (New Right-of-Way)**

Calculation 1.0.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
New	New/All						

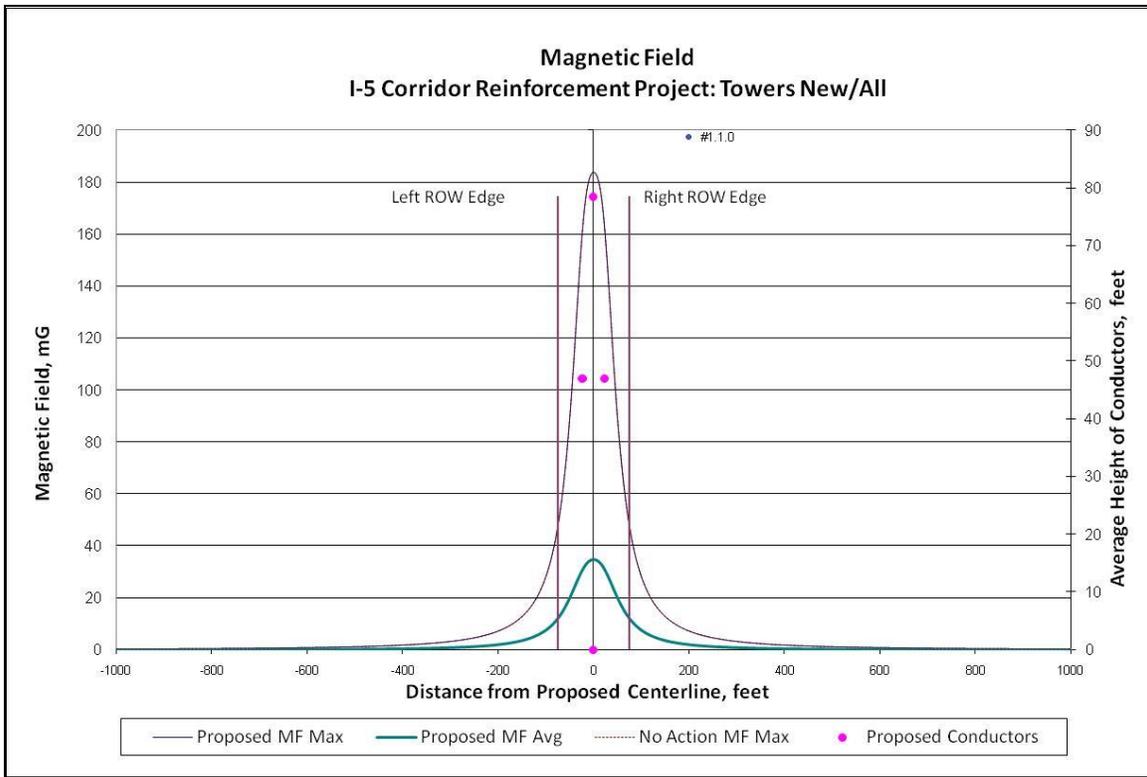
  

Calculation 1.0.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
Location		Left Edge	Right Edge	Peak On ROW	Left Edge	Right Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Proposed	2.3	2.3	5.3	2.3	2.3	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Proposed	12	12	35	48	48	184
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	--	--	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	47.1	47.1				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	--	--	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	--	--	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	21				

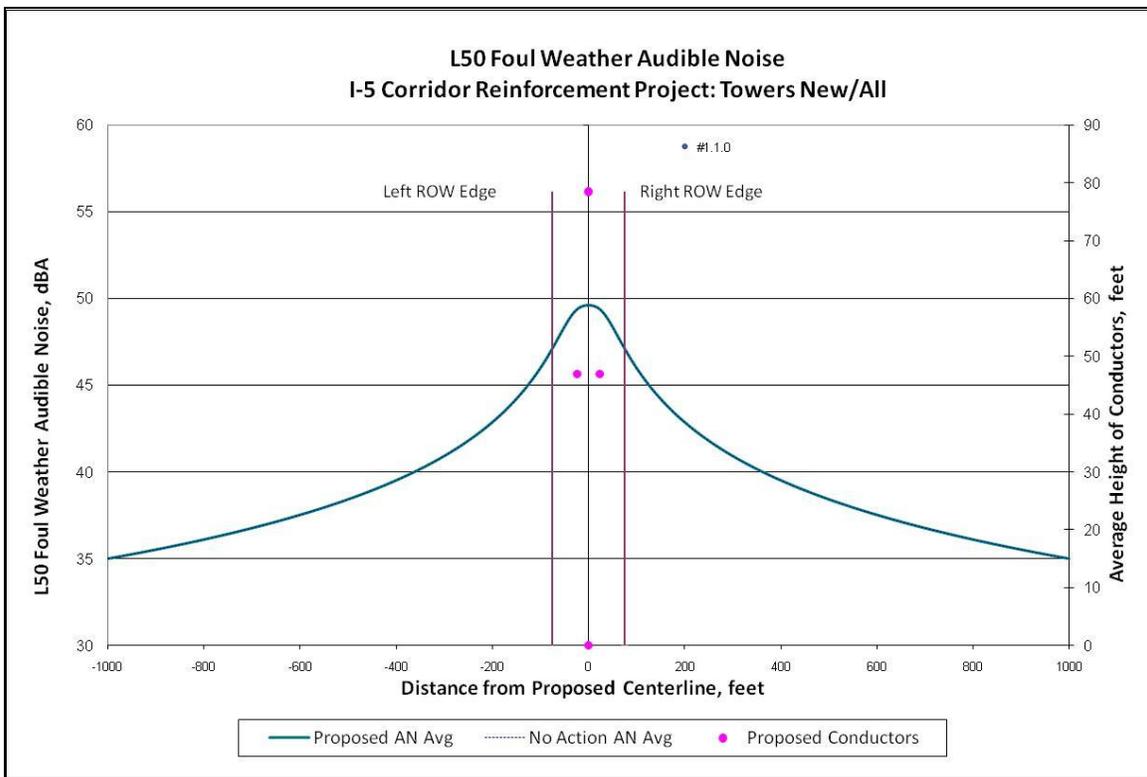
Figure 1: Calculation 1.0.0 – Electric Fields (New Right-of-Way)



**Figure 2: Calculation 1.0.0 – Magnetic Fields (New Right-of-Way)**



**Figure 3: Calculation 1.0.0 – Audible Noise Levels (New Right-of-Way)**



**Table 8: Calculation 2.1.0**

Calculation 2.1.0 : Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
2	2/1 - 2/7	1.64					

Calculation 2.1.0 : Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW	Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.6	1.9	0.1	0.5	3.7
	Proposed	1.6	0.5	5.6	1.6	0.4	9.0
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	1	5	19	4	17	107
	Proposed	9	1	36	35	5	187
Audible Noise, dBA	No Action	34.9	39.0	Not Applicable			
Foul weather L50	Proposed	46.7	44.0				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	19	27	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	28				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	3	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	15				

**Figure 4: Calculation 2.1.0 – Electric Fields**

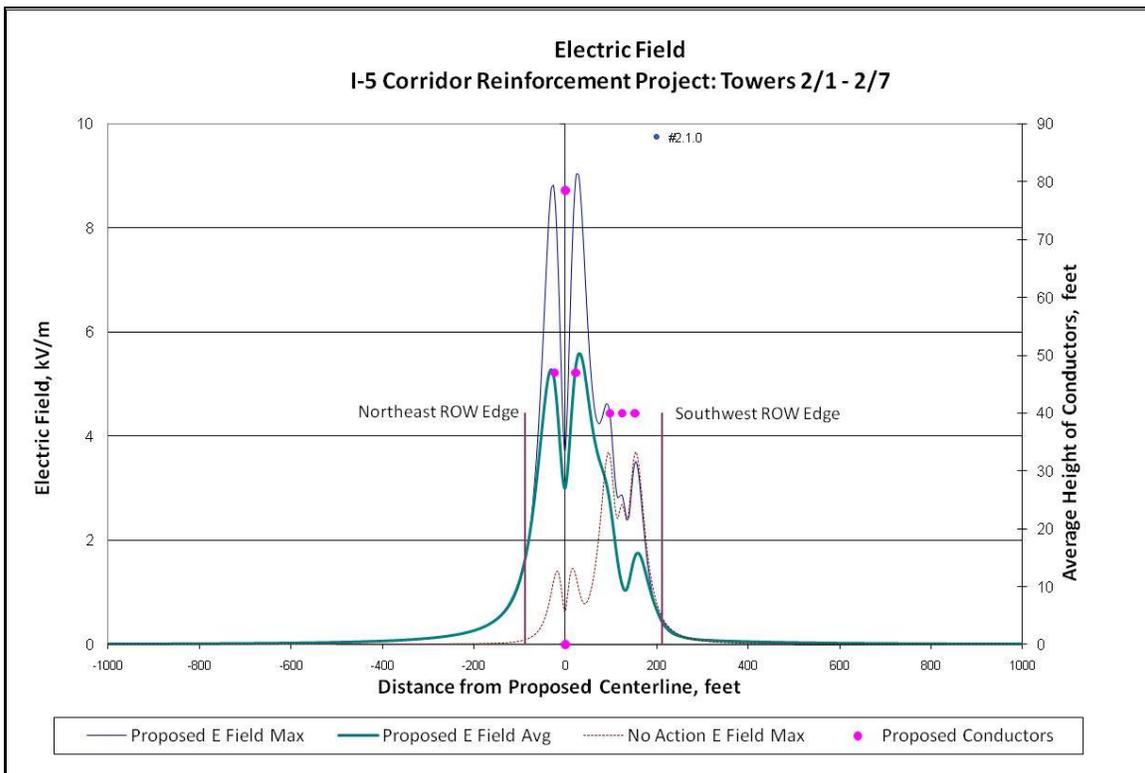


Figure 5: Calculation 2.1.0 – Magnetic Fields

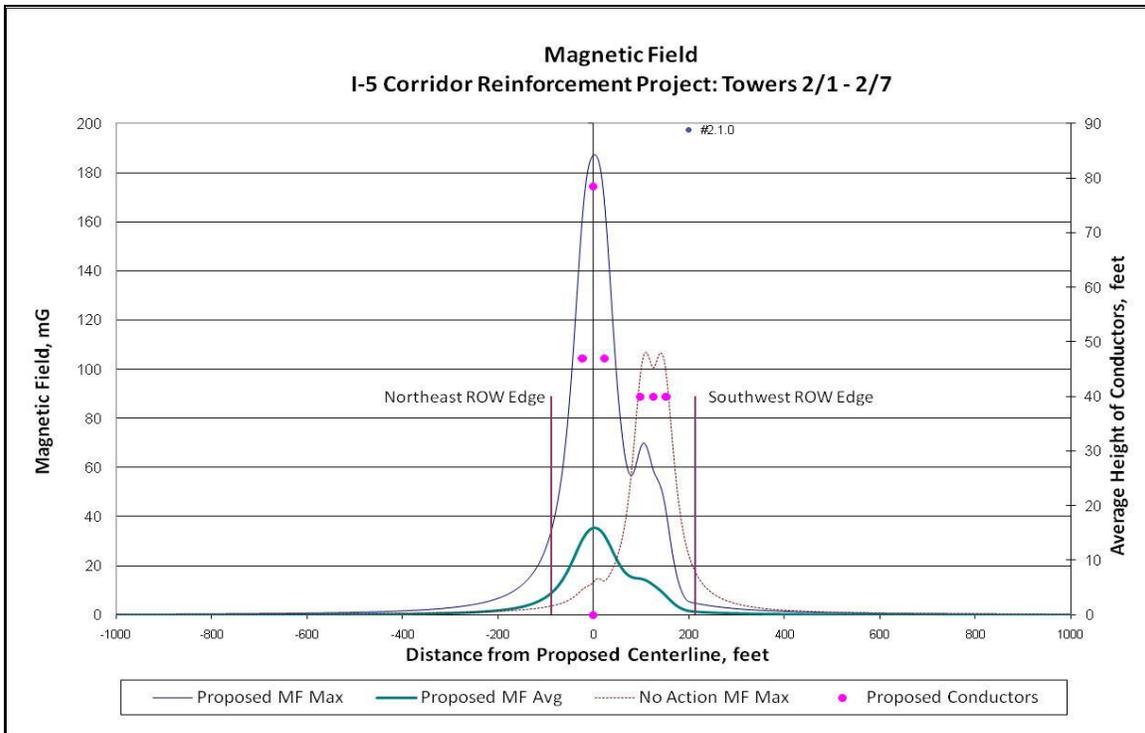
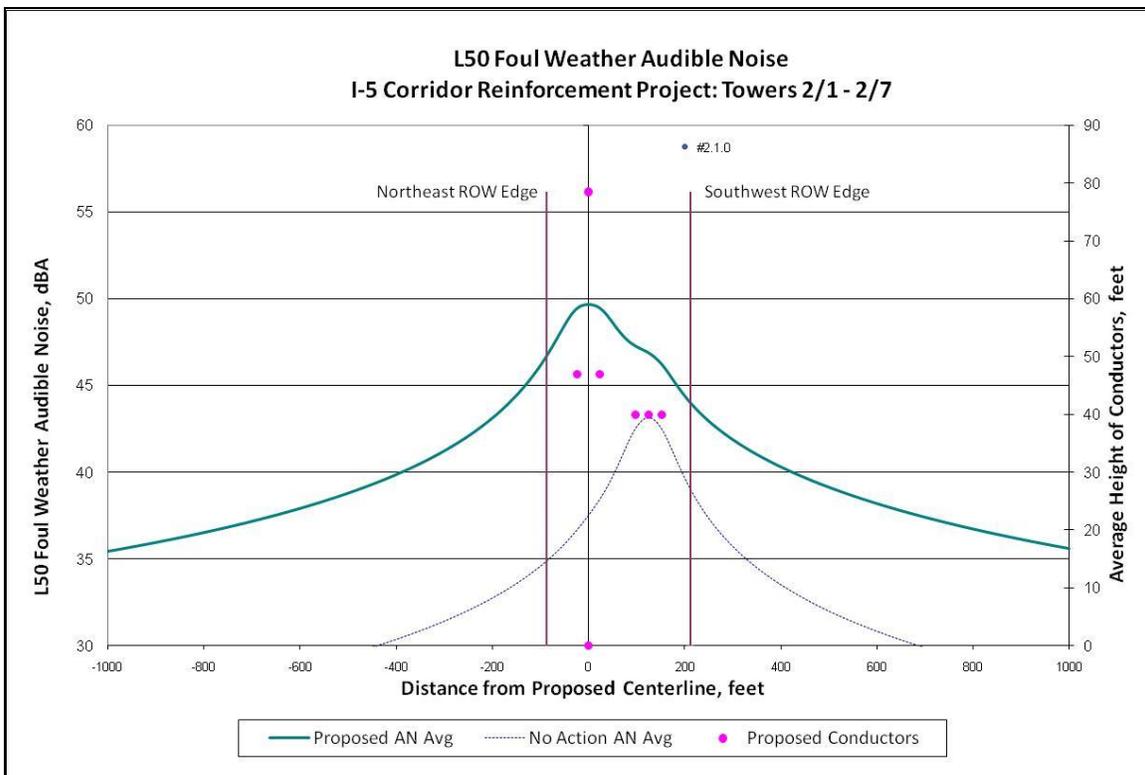


Figure 6: Calculation 2.1.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 9: Calculation 2.1.1**

Calculation 2.1.1 : Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
2	2/7 - 2/18	1.64					

Calculation 2.1.1 : Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW	Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.6	2.0	0.1	0.5	3.8
	Proposed	1.7	0.8	5.3	1.6	0.7	8.9
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	1	5	19	4	17	107
	Proposed	10	3	34	37	11	182
Audible Noise, dBA	No Action	34.9	39.0	Not Applicable			
Foul weather L50	Proposed	46.9	44.4				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	19	27	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	28				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	3	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	13				

**Figure 7: Calculation 2.1.1 – Electric Fields**

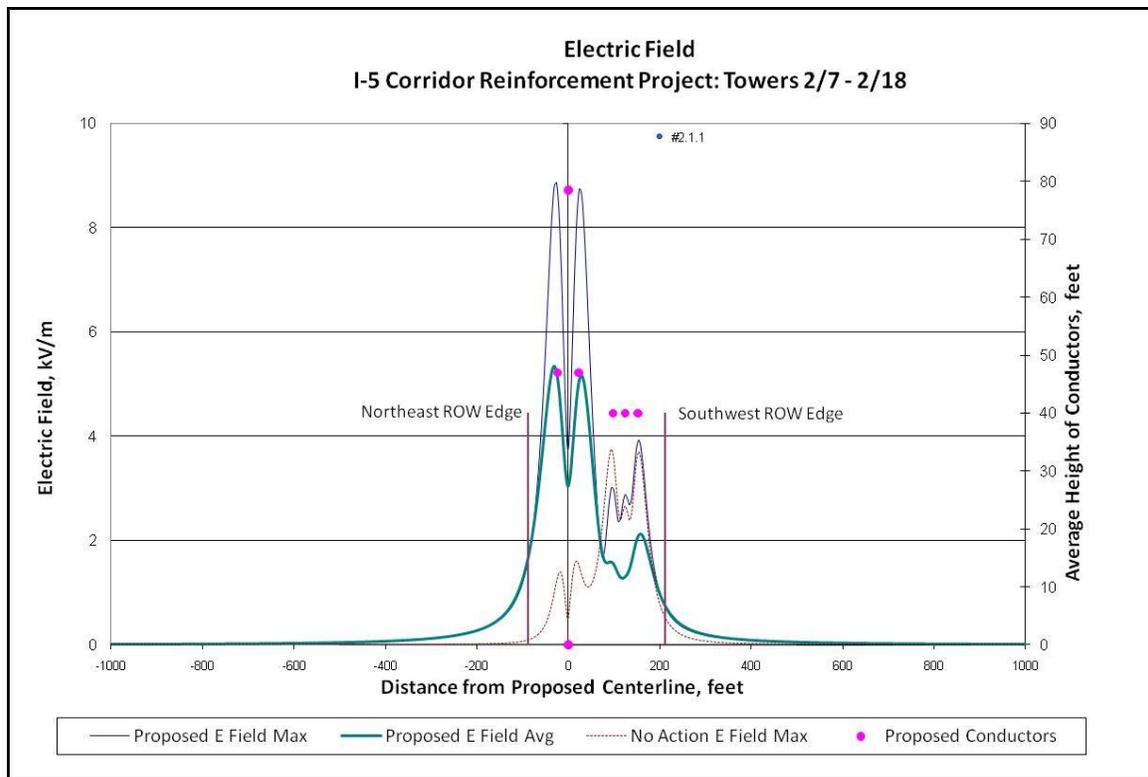


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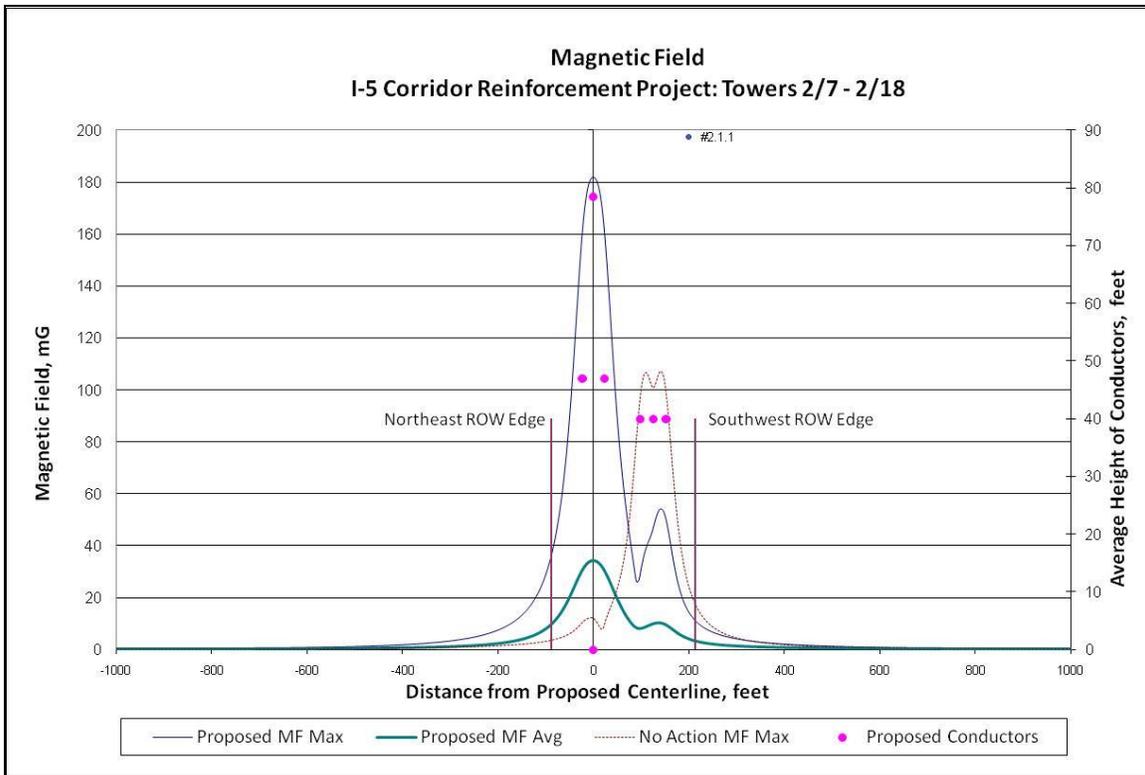
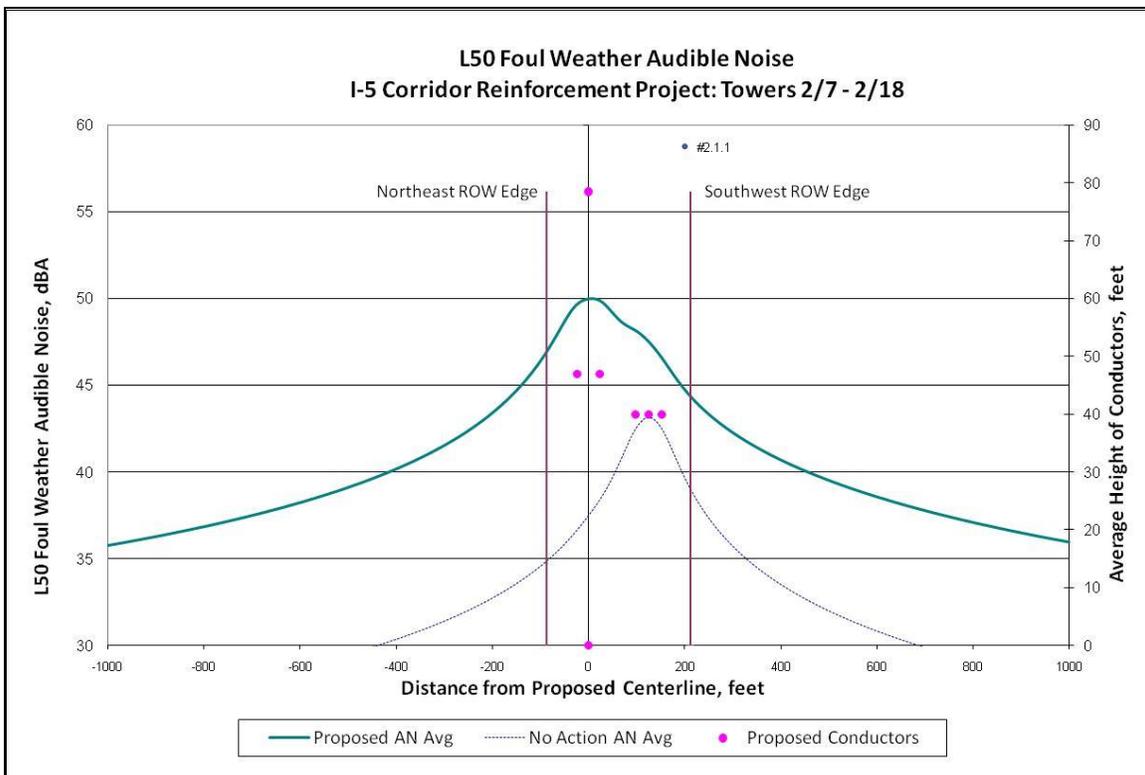


Figure 9: Calculation 2.1.1 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 10: Calculation 2.2.0**

Calculation 2.2.0 : Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
2	2/18 - 2/24	1.38					

Calculation 2.2.0 : Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
Location		Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW	Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.3	2.0	0.0	0.4	3.7
	Proposed	1.6	0.3	5.6	1.6	0.4	9.0
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	2	1	36	4	3	153
	Proposed	9	1	38	34	4	193
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	34.9	35.3	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	46.7	41.4				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	27	18	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	24				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	14	1	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	2				

**Figure 10: Calculation 2.2.0 – Electric Fields**

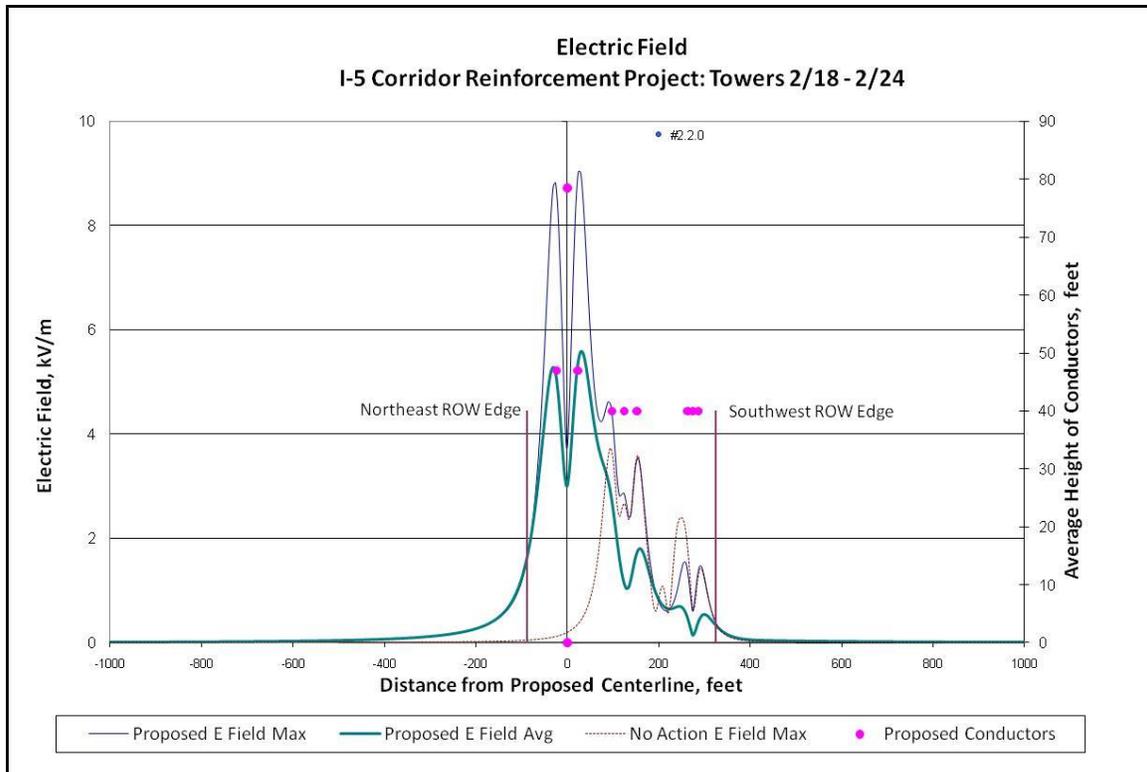


Figure 11: Calculation 2.2.0 – Magnetic Fields

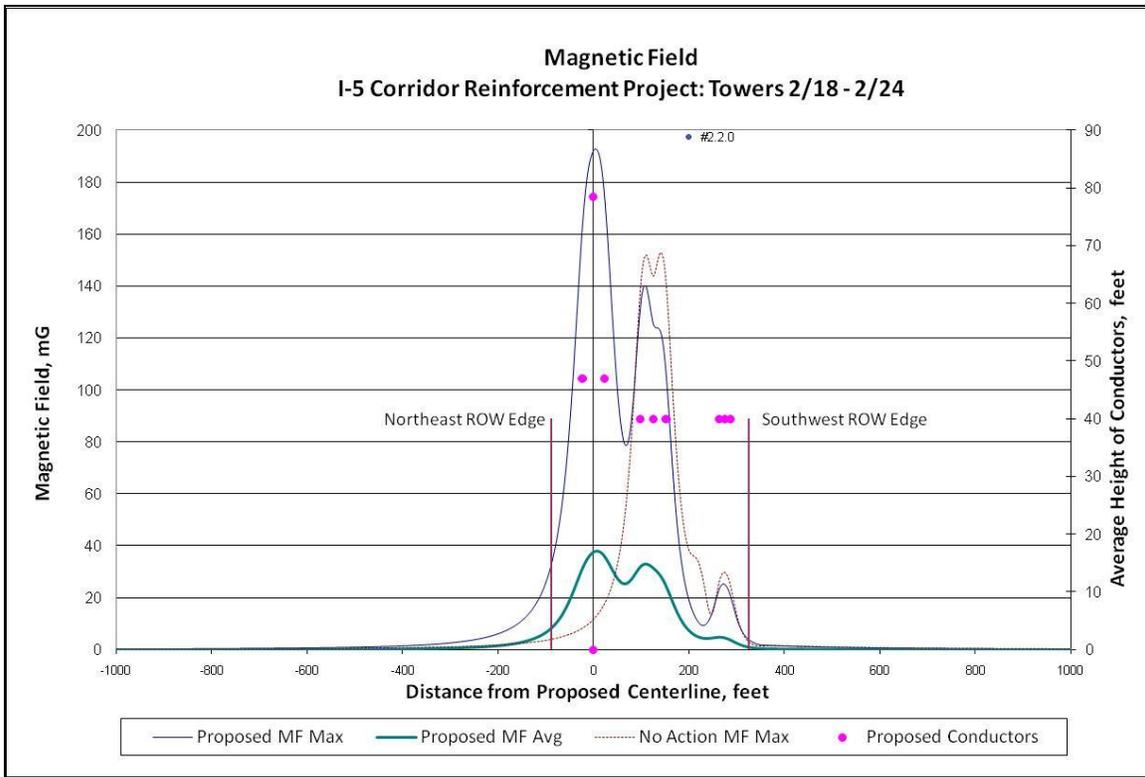
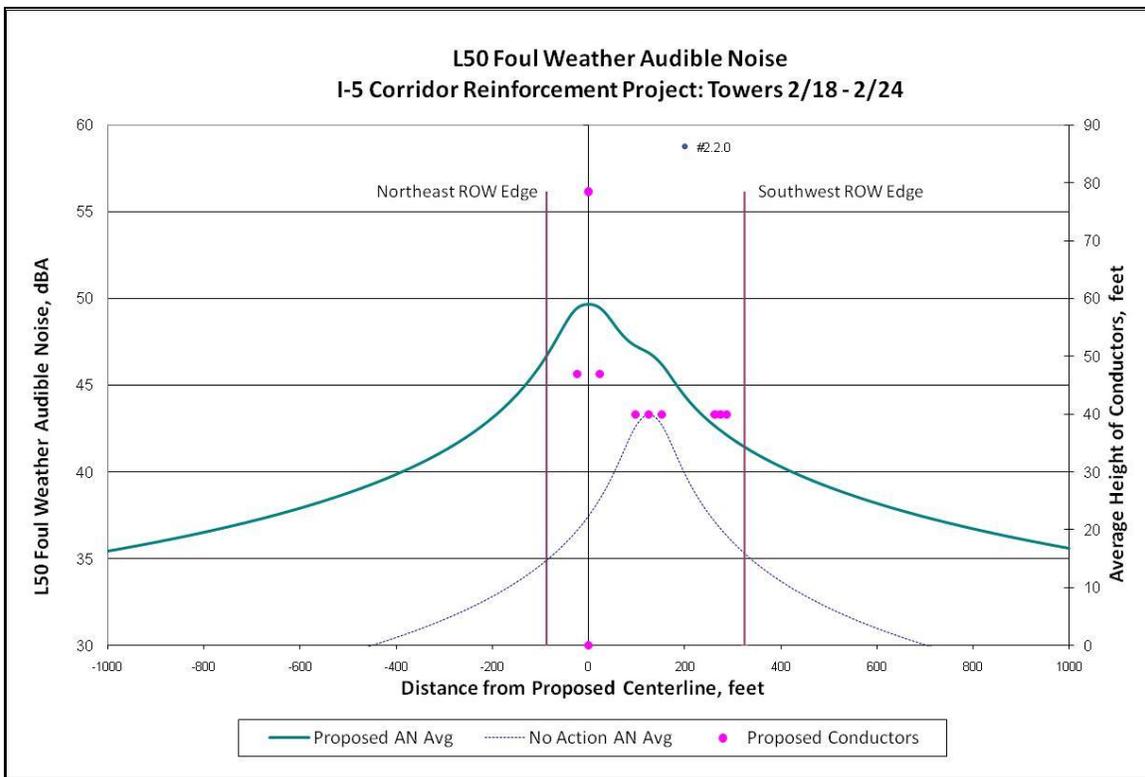


Figure 12: Calculation 2.2.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 11: Calculation 2.2.1**

Calculation 2.2.1 : Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
2	2/24 - 2/27	0.46					

Calculation 2.2.1 : Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW	Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.4	2.0	0.0	0.5	3.7
	Proposed	1.6	0.4	5.6	1.6	0.4	9.0
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	2	2	36	4	8	152
	Proposed	9	2	38	33	5	193
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	34.9	35.3	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	46.7	41.5				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	27	18	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	24				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	14	1	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	2				

**Figure 13: Calculation 2.2.1 – Electric Fields**

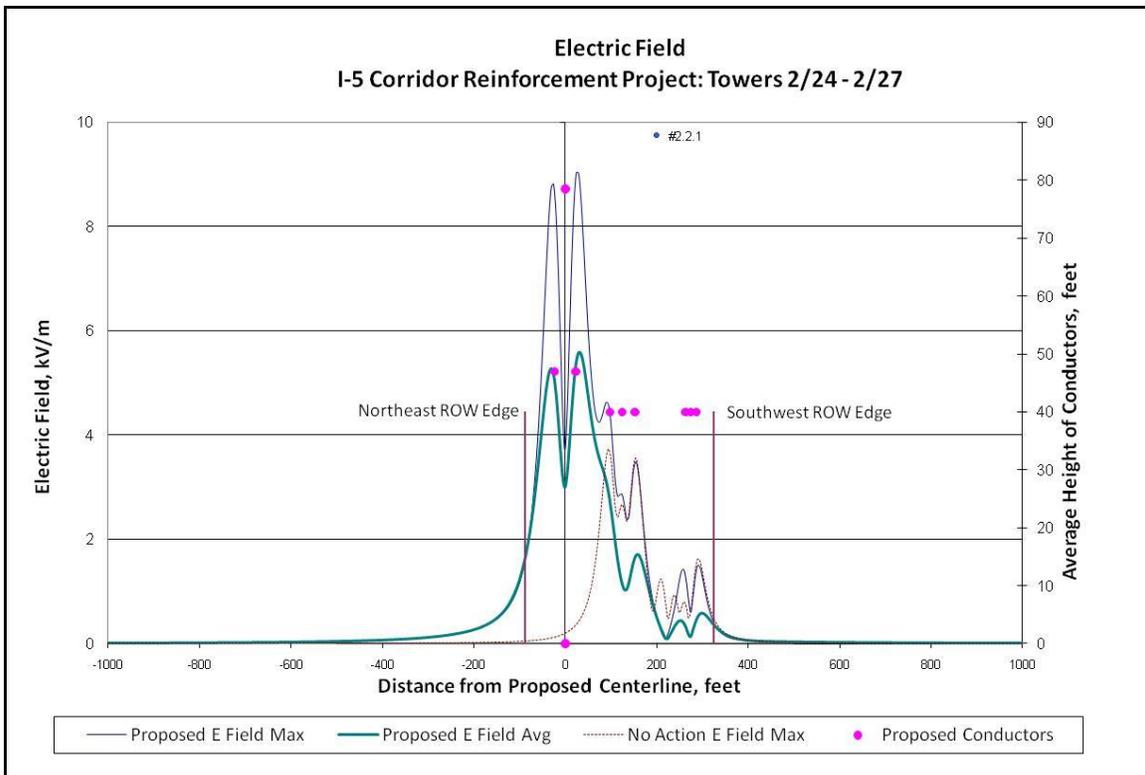


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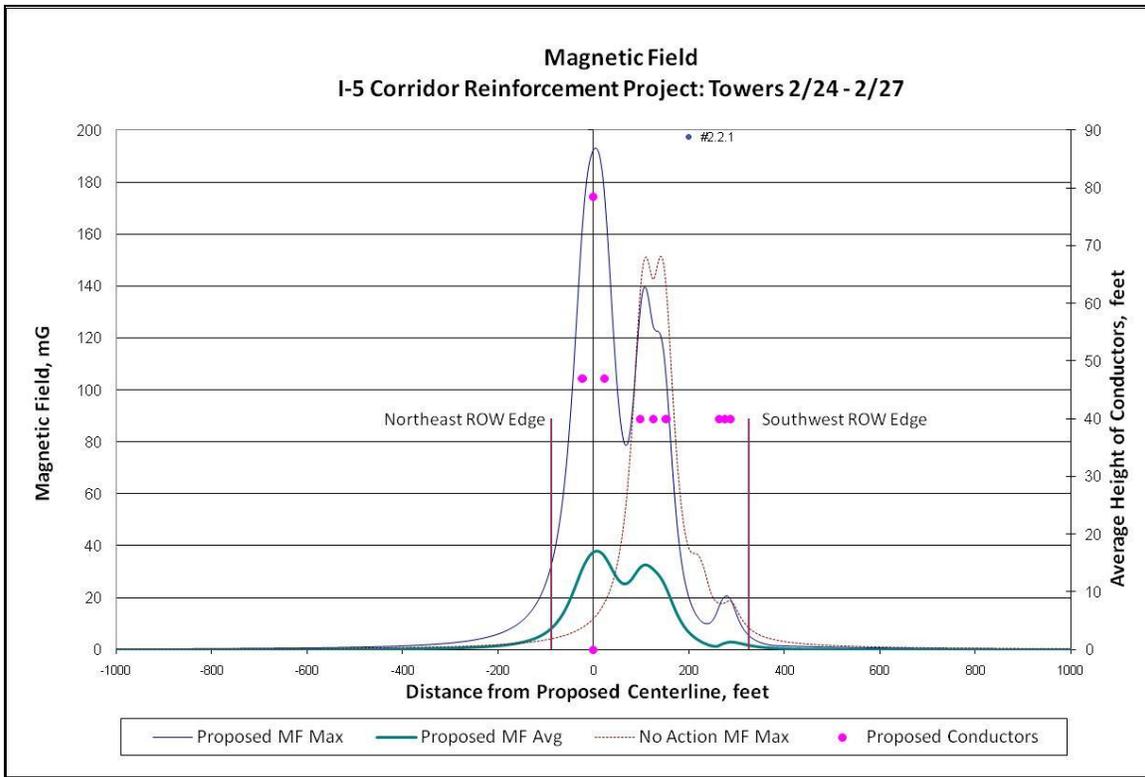
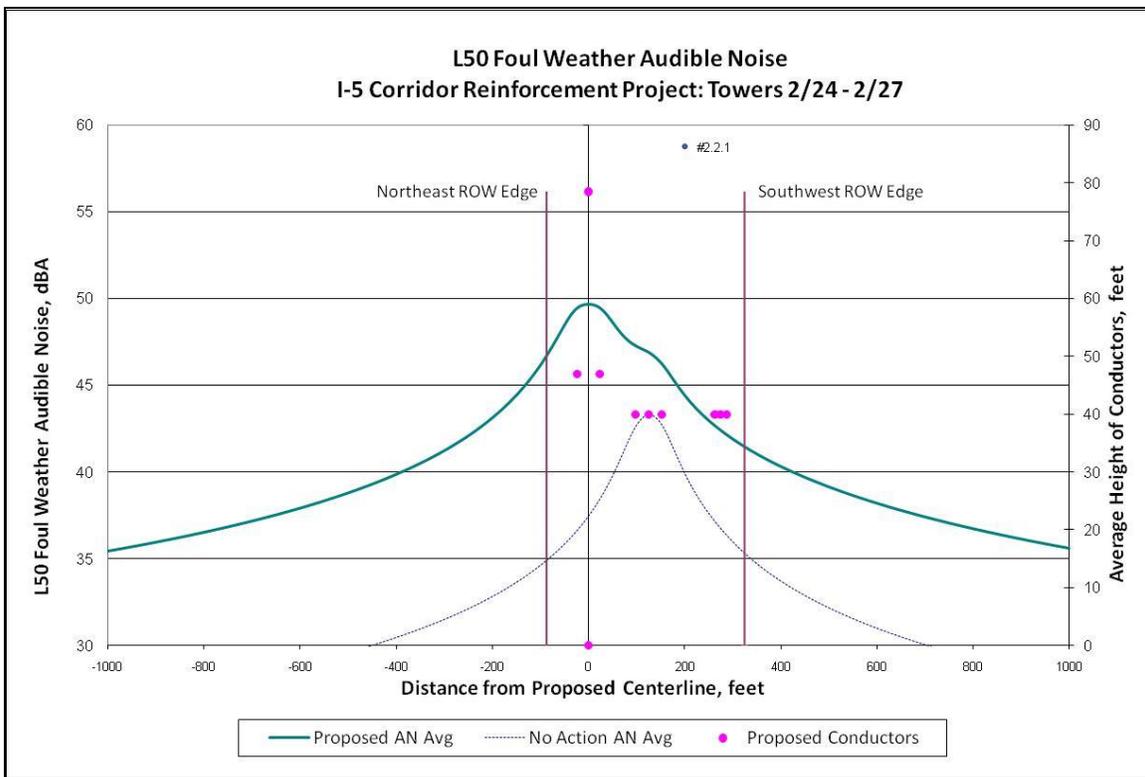


Figure 15: Calculation 2.2.1 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 12: Calculation 9.2.0**

Calculation 9.2.0 : Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
4	4/3 - 4/5	0.40		9	9/3 - 9/11	1.61	
9	9/1 - 9/3	0.52		9	9/11 - 9/20	1.94	

Calculation 9.2.0 : Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW	Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.2	1.2	2.0	0.2	1.3	3.7
	Proposed	2.2	1.0	5.5	2.3	1.1	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	1	5	11	5	25	77
	Proposed	12	2	34	46	8	180
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	35.5	40.5	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	47.2	45.0				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	20	27	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	29				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	4	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	16				

**Figure 16: Calculation 9.2.0 – Electric Fields**

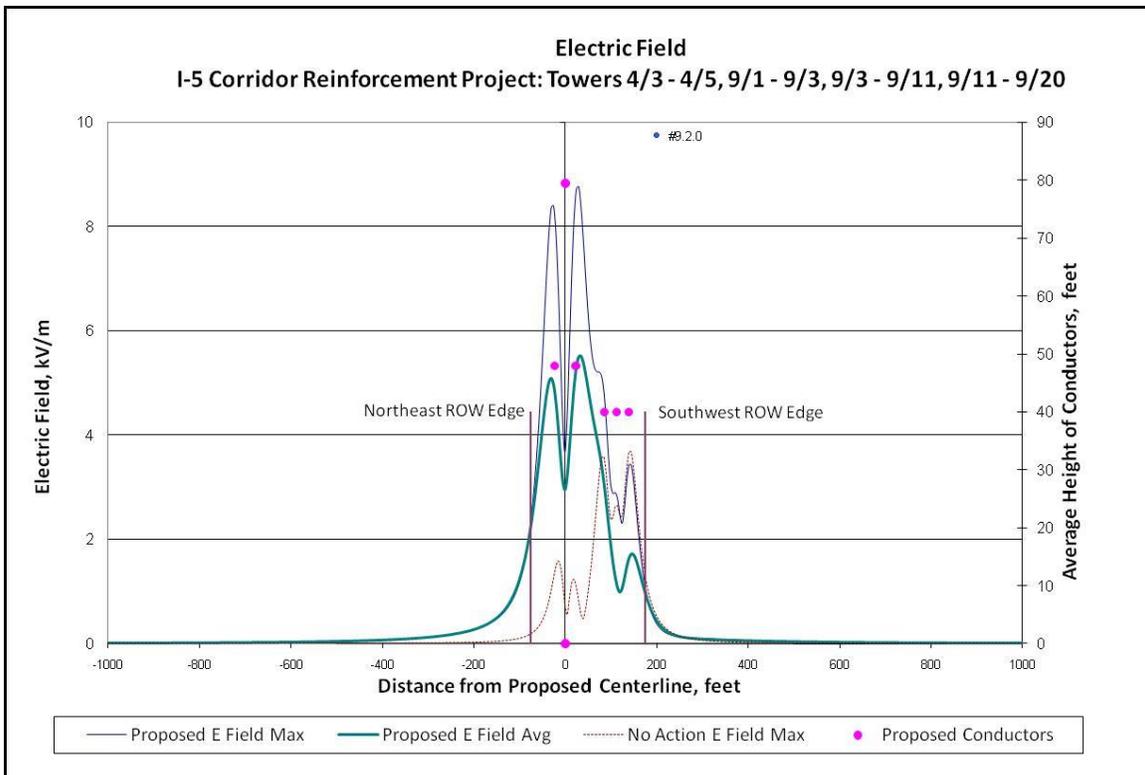


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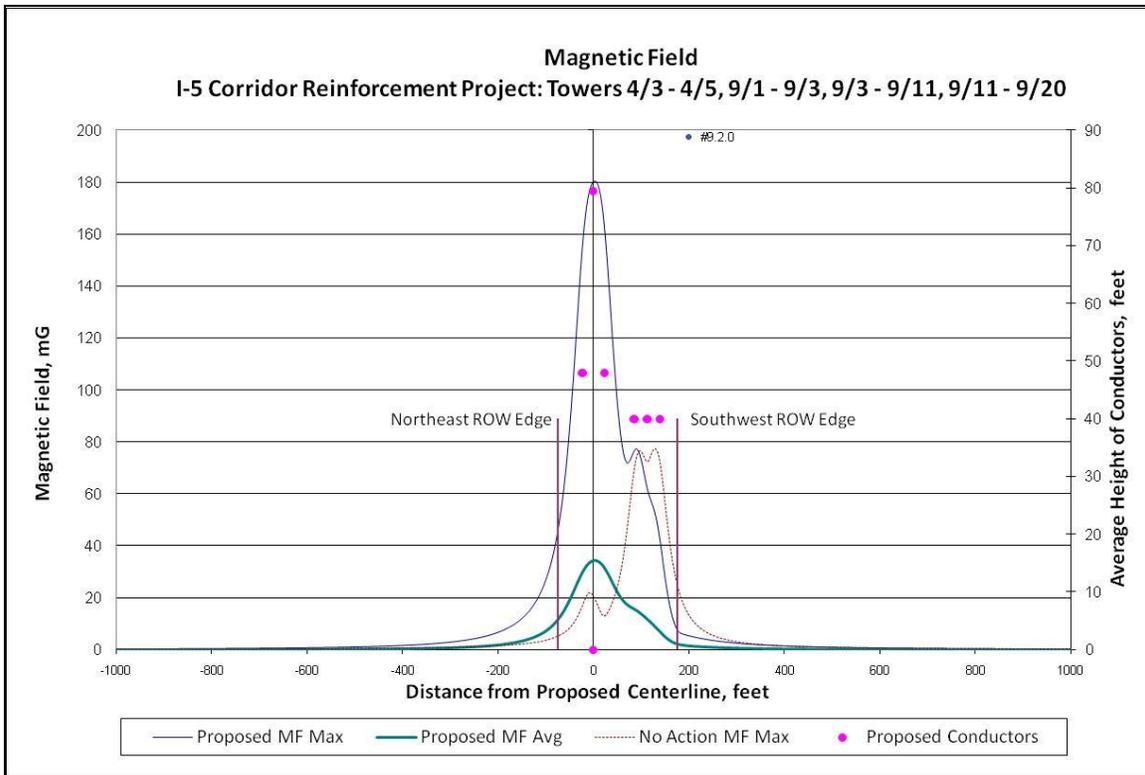
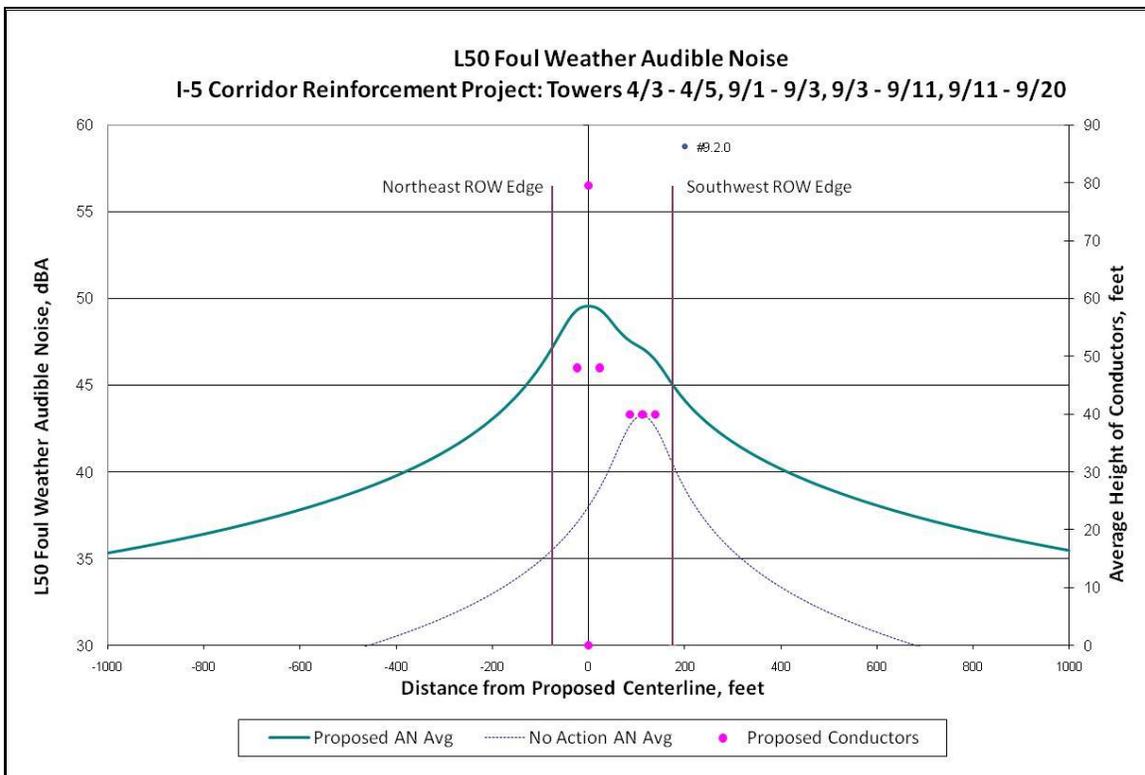


Figure 18: Calculation 9.2.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 13: Calculation 9.3.0**

Calculation 9.3.0 : Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
9	9/20 - 9/21	0.50					
9	9/21 - 9/28	1.54					

Calculation 9.3.0 : Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW	Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.6	1.9	0.0	0.5	3.7
	Proposed	1.9	0.5	5.6	1.8	0.4	9.0
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	1	3	11	2	13	78
	Proposed	10	1	35	39	4	187
Audible Noise, dBA	No Action	34.8	39.0	Not Applicable			
Foul weather L50	Proposed	46.9	43.9				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	27	27	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	28				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	14	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	15				

**Figure 19: Calculation 9.3.0 – Electric Fields**

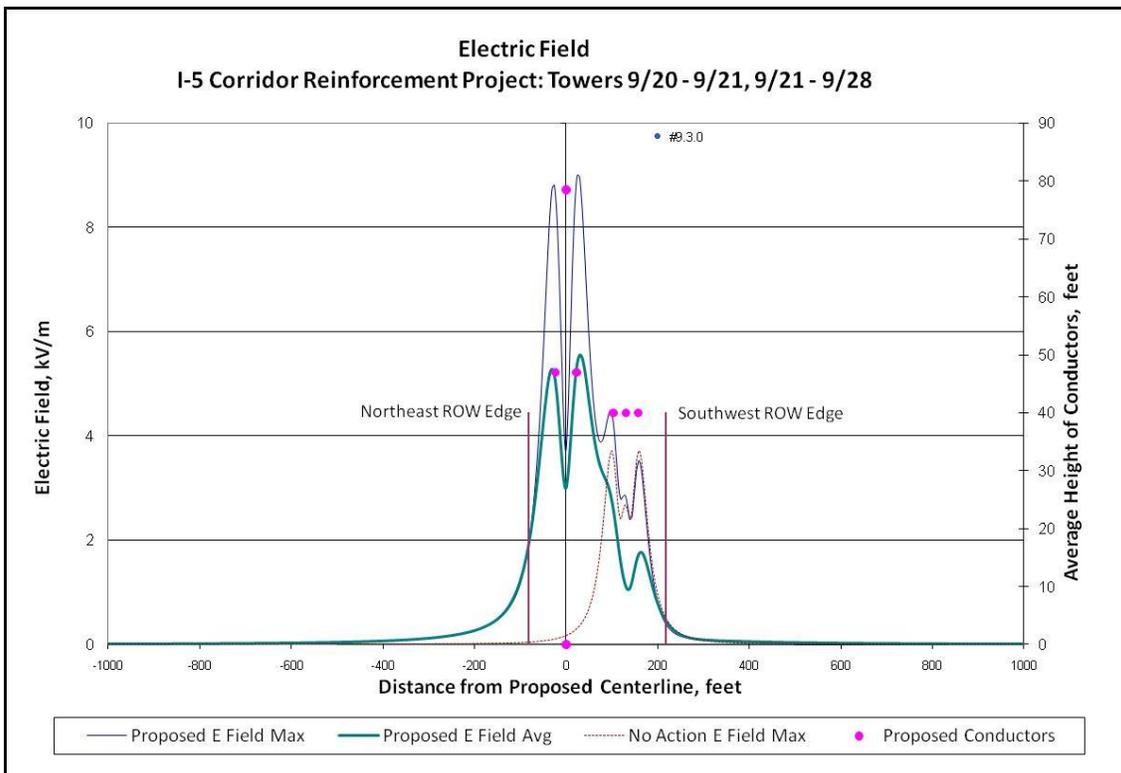


Figure 20: Calculation 9.3.0 – Magnetic Fields

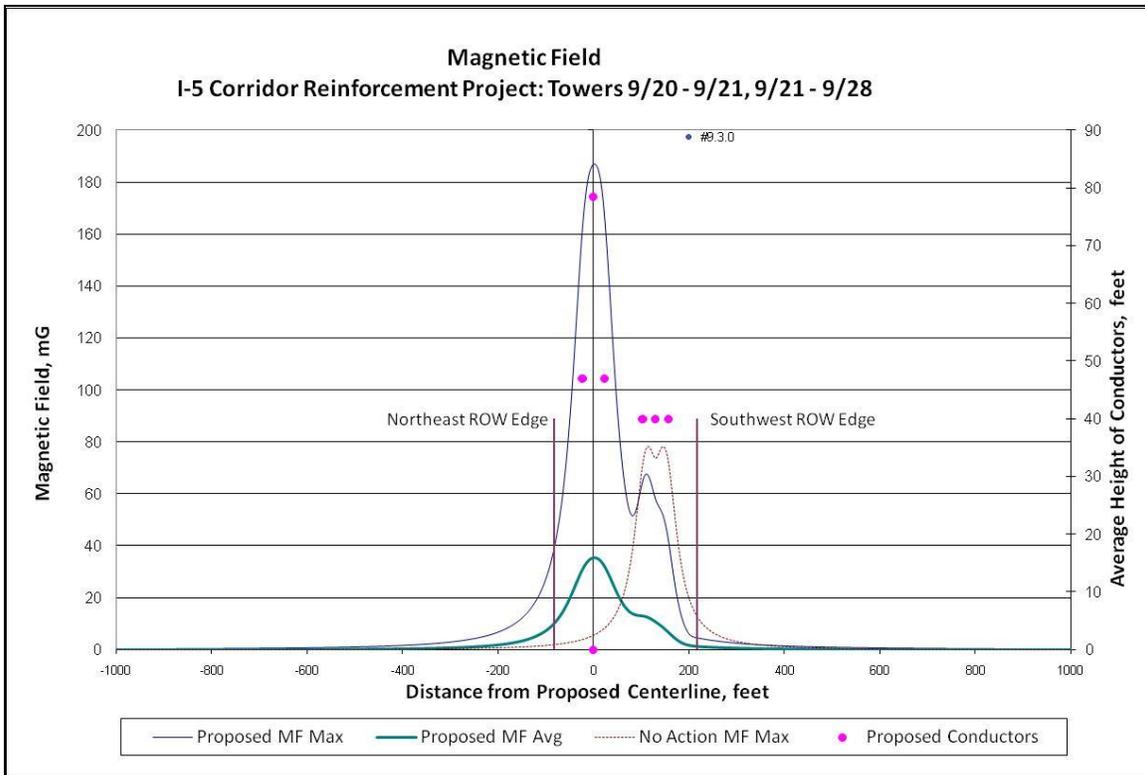
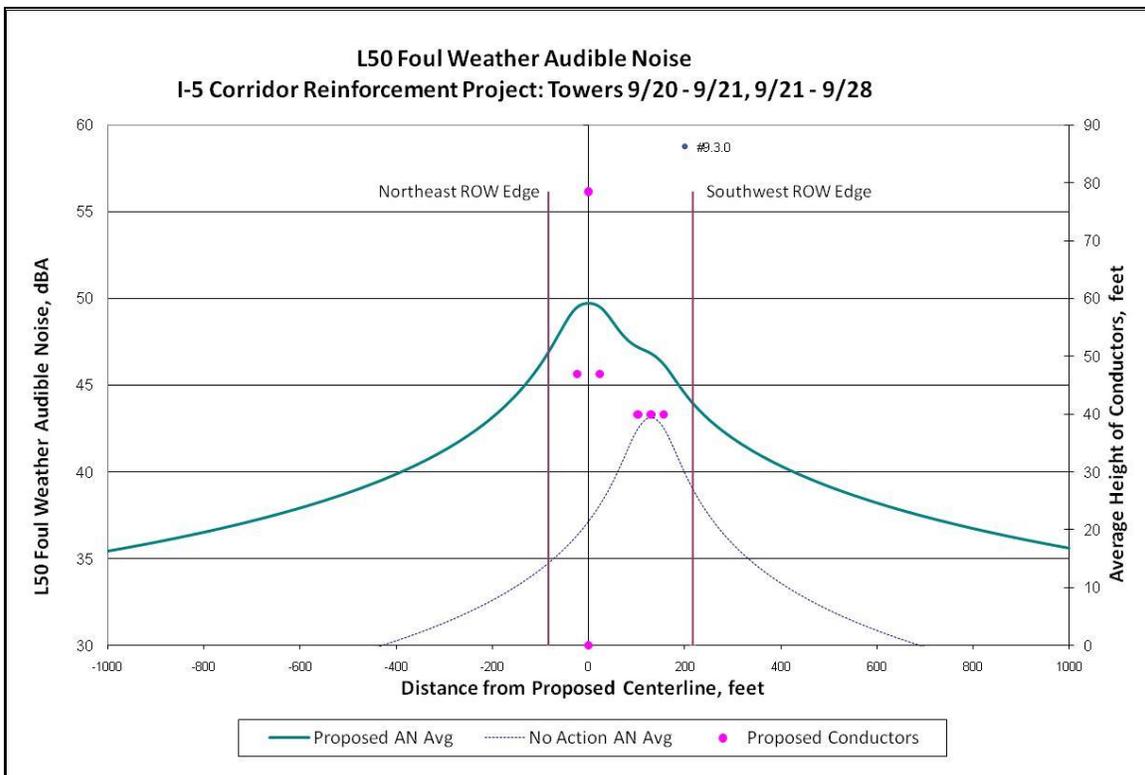


Figure 21: Calculation 9.3.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 14: Calculation 9.3.1**

Calculation 9.3.1 : Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
9	9/28 - 9/82	12.62					
25	25/1 - 25/7	1.35					

Calculation 9.3.1 : Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW	Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.6	1.9	0.0	0.5	3.7
	Proposed	1.9	0.7	5.3	1.9	0.7	8.9
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	1	3	11	2	13	78
	Proposed	11	3	34	41	11	182
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	34.8	39.0	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	47.1	44.3				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	27	27	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	28				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	14	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	13				

**Figure 22: Calculation 9.3.1 – Electric Fields**

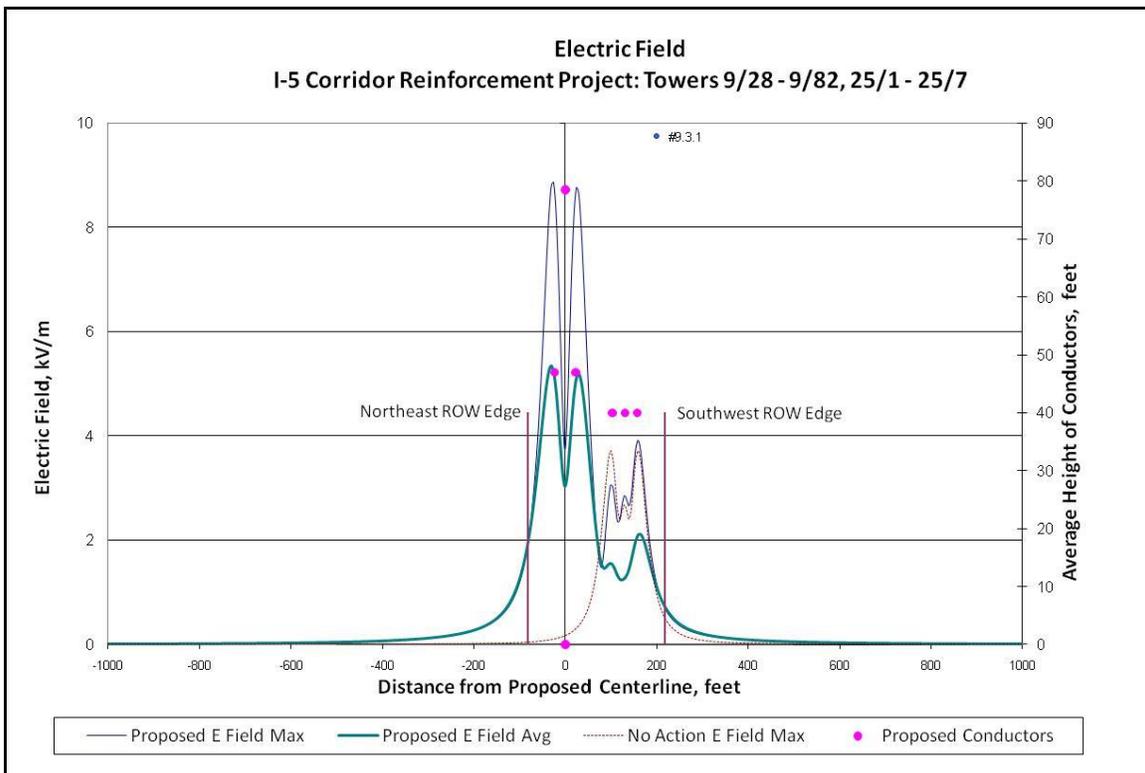


Figure 23: Calculation 9.3.1 – Magnetic Fields

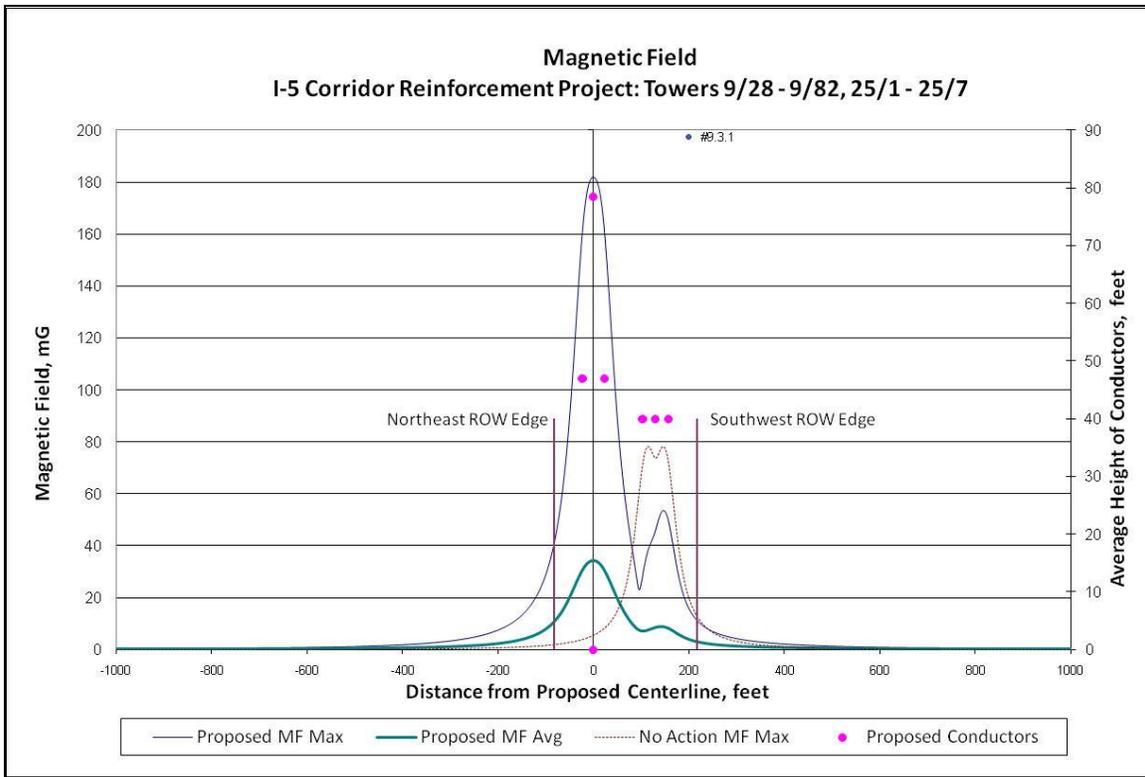
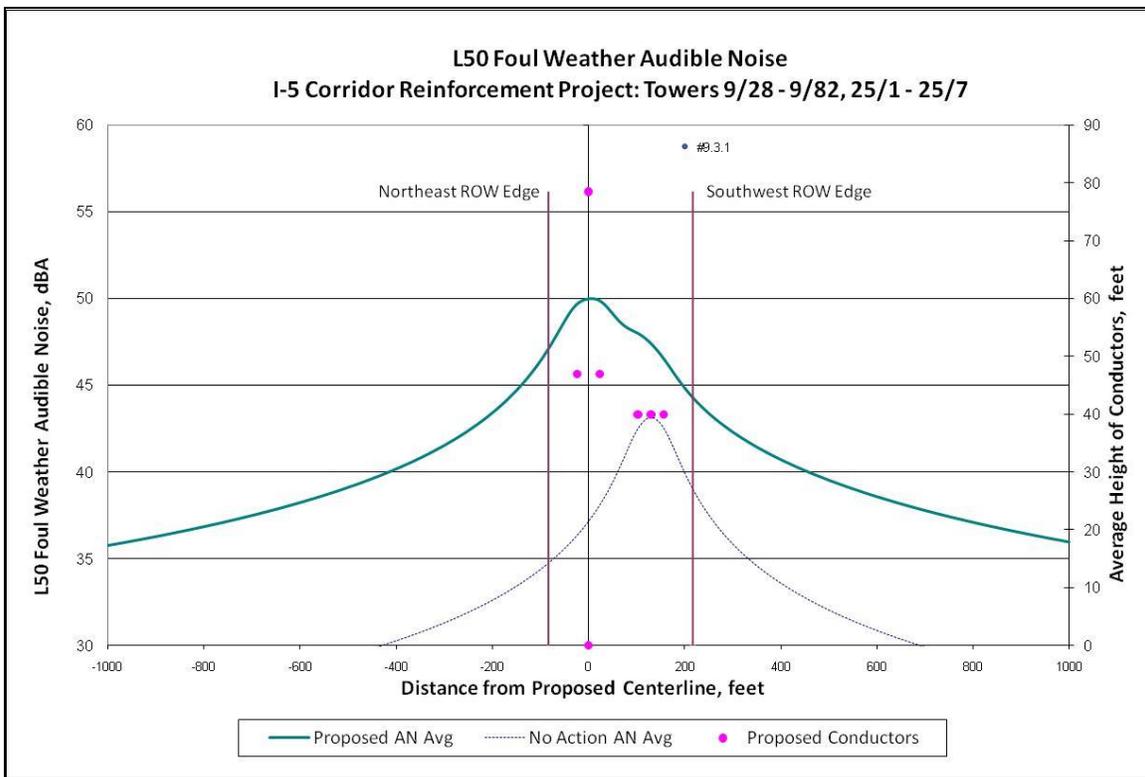


Figure 24: Calculation 9.3.1 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 15: Calculation 9.3.2**

Calculation 9.3.2 : Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
25	25/7 - 25/11	0.75					

Calculation 9.3.2 : Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW	Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.6	1.9	0.0	0.5	3.7
	Proposed	1.6	0.6	5.3	1.6	0.5	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	1	3	11	2	13	78
	Proposed	10	3	34	36	12	183
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	34.8	39.0	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	47.0	44.5				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	27	27	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	28				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	14	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	15				

**Figure 25: Calculation 9.3.2 – Electric Fields**

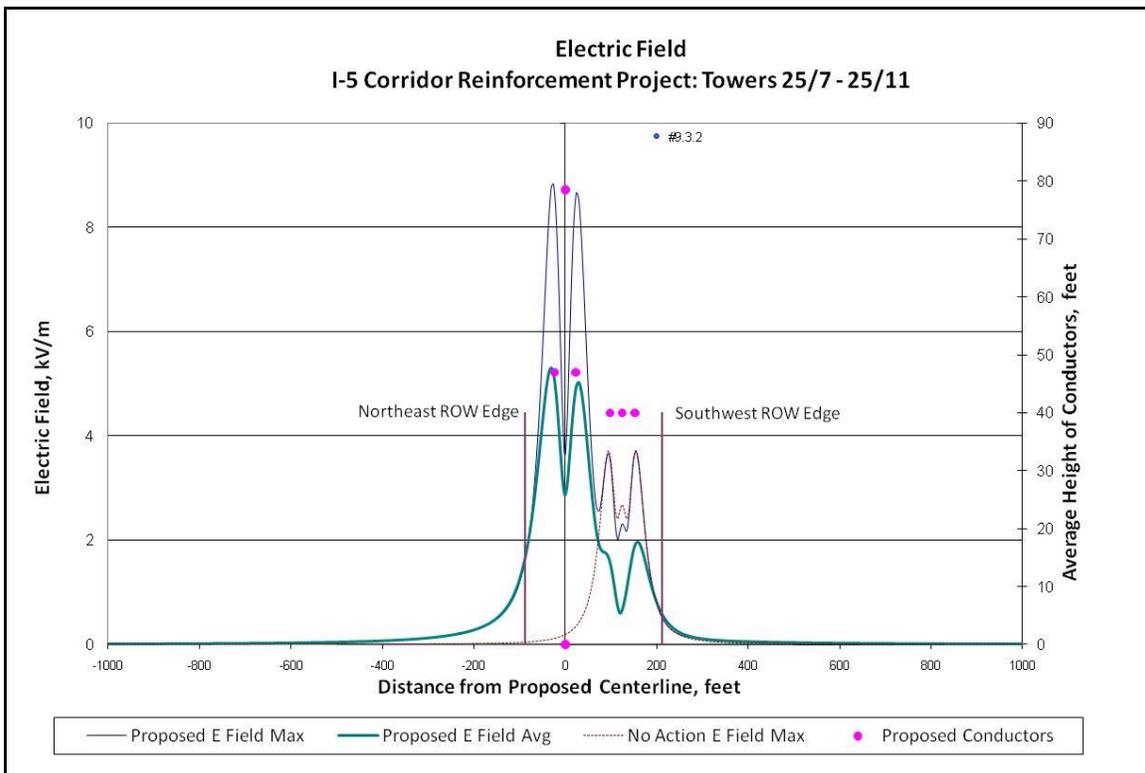


Figure 26: Calculation 9.3.2 – Magnetic Fields

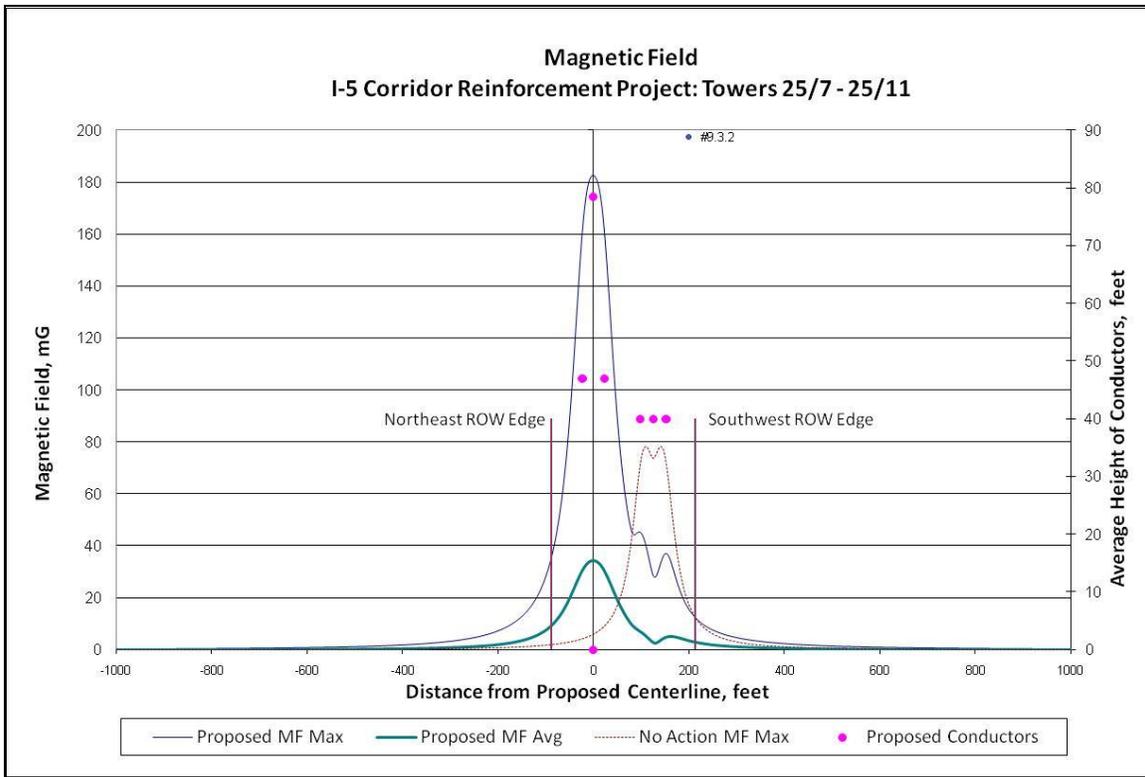
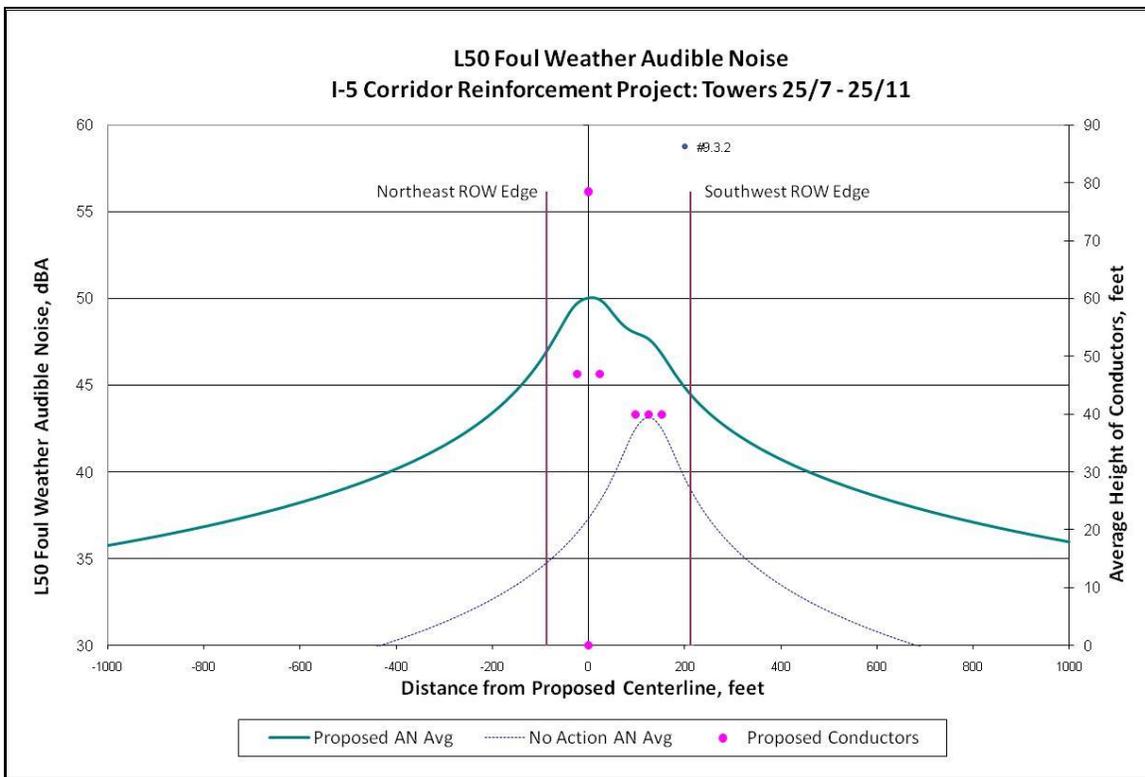


Figure 27: Calculation 9.3.2 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 16: Calculation 25.2.0**

Calculation 25.2.0 : Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
25	25/11 - 25/18	1.64					
25	25/19 - 25/72	11.00					

Calculation 25.2.0 : Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW	Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	1.2	1.9	0.1	1.3	3.7
	Proposed	2.3	1.2	5.3	2.3	1.3	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	2	15	35	8	76	242
	Proposed	12	14	33	49	71	196
Audible Noise, dBA	No Action	35.4	40.4	Not Applicable			
Foul weather L50	Proposed	47.6	45.7				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	27	27	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	29				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	14	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	16				

**Figure 28: Calculation 25.2.0 – Electric Fields**

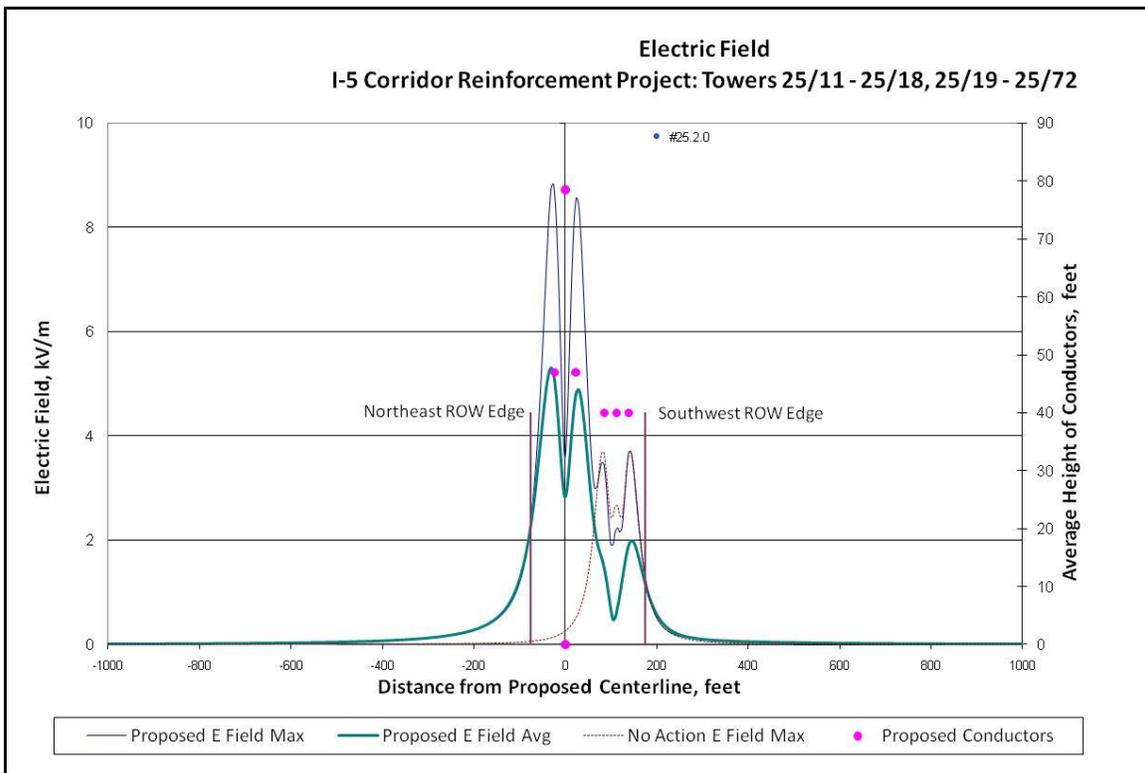


Figure 29: Calculation 25.2.0 – Magnetic Fields

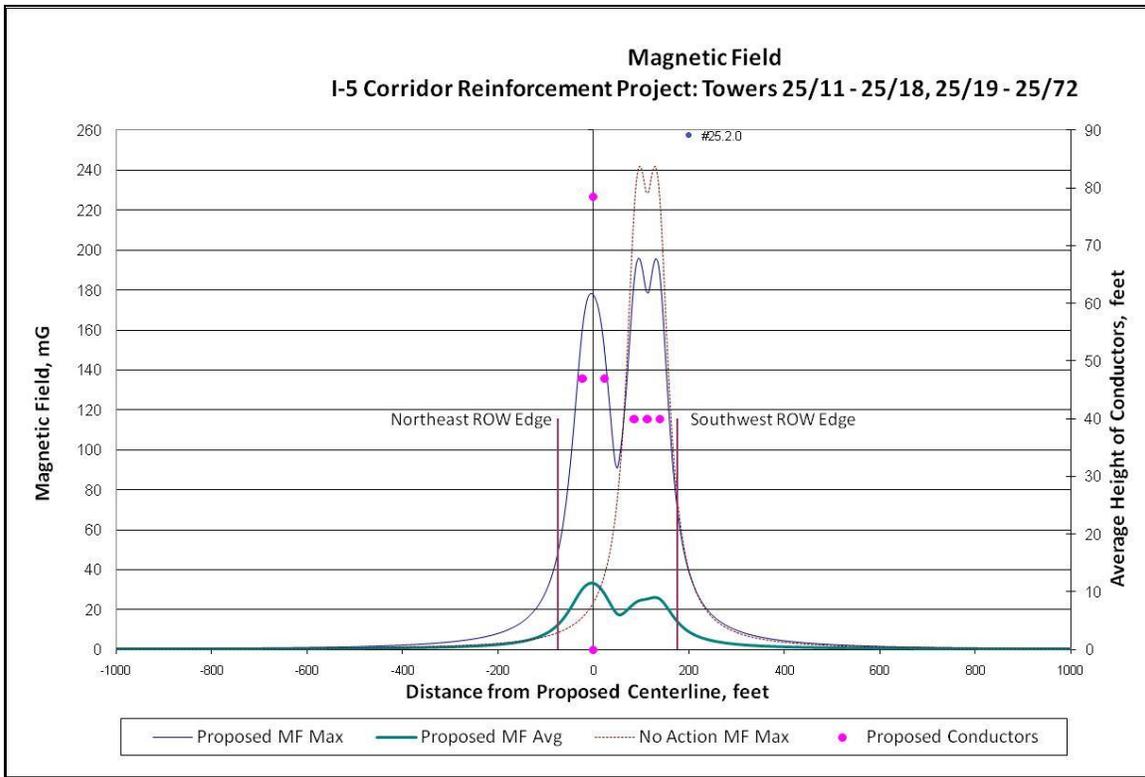
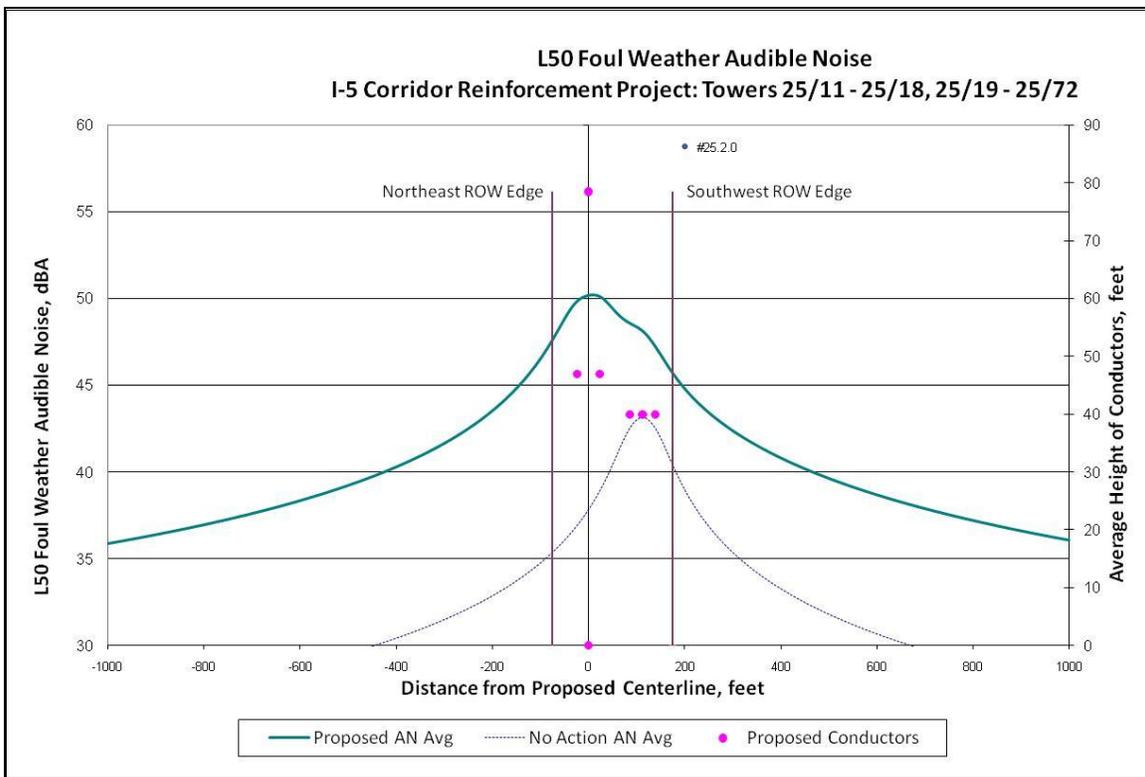


Figure 30: Calculation 25.2.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 17: Calculation 25.2.1**

Calculation 25.2.1 : Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
25	25/72 - 25/106	6.47					

Calculation 25.2.1 : Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW	Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	1.2	1.9	0.1	1.3	3.7
	Proposed	2.2	1.0	5.5	2.3	1.1	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	2	15	35	8	76	242
	Proposed	11	11	38	41	58	240
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	35.4	40.4	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	47.2	45.0				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	27	27	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	29				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	14	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	16				

**Figure 31: Calculation 25.2.1 – Electric Fields**

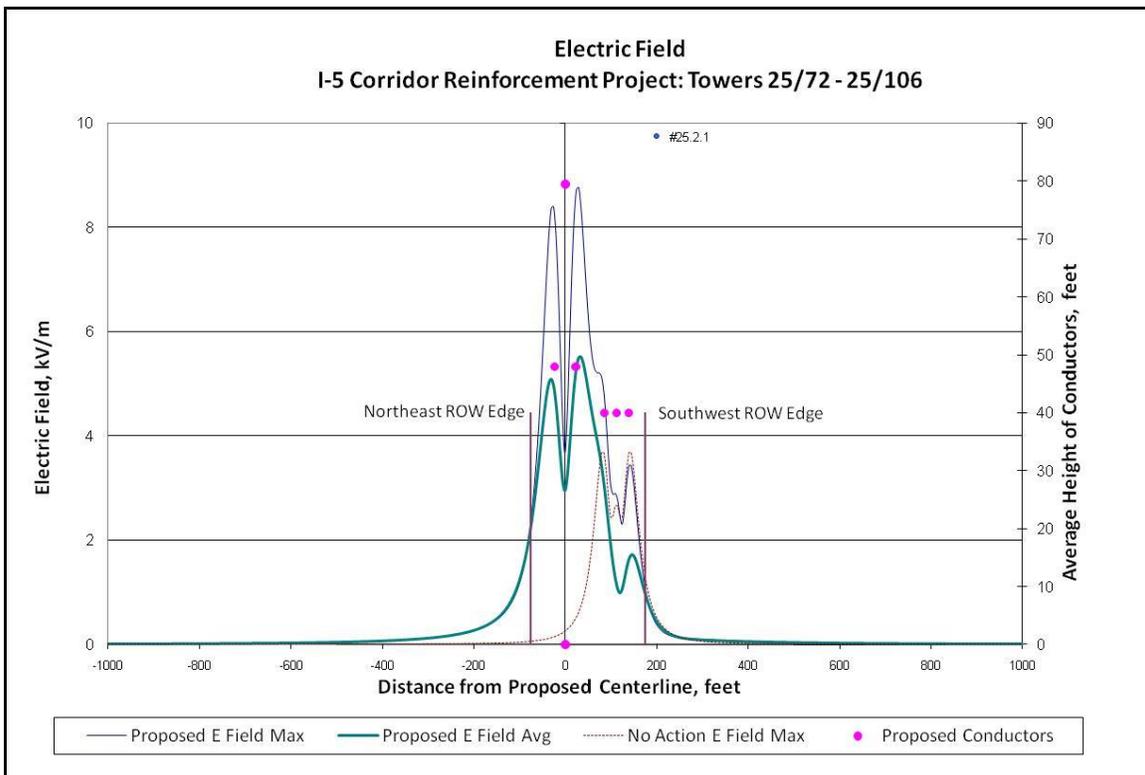


Figure 32: Calculation 25.2.1 – Magnetic Fields

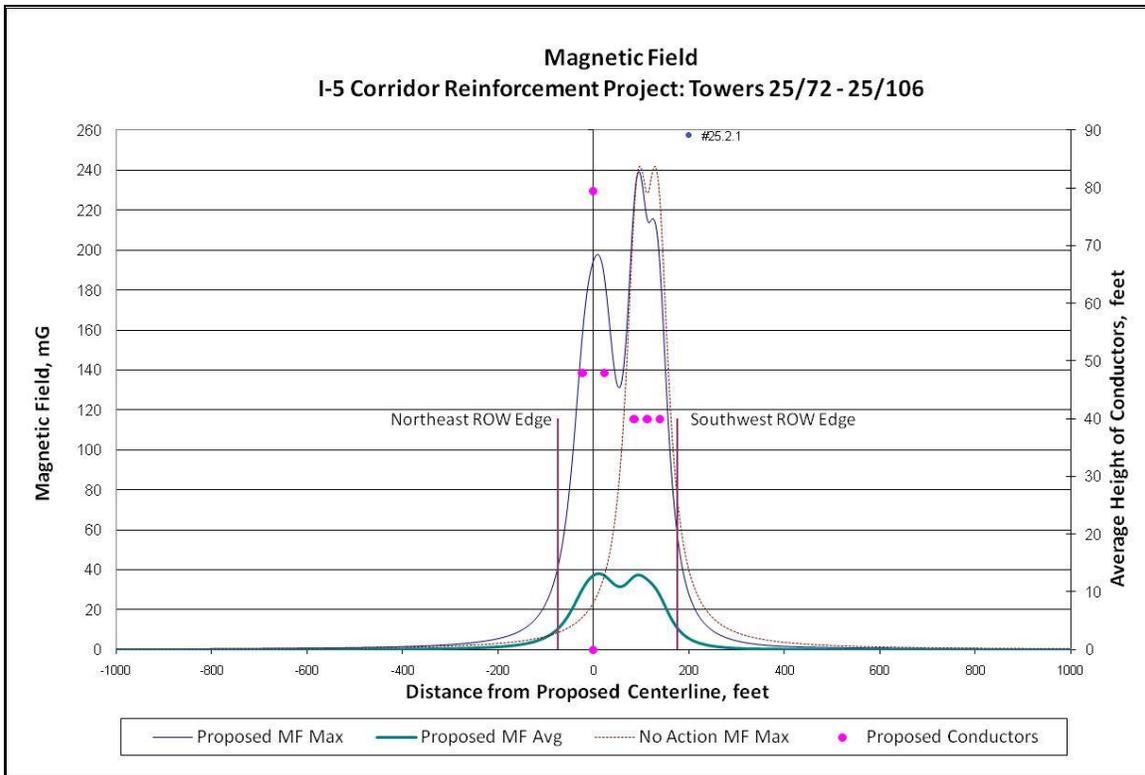
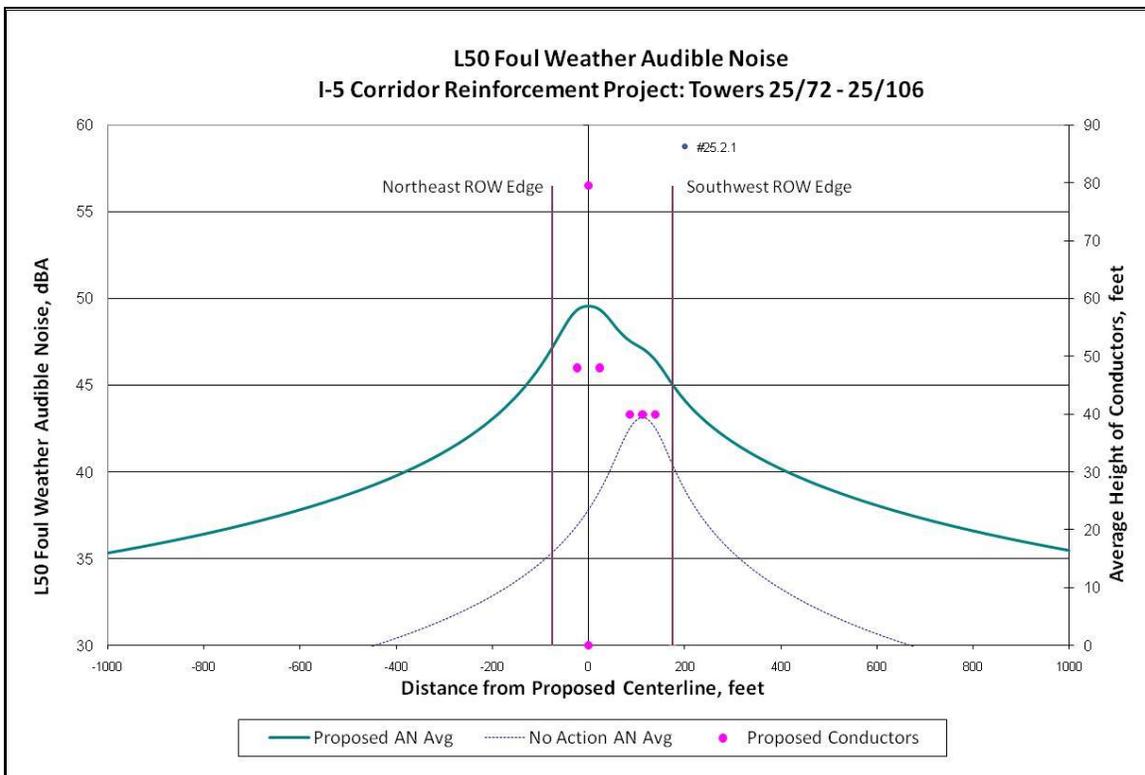


Figure 33: Calculation 25.2.1 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 18: Calculation 25.3.0**

Calculation 25.3.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
25	25/106 - 25/110	0.63					

Calculation 25.3.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northwest Edge	Southeast Edge	Peak On ROW	Northwest Edge	Southeast Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.0	0.7	1.2	0.0	0.9	2.4
	Proposed	0.9	0.6	5.3	0.9	0.8	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	0	5	5	1	40	52
	Proposed	6	3	35	22	25	184
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	11.7	20.0	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	45.5	43.2				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	10	10	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	27				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	-7	-7	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	8				

**Figure 34: Calculation 25.3.0 – Electric Fields**

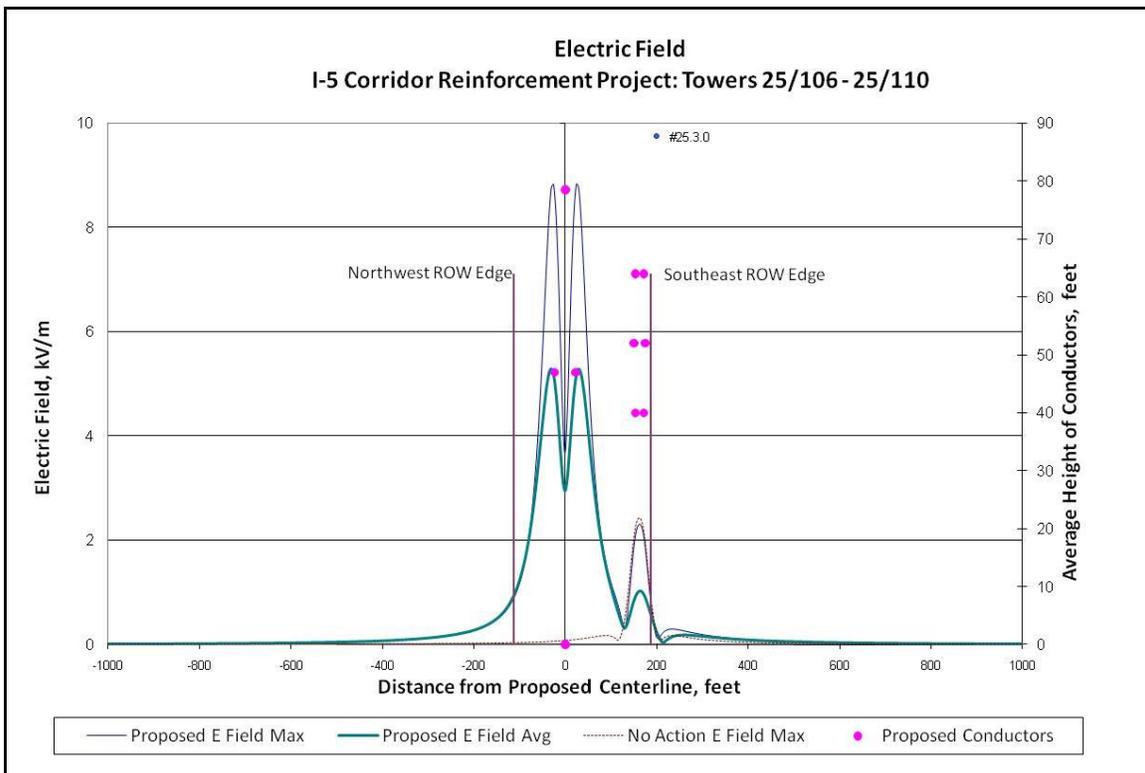


Figure 35: Calculation 25.3.0 – Magnetic Fields

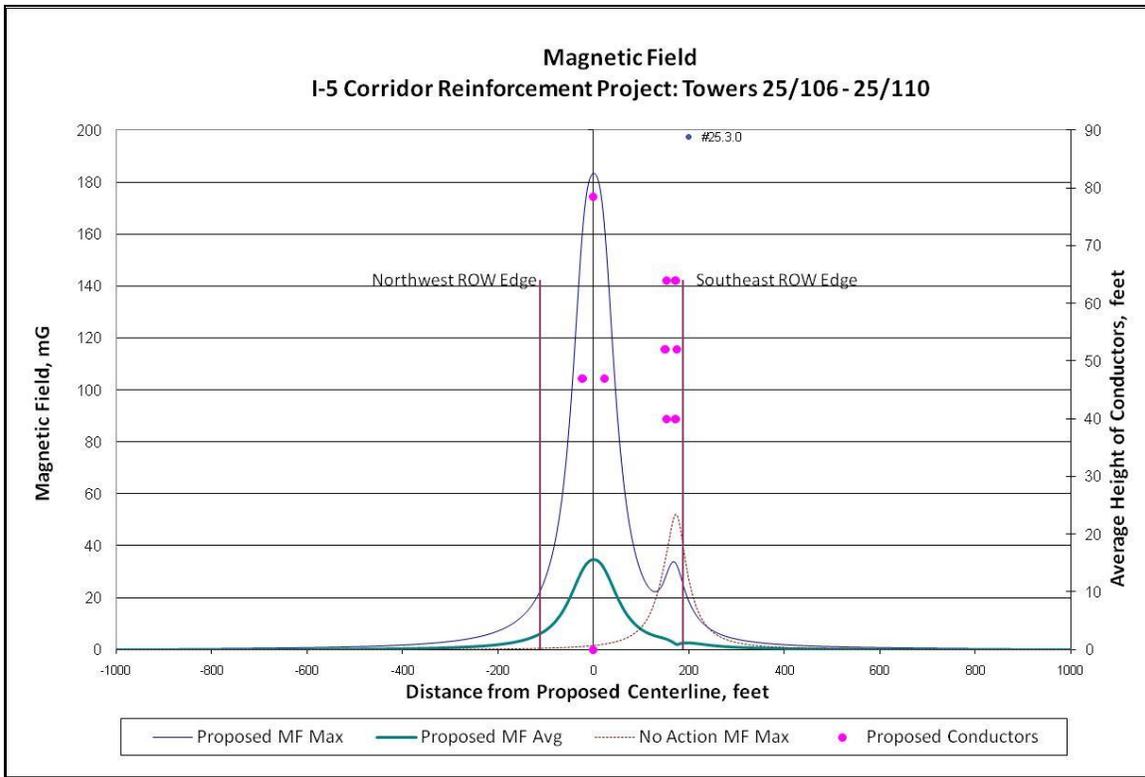
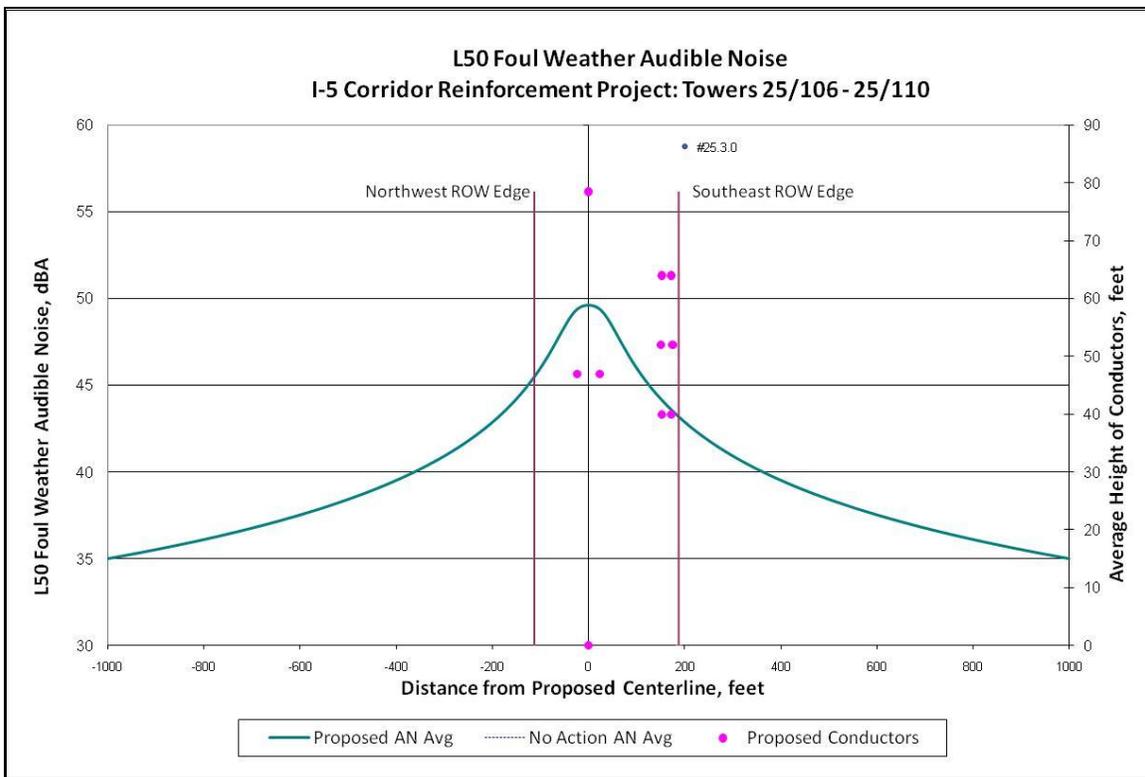


Figure 36: Calculation 25.3.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 19: Calculation 25.4.0**

Calculation 25.4.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
25	25/110 - 25/141	5.67					

Calculation 25.4.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northwest Edge	Southeast Edge	Peak On ROW	Northwest Edge	Southeast Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.2	0.8	2.9	0.2	1.0	5.3
	Proposed	2.2	0.7	5.5	2.3	0.9	8.7
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	5	5	49	9	32	136
	Proposed	14	4	32	50	22	170
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	48.4	49.3	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	50.7	51.3				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	37	30	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	34				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	23	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	18				

**Figure 37: Calculation 25.4.0 – Electric Fields**

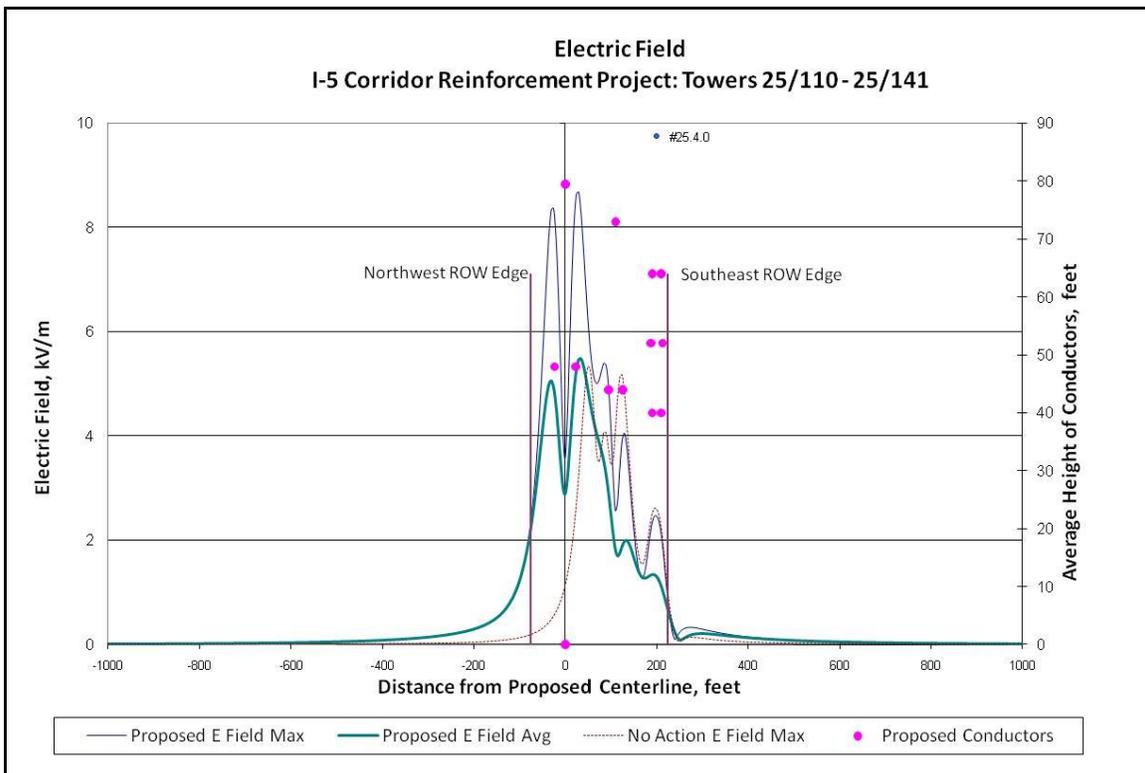


Figure 38: Calculation 25.4.0 – Magnetic Fields

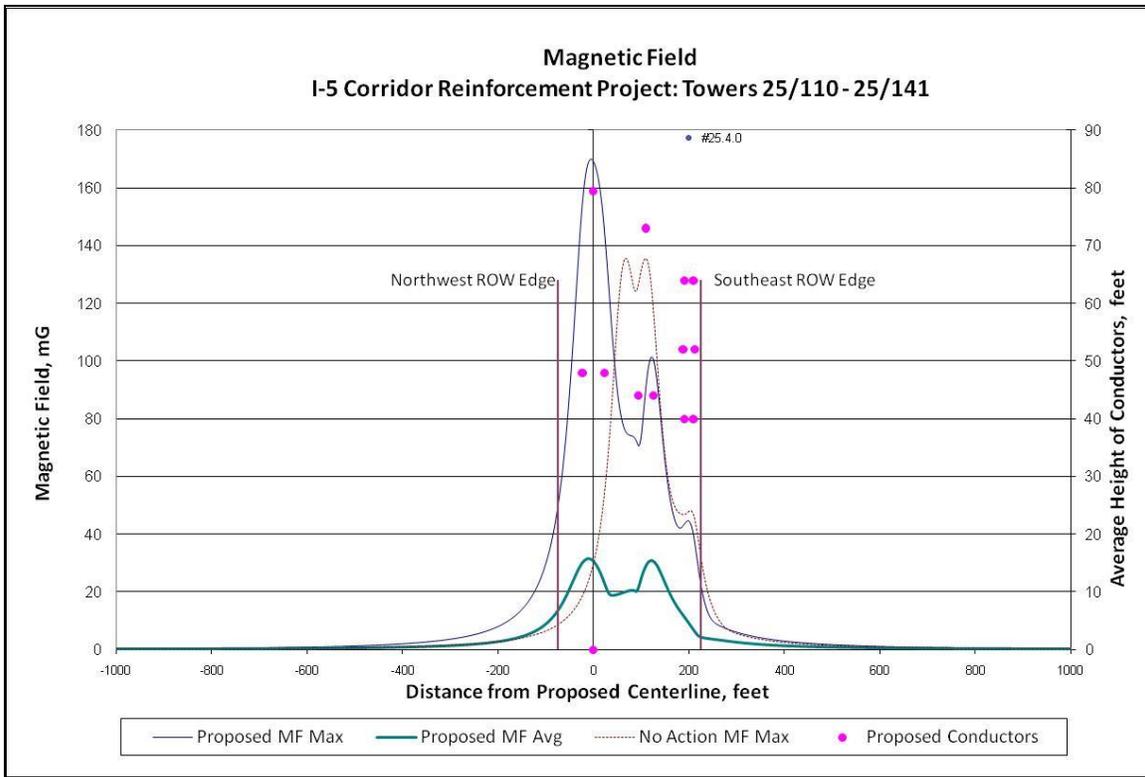
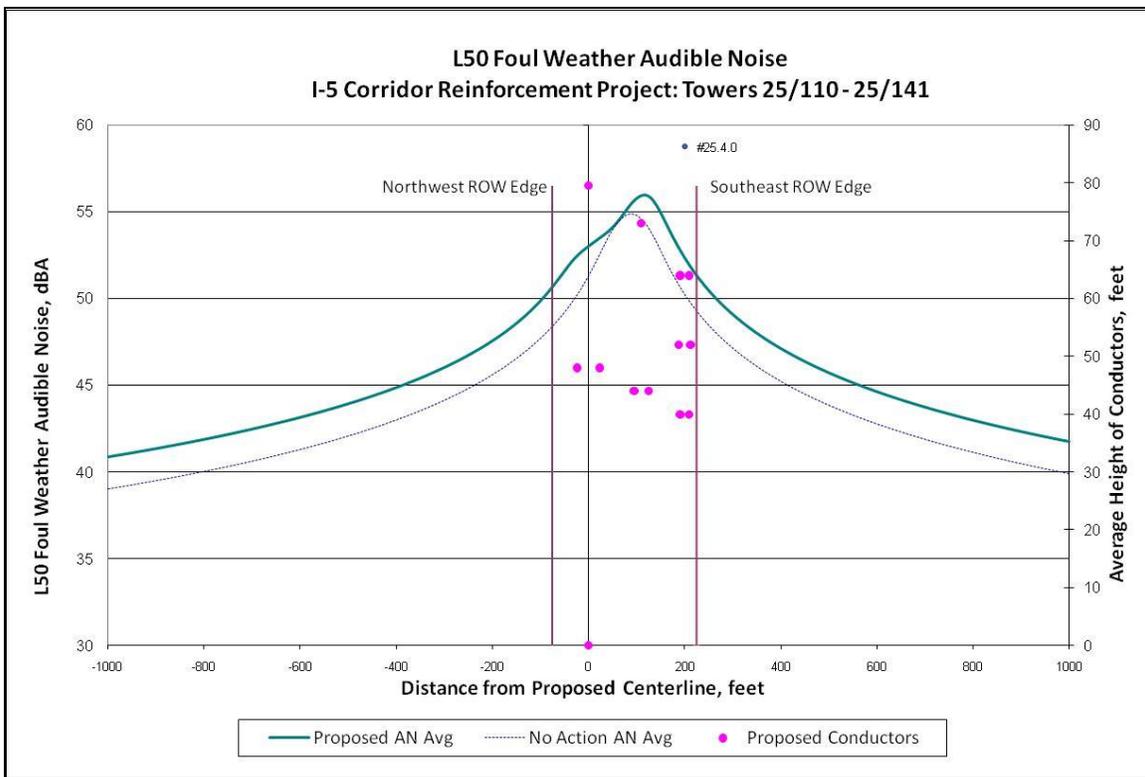


Figure 39: Calculation 25.4.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 20: Calculation 25.5.0**

Calculation 25.5.0 : Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
25	25/141 - 25/151	1.71					
25	25/151 - 25/152	0.18					

Calculation 25.5.0 : Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northwest Edge	Southeast Edge	Peak On ROW	Northwest Edge	Southeast Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.3	0.6	2.9	0.2	0.9	5.4
	Proposed	2.2	0.6	5.8	2.3	0.9	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	5	3	49	9	26	136
	Proposed	15	5	46	51	15	158
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	48.4	49.3	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	49.8	49.6				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	37	30	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	30				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	23	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	15				

**Figure 40: Calculation 25.5.0 – Electric Fields**

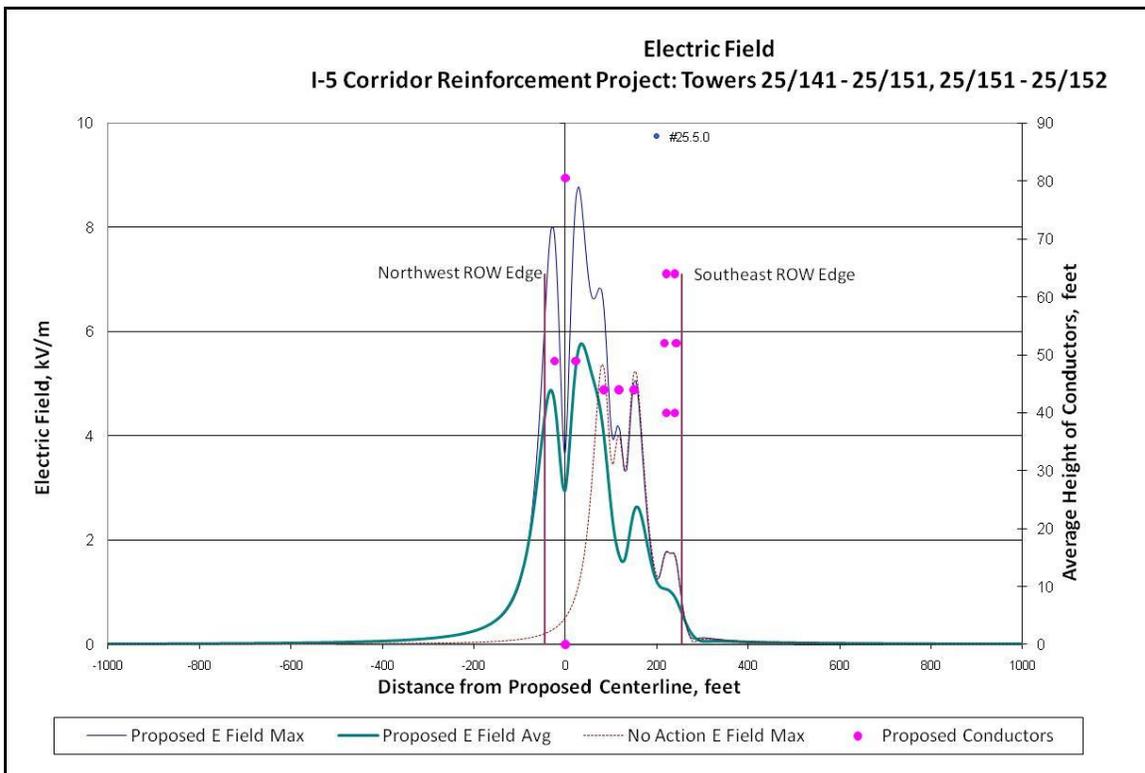


Figure 41: Calculation 25.5.0 – Magnetic Fields

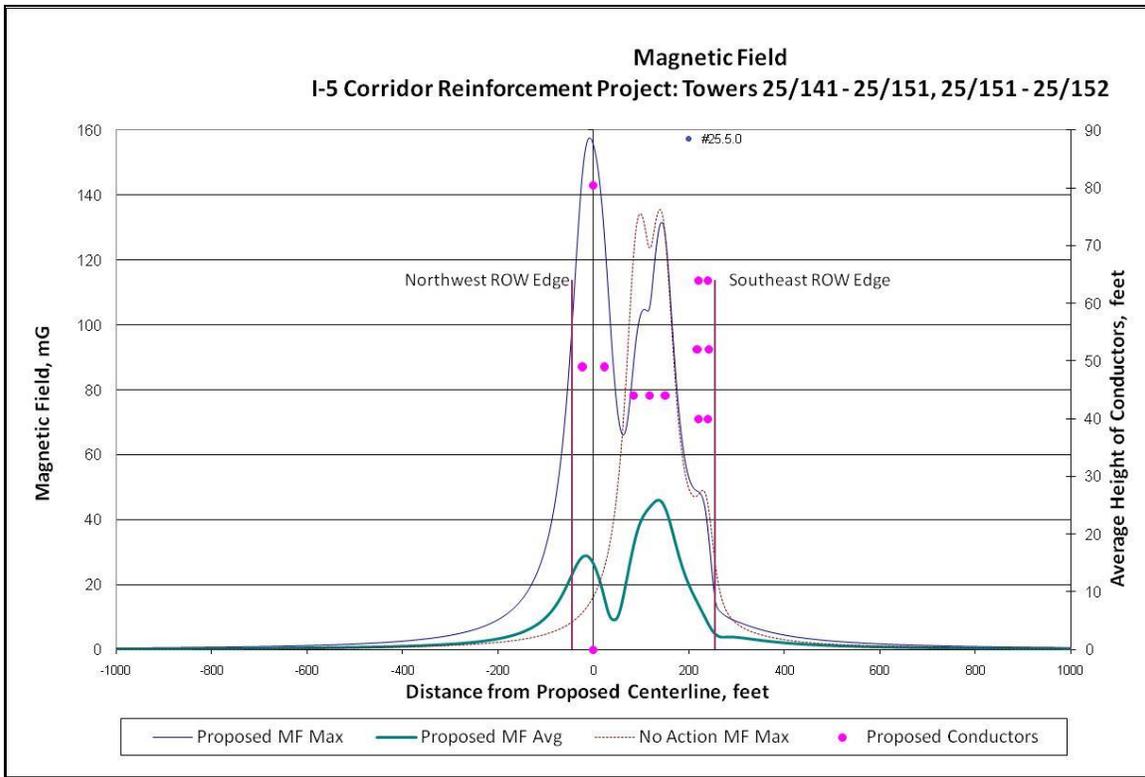
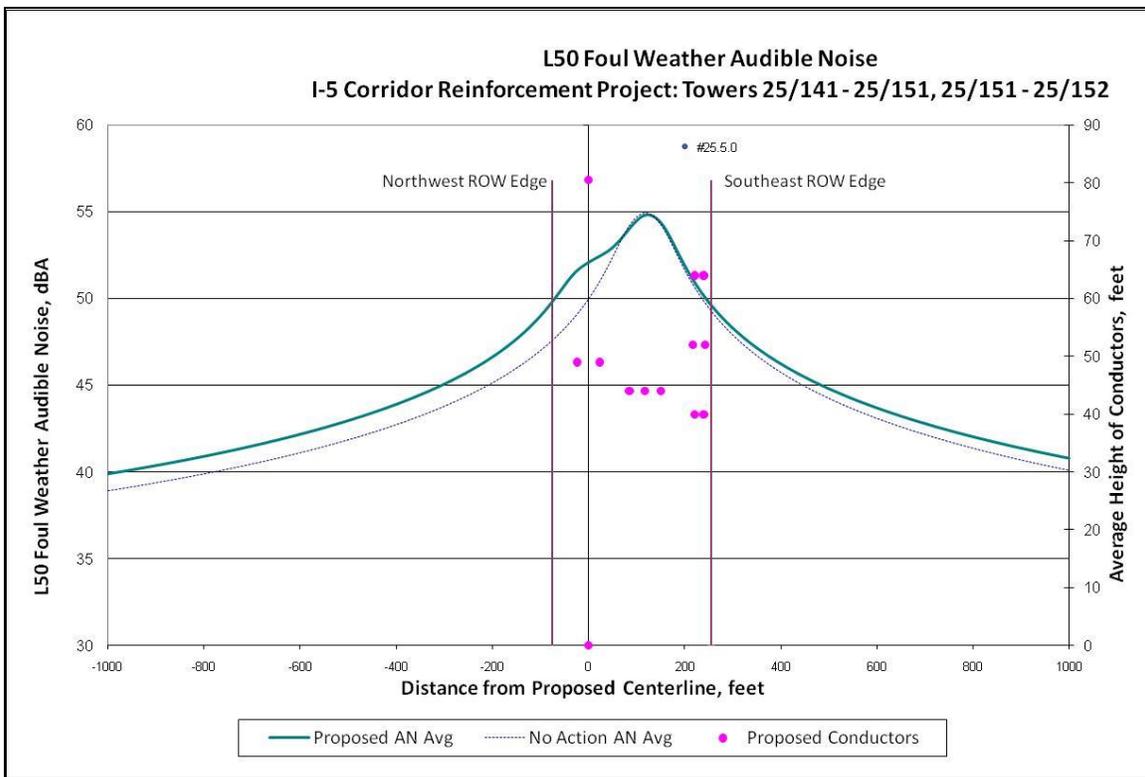


Figure 42: Calculation 25.5.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 21: Calculation 36A.1.0**

Calculation 36A.1.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
36	36/1 - 36/2	0.22					
36A	36A/1 - 36A/5	0.80					

Calculation 36A.1.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW	North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.3	0.6	2.9	0.2	0.9	5.4
	Proposed	2.2	0.6	5.8	2.3	0.9	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	5	4	49	9	15	136
	Proposed	15	6	46	51	12	158
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	48.4	49.3	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	49.8	49.6				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	37	30	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	30				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	23	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	15				

**Figure 43: Calculation 36A.1.0 – Electric Fields**

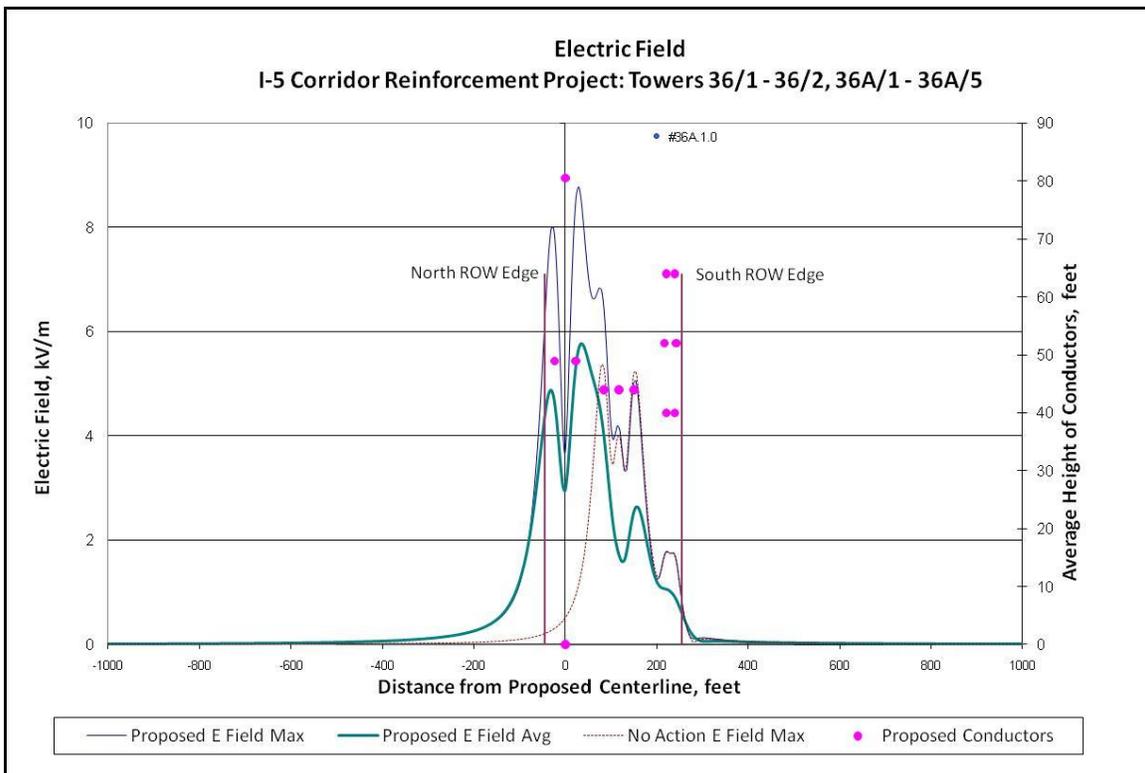


Figure 44: Calculation 36A.1.0 – Magnetic Fields

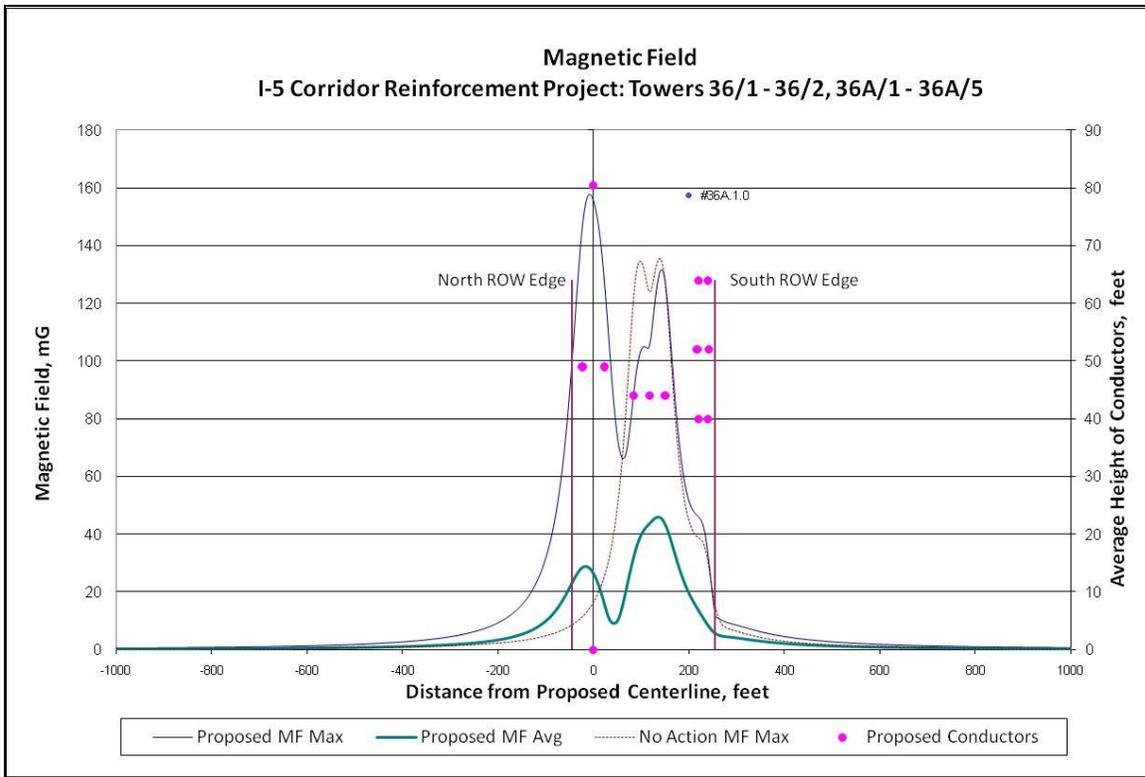
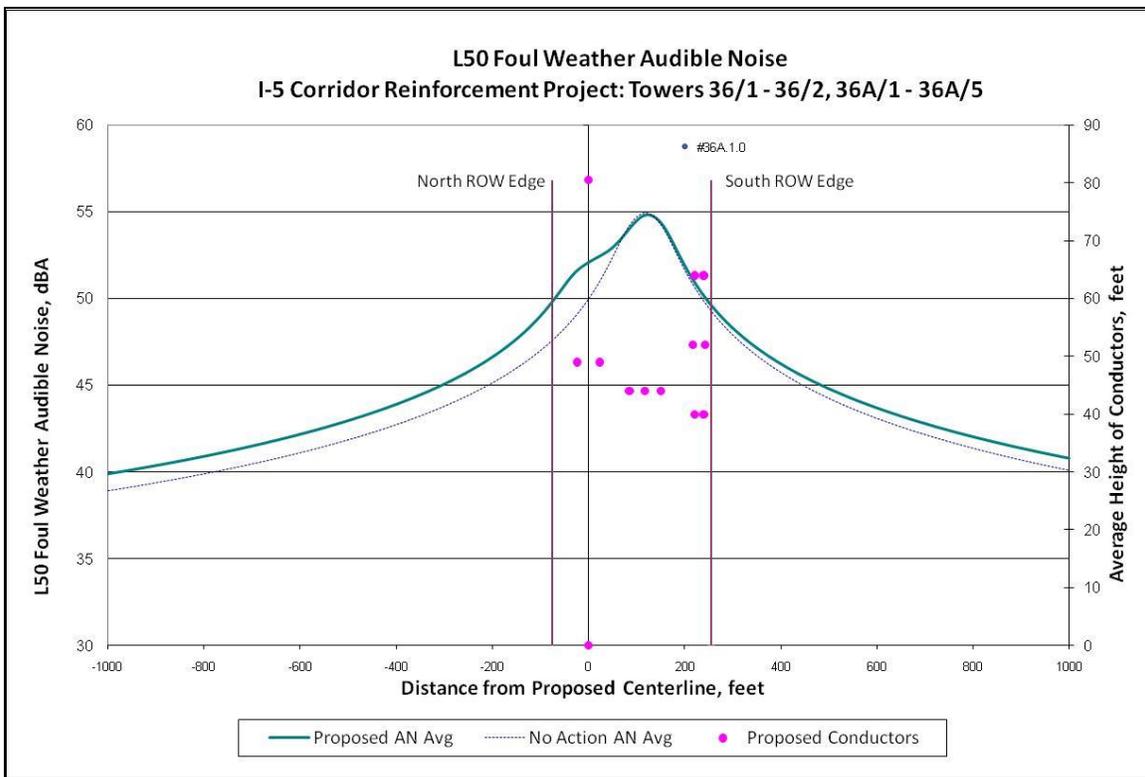


Figure 45: Calculation 36A.1.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 22: Calculation 36A.2.0**

Calculation 36A.2.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
36A	36A/5 - 36A/6	0.23					
37	37/1 - 37/2	0.21					

Calculation 36A.2.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW	North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.3	0.6	2.9	0.2	0.9	5.4
	Proposed	2.2	0.6	5.5	2.3	0.9	8.7
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	5	4	49	9	15	136
	Proposed	13	4	32	50	15	170
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	48.4	49.3	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	50.7	51.3				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	37	30	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	34				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	23	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	18				

**Figure 46: Calculation 36A.2.0 – Electric Fields**

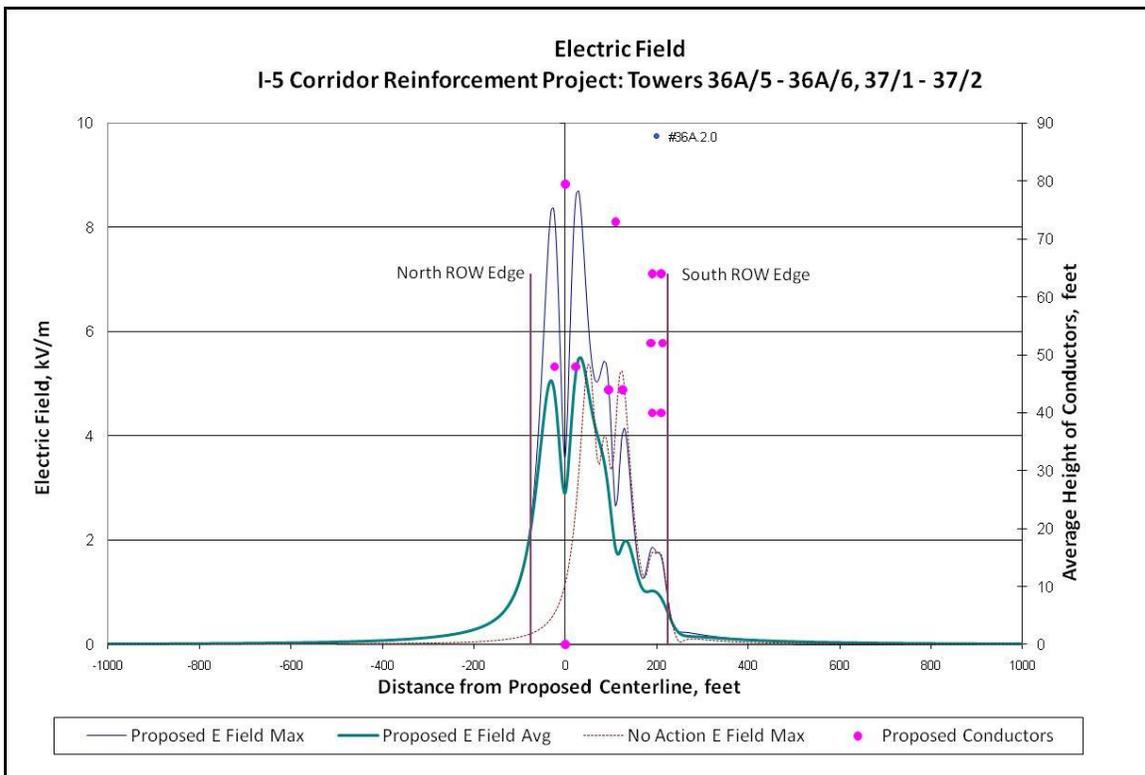


Figure 47: Calculation 36A.2.0 – Magnetic Fields

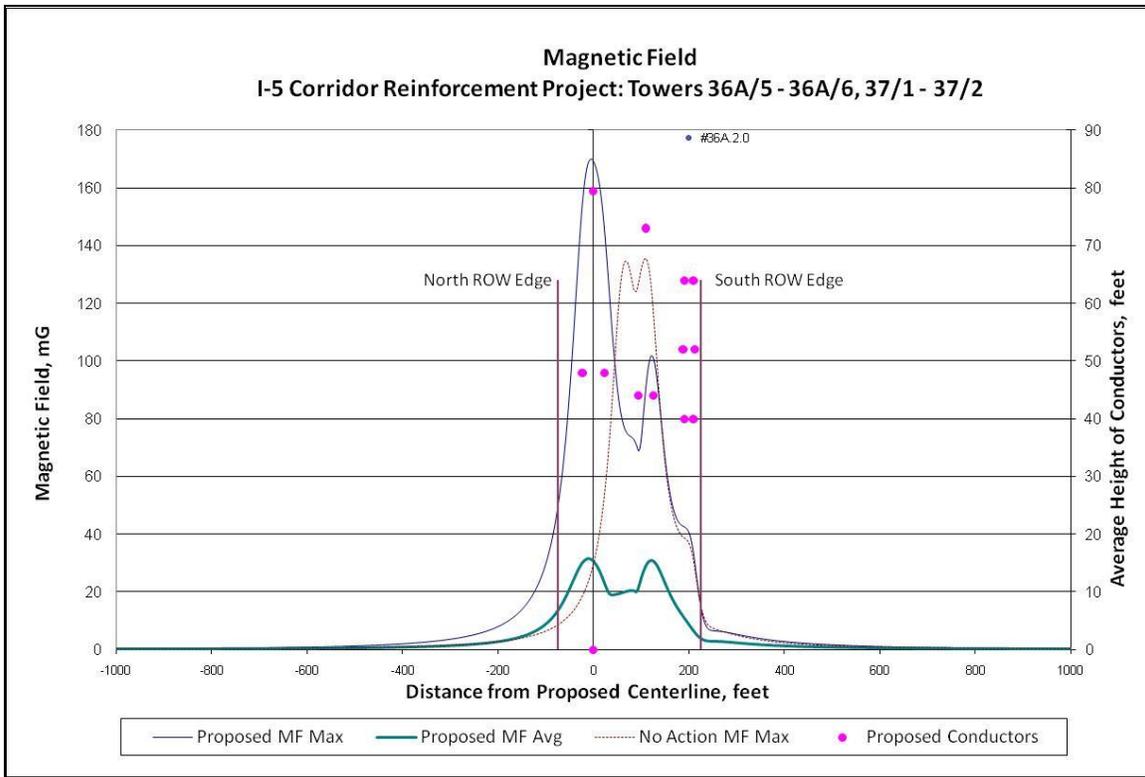
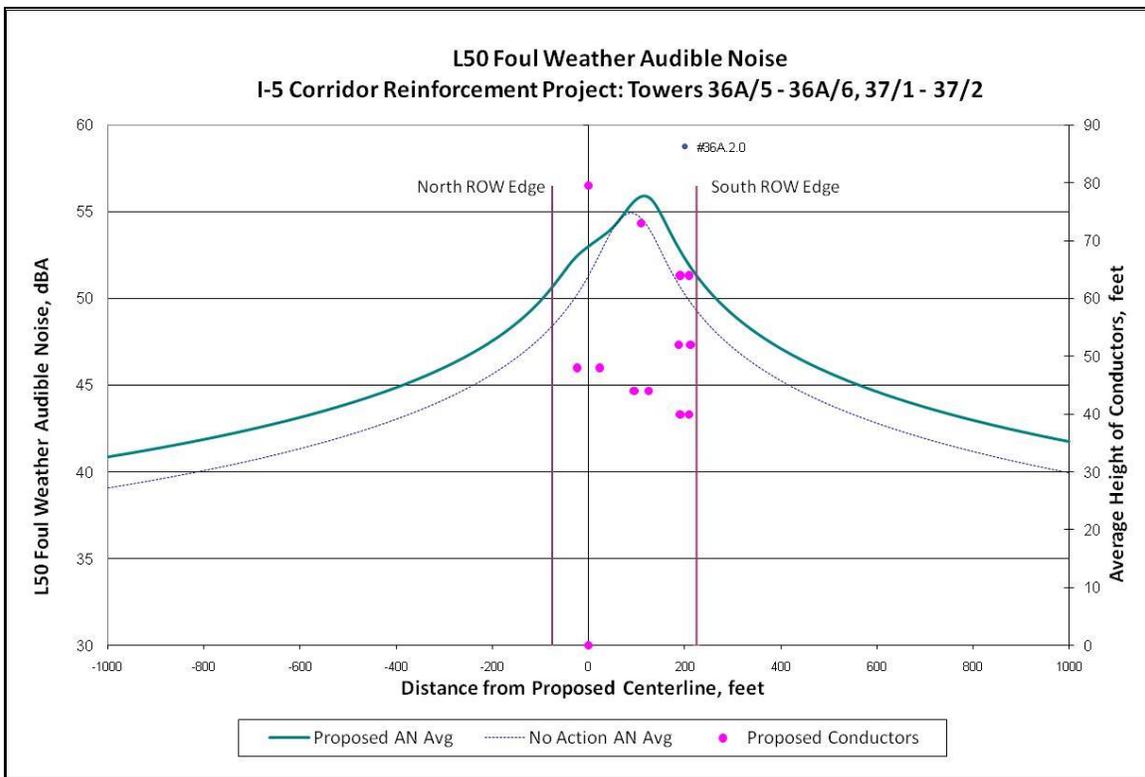


Figure 48: Calculation 36A.2.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 23: Calculation 36B.1.0**

Calculation 36B.1.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
36B	36B/2 - 36B/7	1.04					

Calculation 36B.1.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW	North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.1	5.4
	Proposed	0.1	0.5	5.3	0.1	0.5	8.9
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	2	1	49	4	2	136
	Proposed	3	5	46	5	14	181
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	46.6	44.5	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	47.2	47.3				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	37	30	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	37	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	23	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	23	21				

**Figure 49: Calculation 36B.1.0 – Electric Fields**

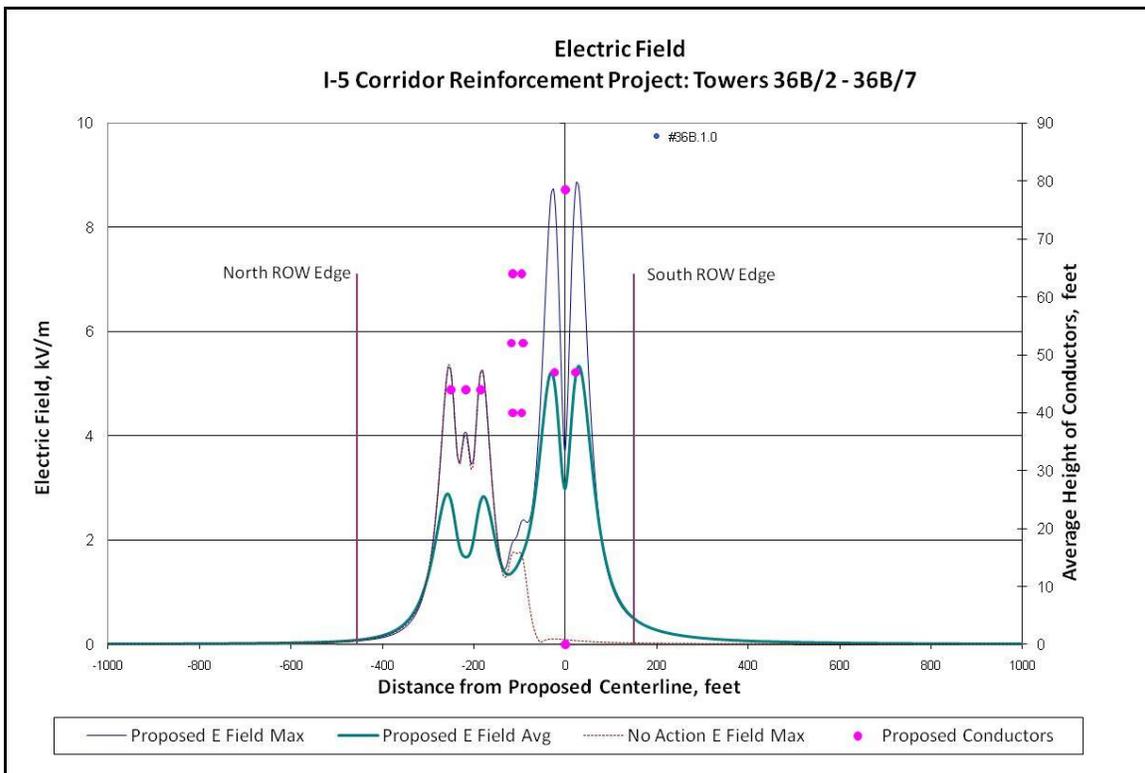


Figure 50: Calculation 36B.1.0 – Magnetic Fields

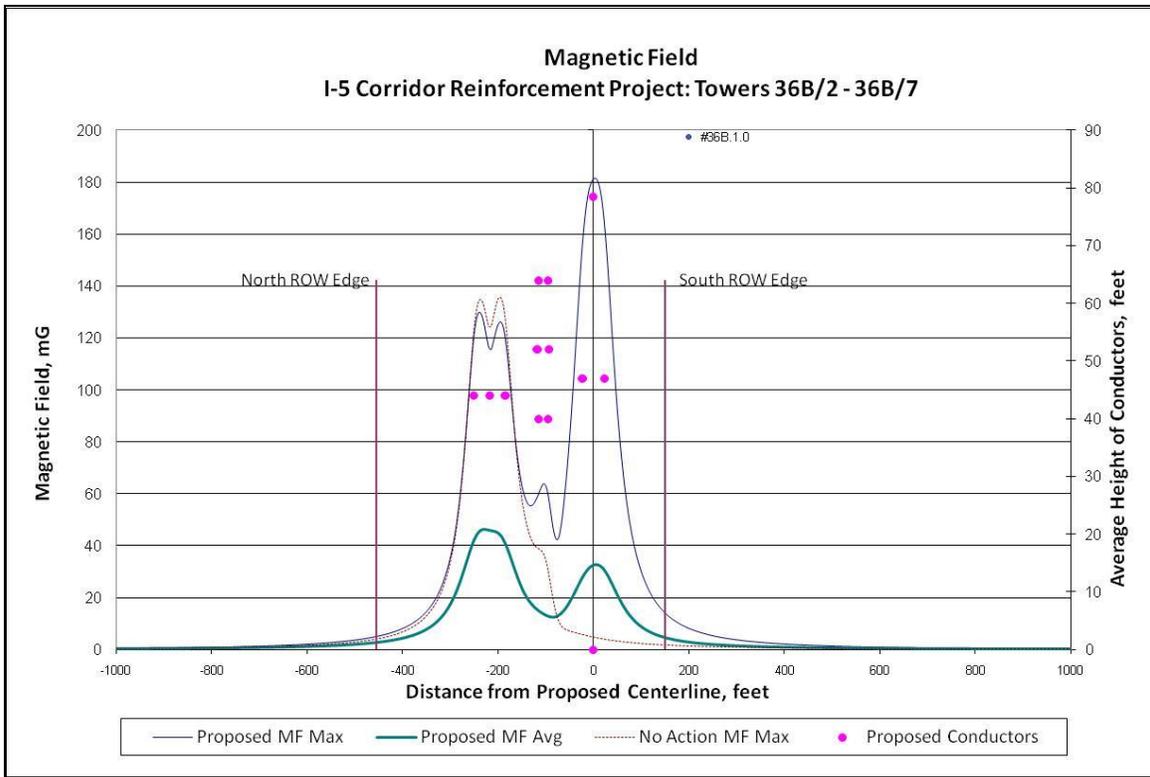
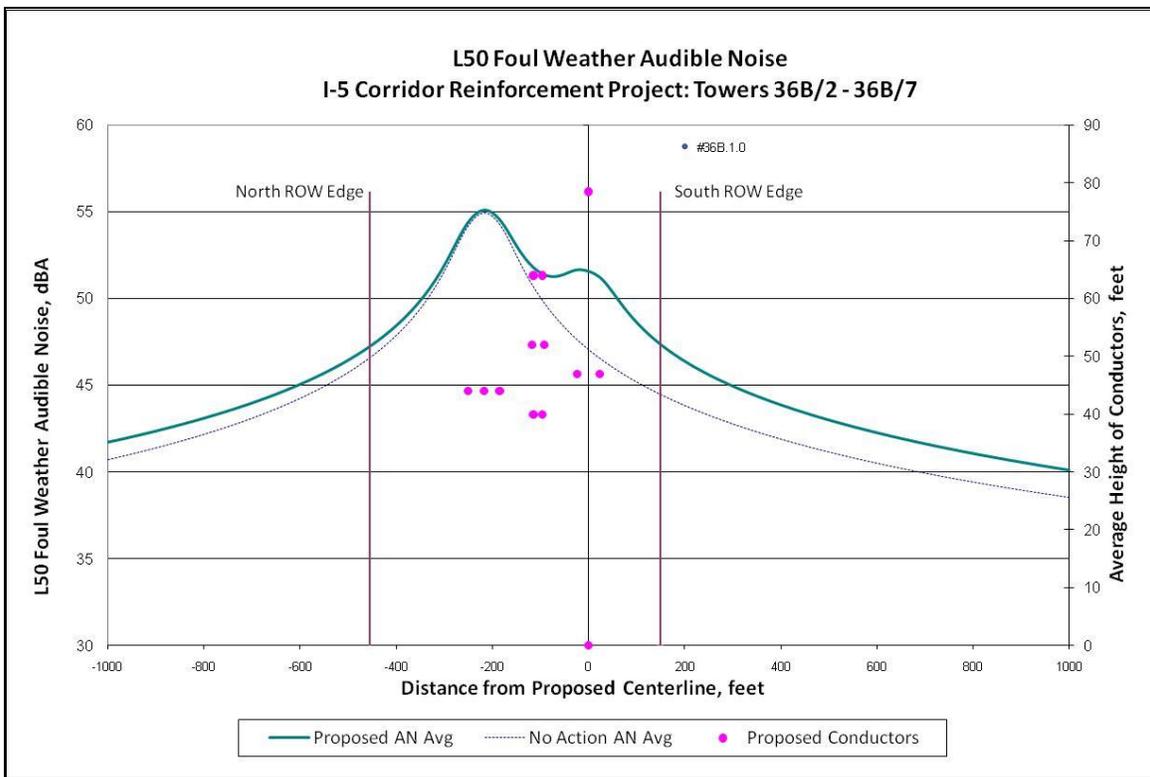


Figure 51: Calculation 36B.1.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 24: Calculation 37.2.0**

Calculation 37.2.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
37	37/2 - 37/4	0.46		39	39/1 - 39/20	4.05	
38	38/1 - 38/5	0.66					

Calculation 37.2.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW	North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	1.1	2.9	0.1	1.1	5.3
	Proposed	1.4	1.0	5.7	1.3	1.0	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	3	16	49	5	30	136
	Proposed	11	17	46	35	36	158
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	47.1	51.3	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	49.1	51.5				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	37	37	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	38				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	23	23	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	24				

**Figure 52: Calculation 37.2.0 – Electric Fields**

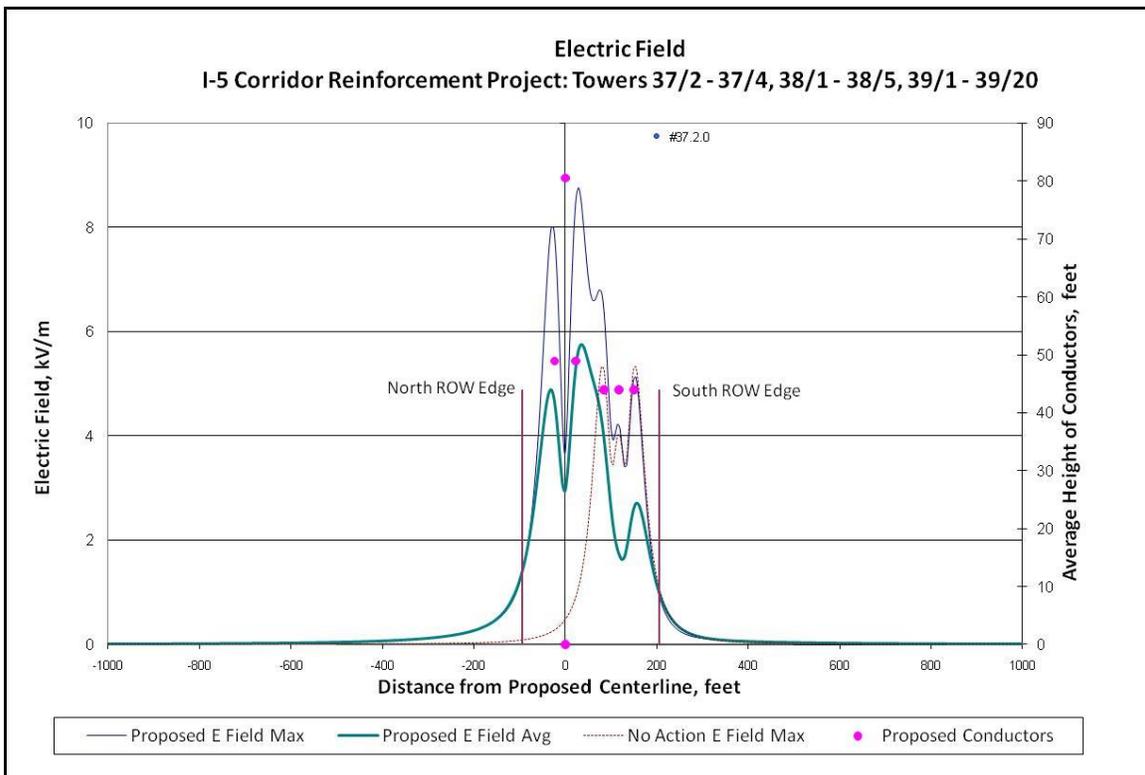


Figure 53: Calculation 37.2.0 – Magnetic Fields

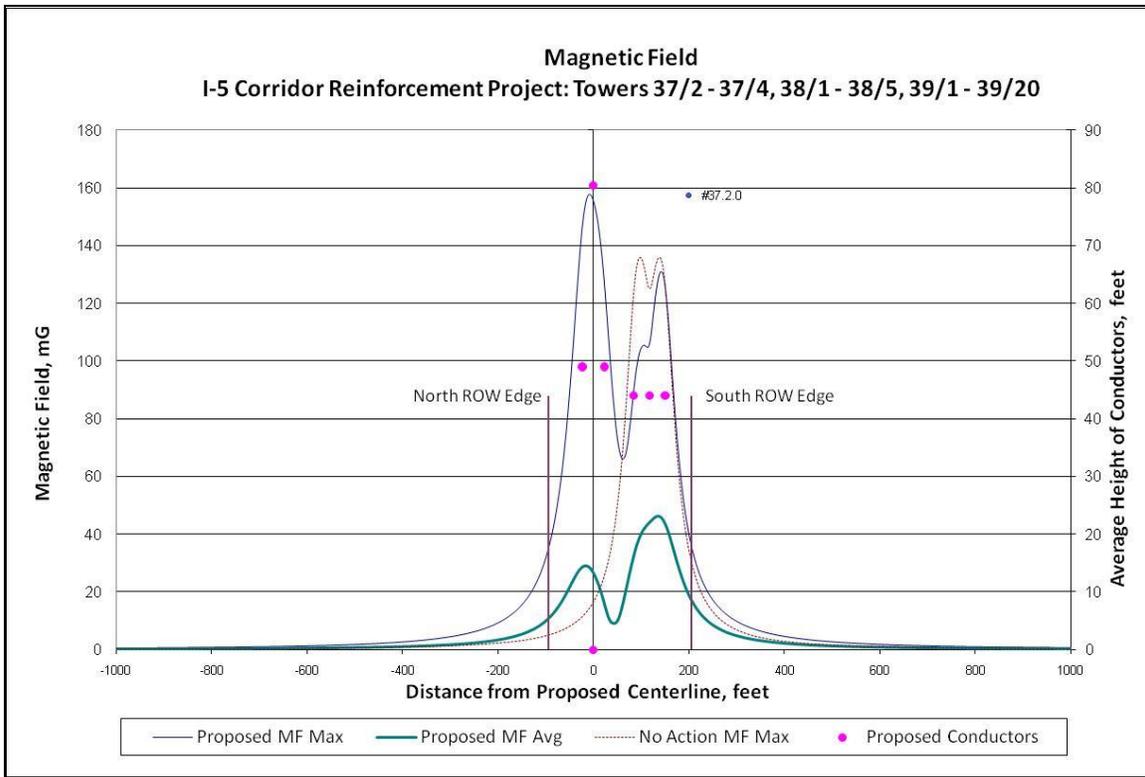
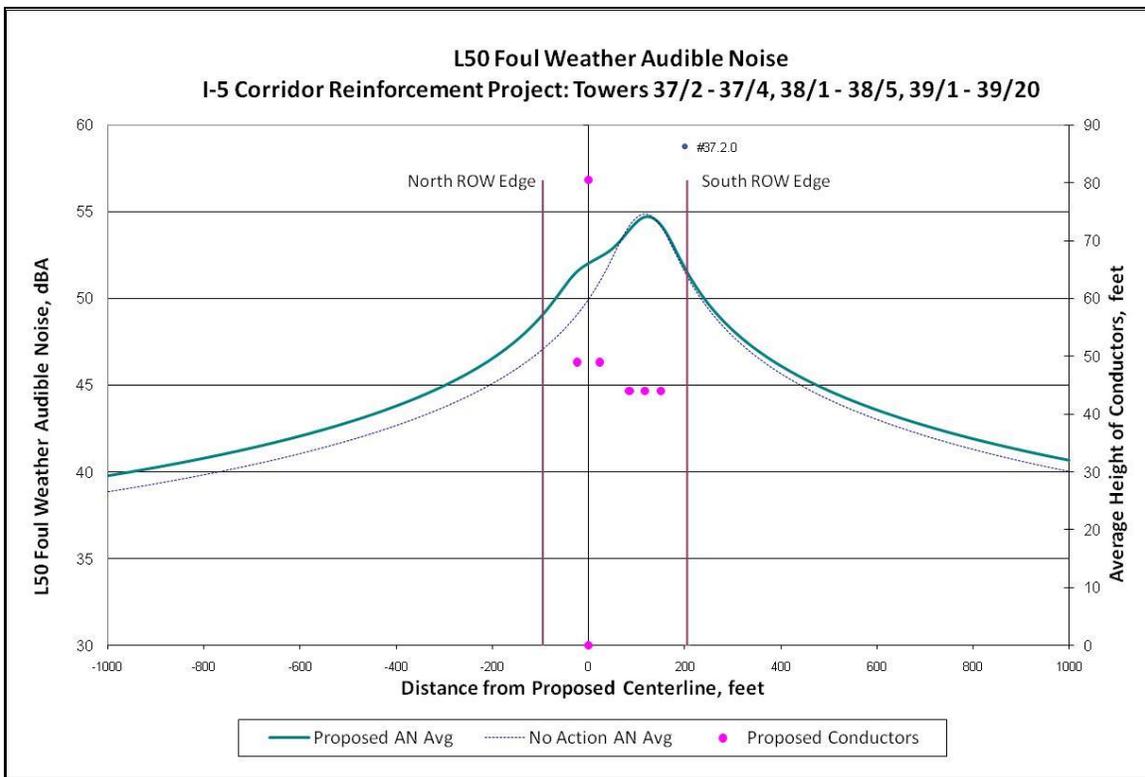


Figure 54: Calculation 37.2.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 25: Calculation 39.2.0**

Calculation 39.2.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
39	39/20 - 39/23	0.62					

Calculation 39.2.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW	North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.1	2.9	0.1	0.1	5.3
	Proposed	0.1	2.2	5.7	0.1	2.3	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	3	4	49	5	6	136
	Proposed	4	15	46	7	51	158
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	47.1	47.6	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	47.5	49.8				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	37	37	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	38	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	23	23	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	24	21				

**Figure 55: Calculation 39.2.0 – Electric Fields**

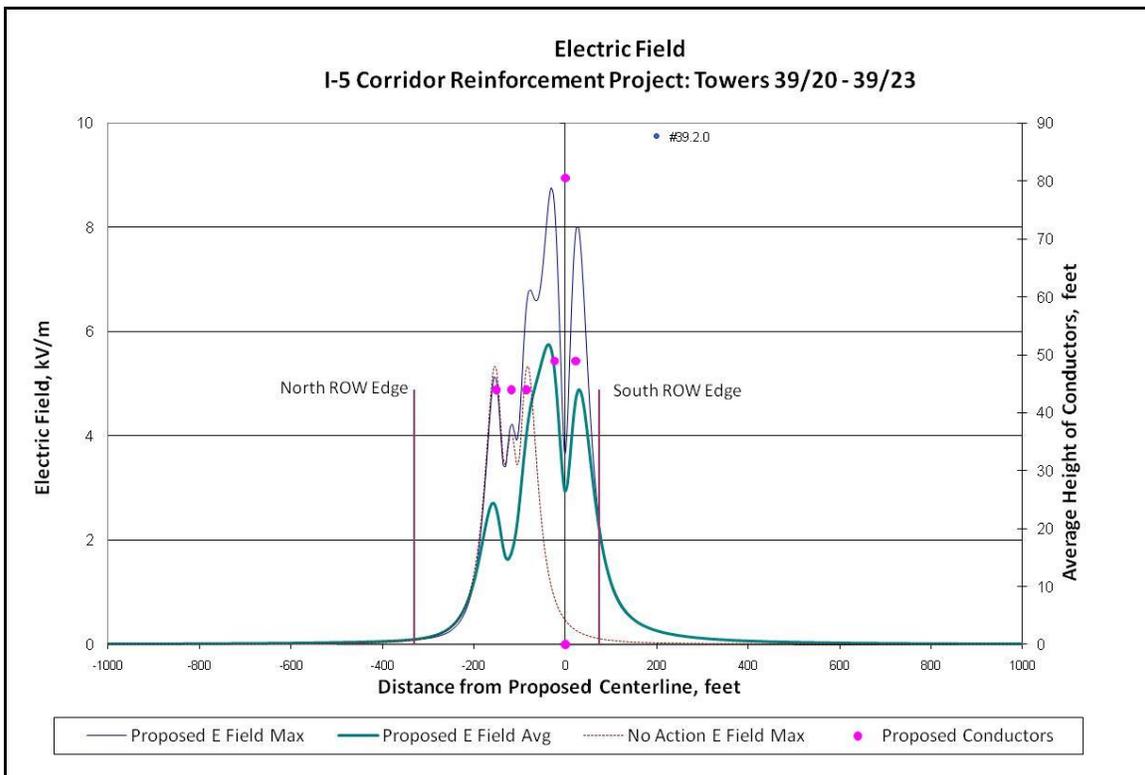


Figure 56: Calculation 39.2.0 – Magnetic Fields

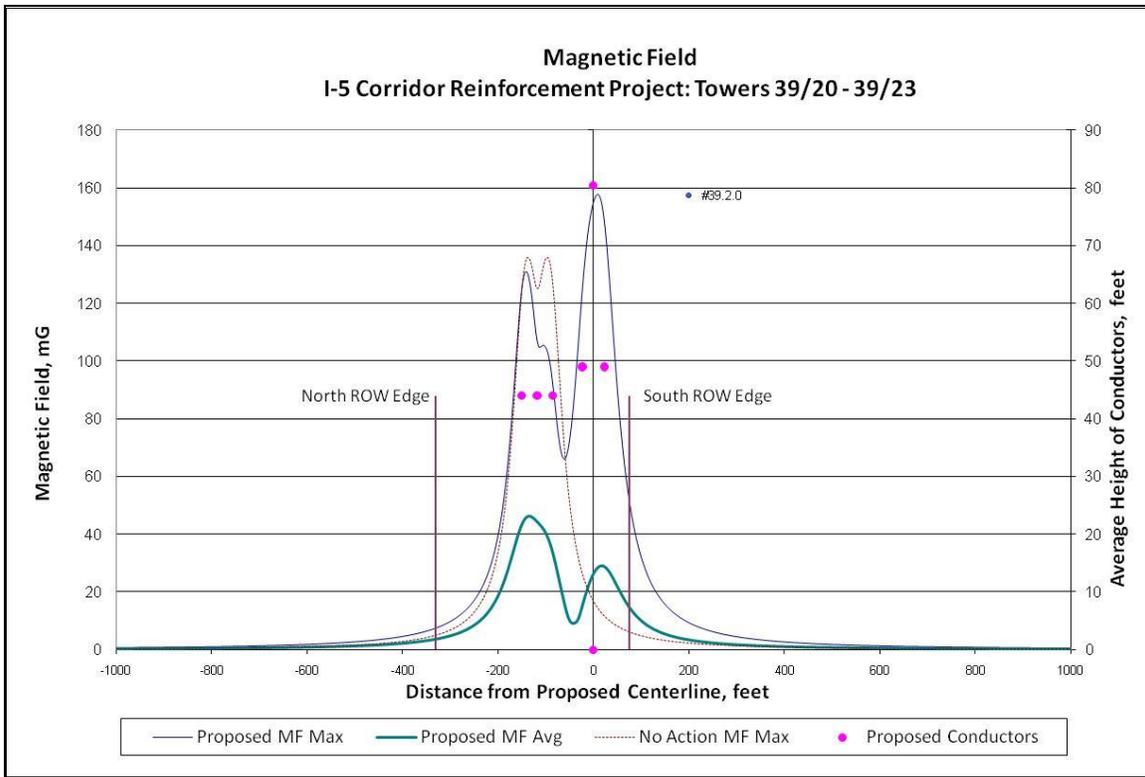
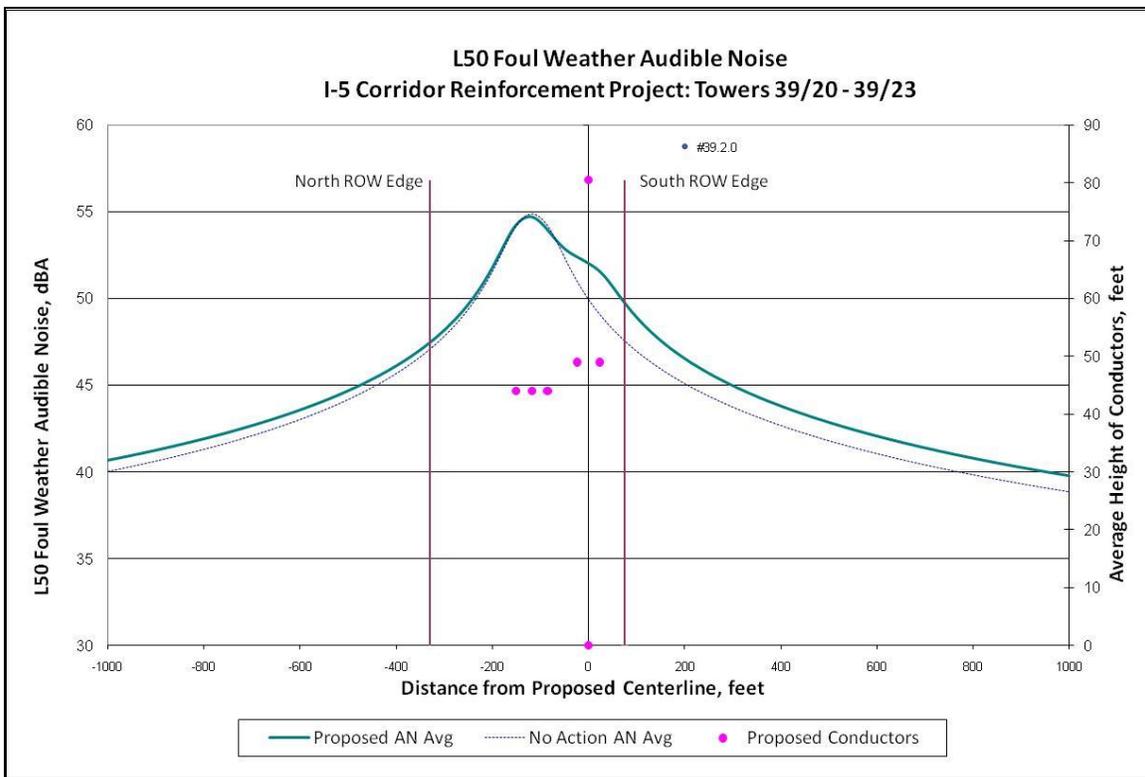


Figure 57: Calculation 39.2.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 26: Calculation 39.3.0**

Calculation 39.3.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
39	39/23 - 39/27	0.68					

Calculation 39.3.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW	North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	1.2	0.1	2.9	0.1	1.2	5.4
	Proposed	1.2	2.3	5.4	1.2	2.4	8.9
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	16	2	51	31	6	142
	Proposed	16	13	49	32	49	174
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	51.4	45.6	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	51.7	49.5				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	37	29	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	37	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	23	12	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	23	21				

**Figure 58: Calculation 39.3.0 – Electric Fields**

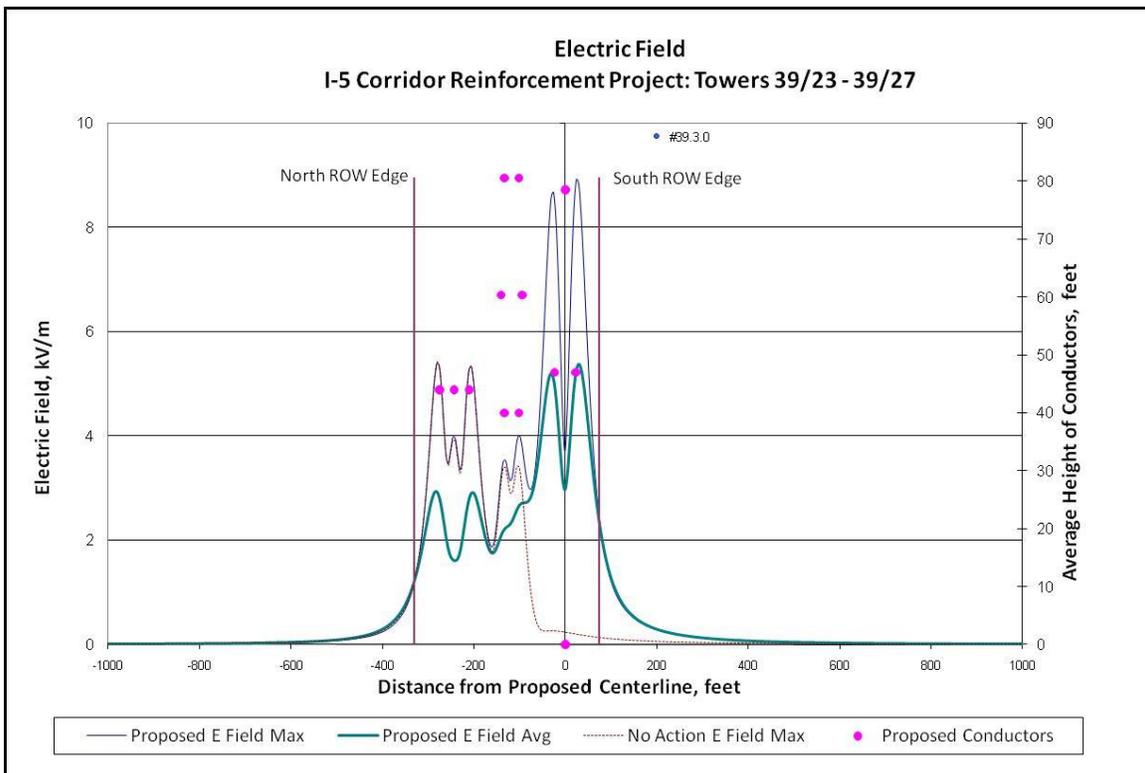


Figure 59: Calculation 39.3.0 – Magnetic Fields

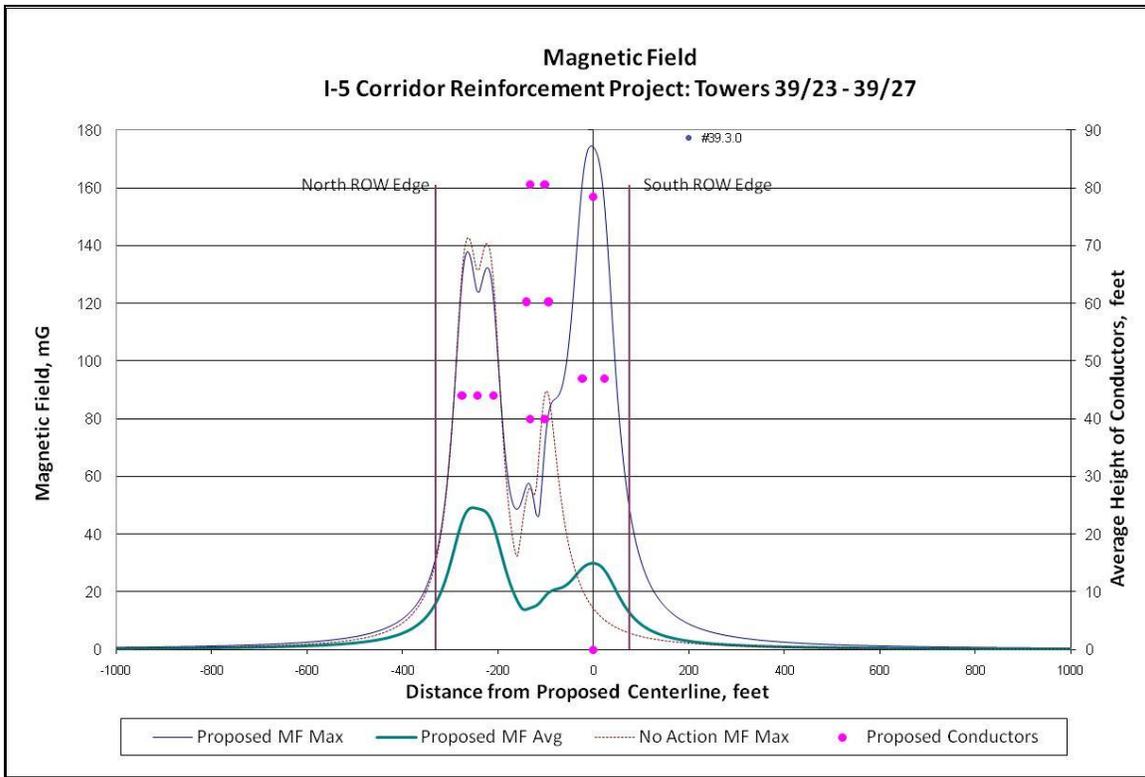
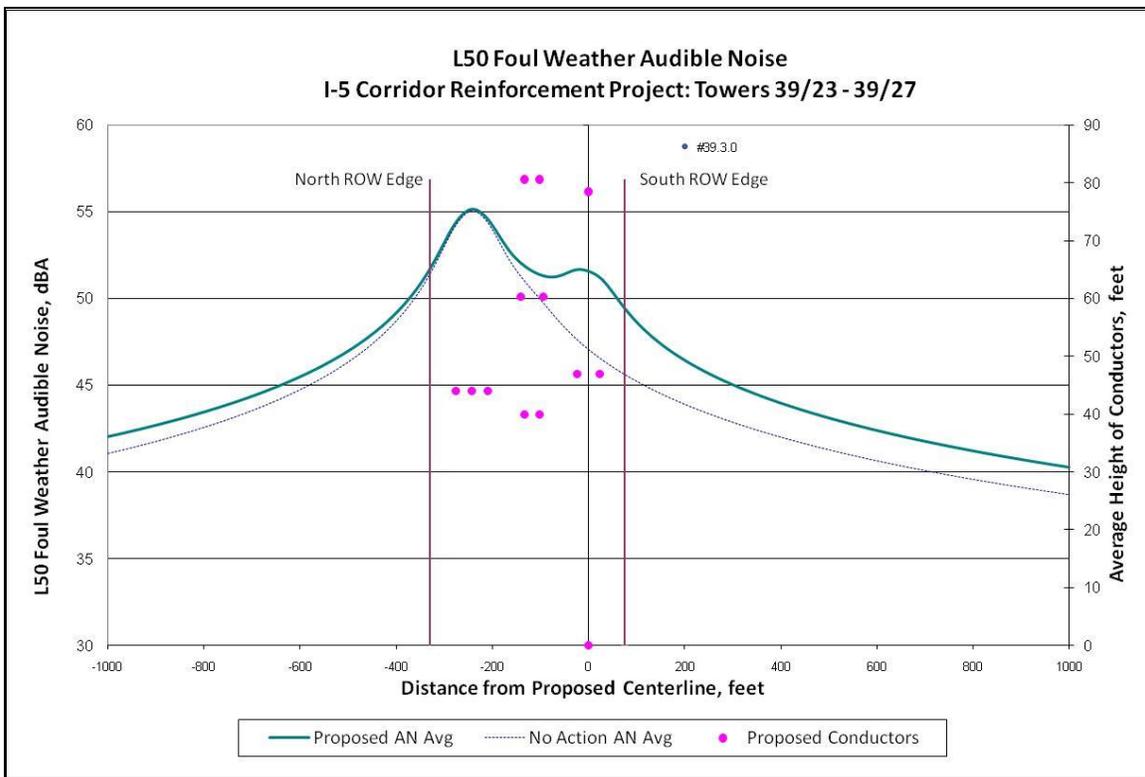


Figure 60: Calculation 39.3.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 27: Calculation 40.1.0**

Calculation 40.1.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
40	40/11 - 40/14	0.68		47	47/1 - 47/4		
43	43/9 - 43/10			48	48/1 - 48/14		
46	46/1 - 46/3						

Calculation 40.1.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW	North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.6	0.6	2.3	0.5	0.5	4.0
	Proposed	0.5	0.8	5.6	0.4	0.8	8.9
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	4	3	19	13	13	94
	Proposed	6	13	28	19	50	139
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	39.8	39.8	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	43.8	47.1				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	26	26	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	30	40				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	13	13	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	14	20				

**Figure 61: Calculation 40.1.0 – Electric Fields**

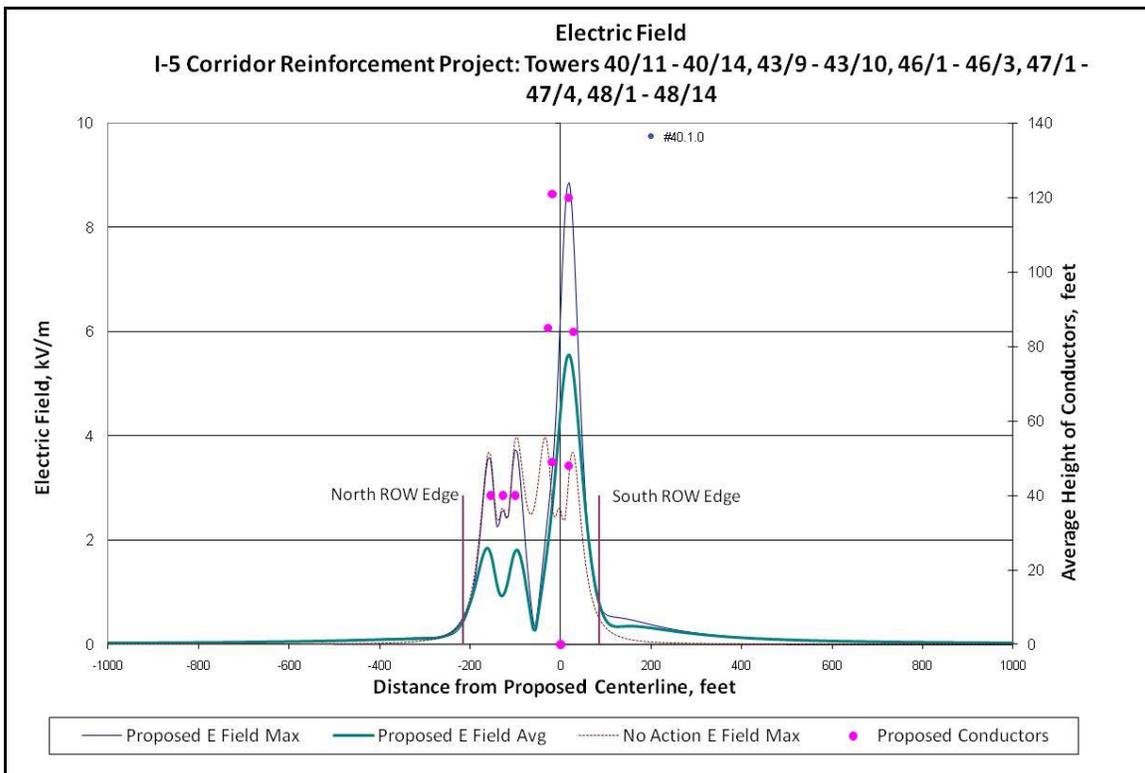


Figure 62: Calculation 40.1.0 – Magnetic Fields

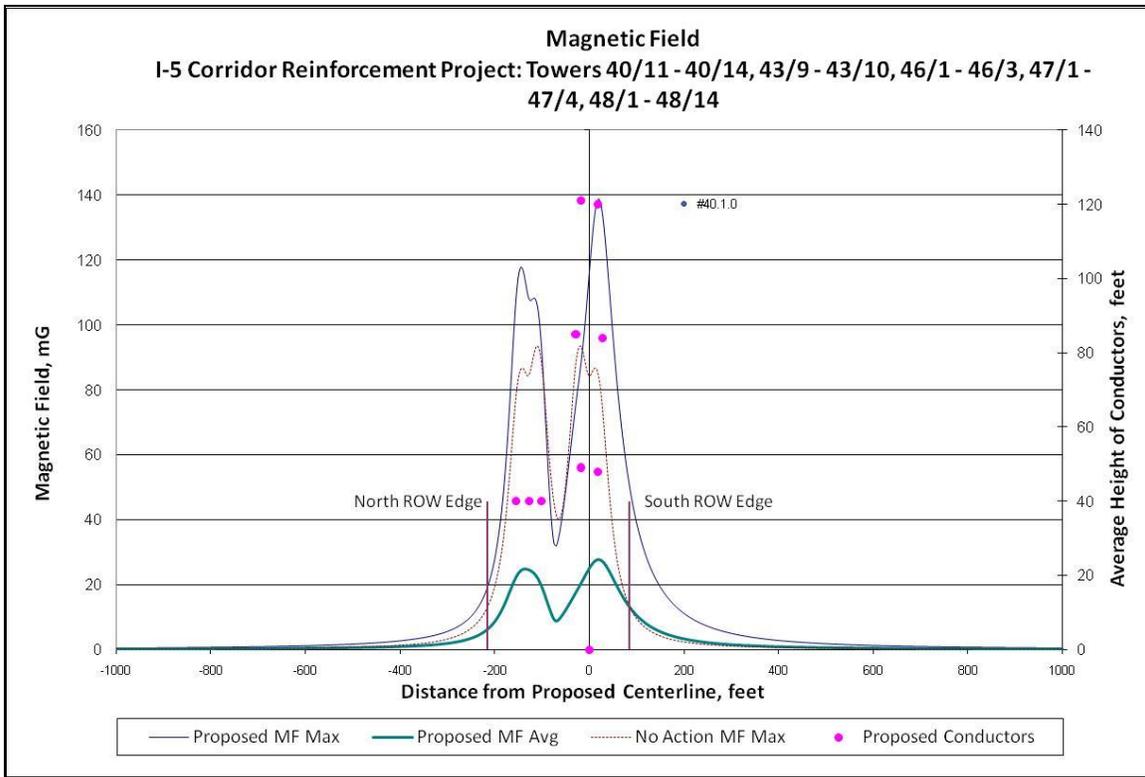
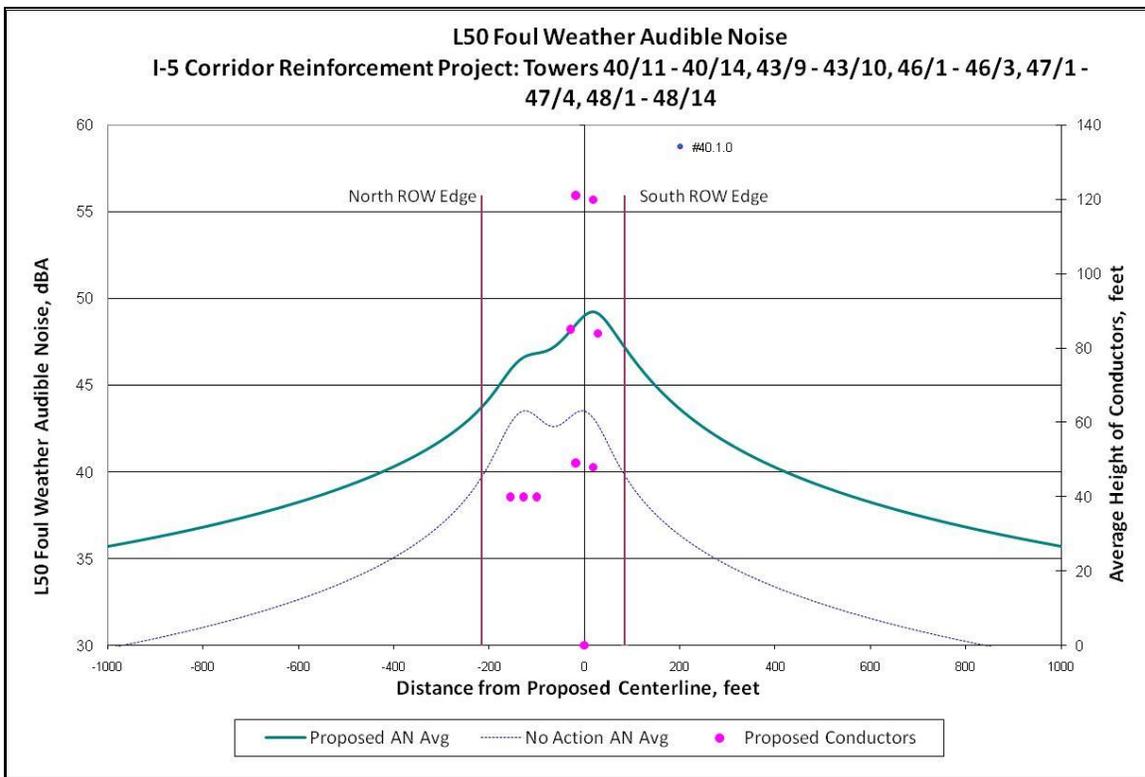


Figure 63: Calculation 40.1.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 28: Calculation 41.1.0**

Calculation 41.1.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
41	41/1 - 41/2	0.14		45	45/1 - 45/3	0.35	
41	41/2 - 41/8	1.13		50	50/13 - 50/21	1.16	

Calculation 41.1.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW	Northeast Edge	Southwest Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	1.6
	Proposed	0.1	1.3	5.6	0.4	1.2	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	1	1	3	4	6	35
	Proposed	8	14	25	31	55	130
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	18.4	18.4	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	45.5	47.2				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	10	10	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	35	40				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	-7	-7	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	16	20				

**Figure 64: Calculation 41.1.0 – Electric Fields**

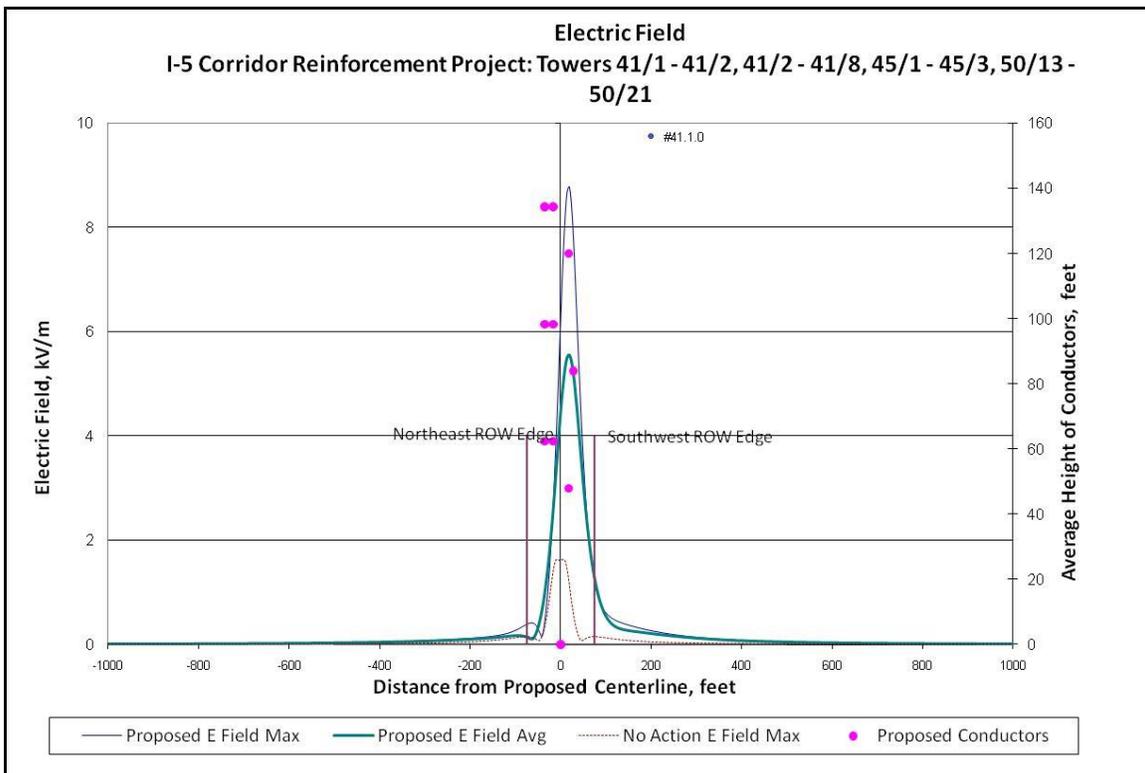


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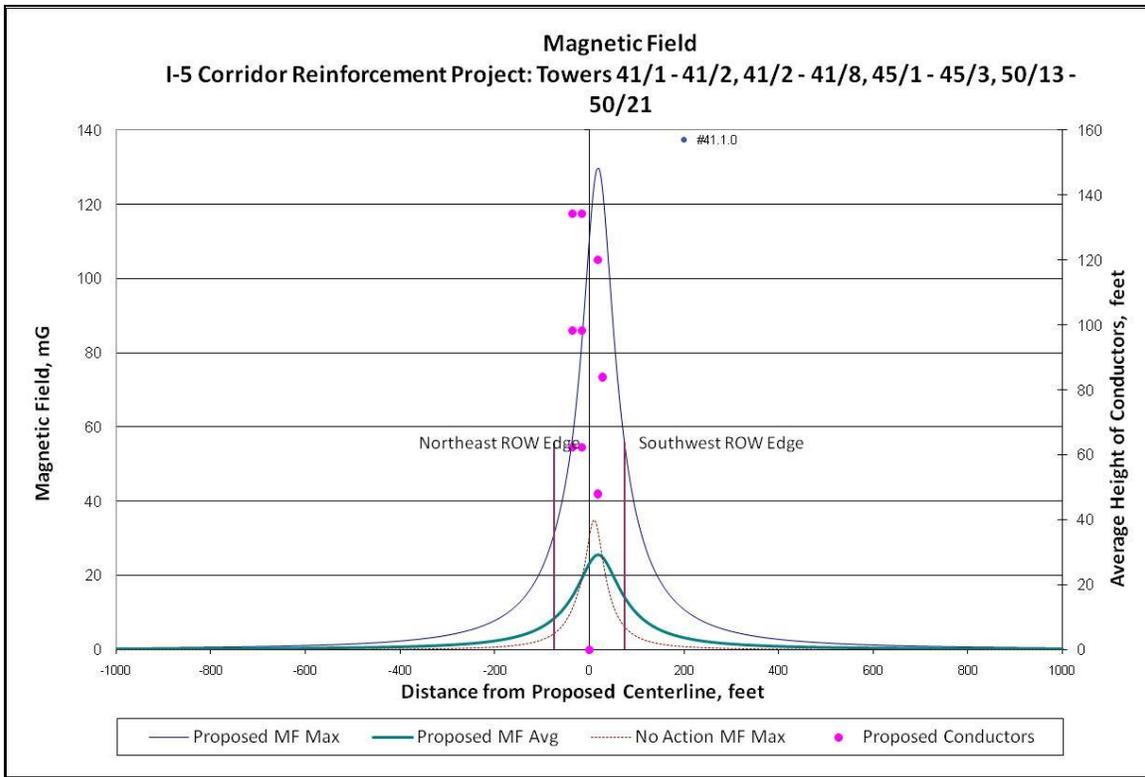
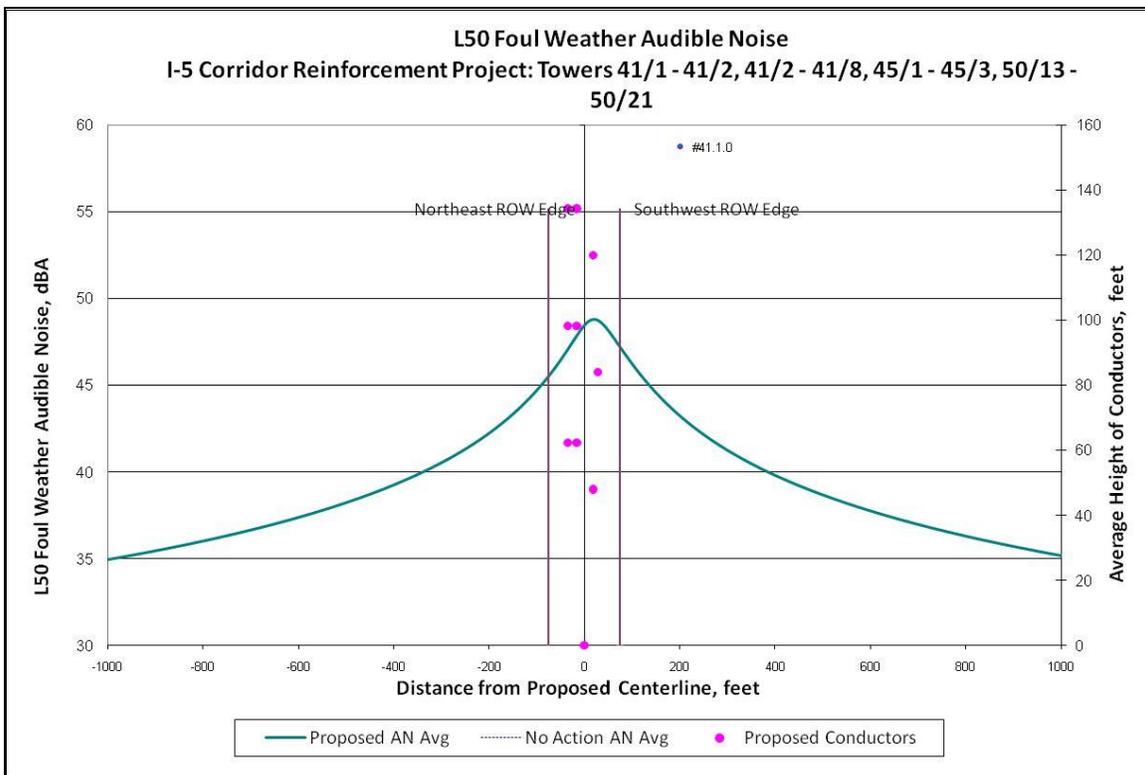


Figure 66: Calculation 41.1.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 29: Calculation 49.1.0**

Calculation 49.1.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
49	49/6 - 49/13	1.54					

Calculation 49.1.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		South Edge	North Edge	Peak On ROW	South Edge	North Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.6	0.6	2.3	0.5	0.5	4.0
	Proposed	0.2	1.6	5.3	0.3	1.6	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	7	3	33	21	13	141
	Proposed	3	10	34	10	36	181
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	39.8	39.8	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	46.8	47.6				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	26	26	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	35	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	13	13	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	17	21				

**Figure 67: Calculation 49.1.0 – Electric Fields**

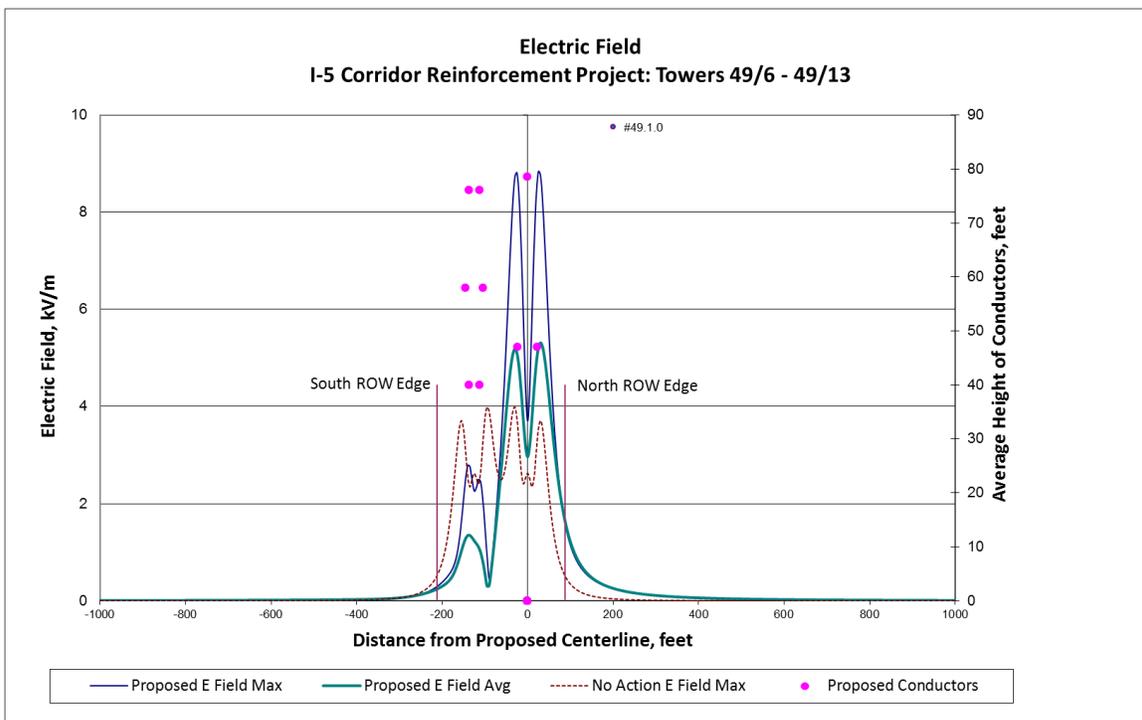


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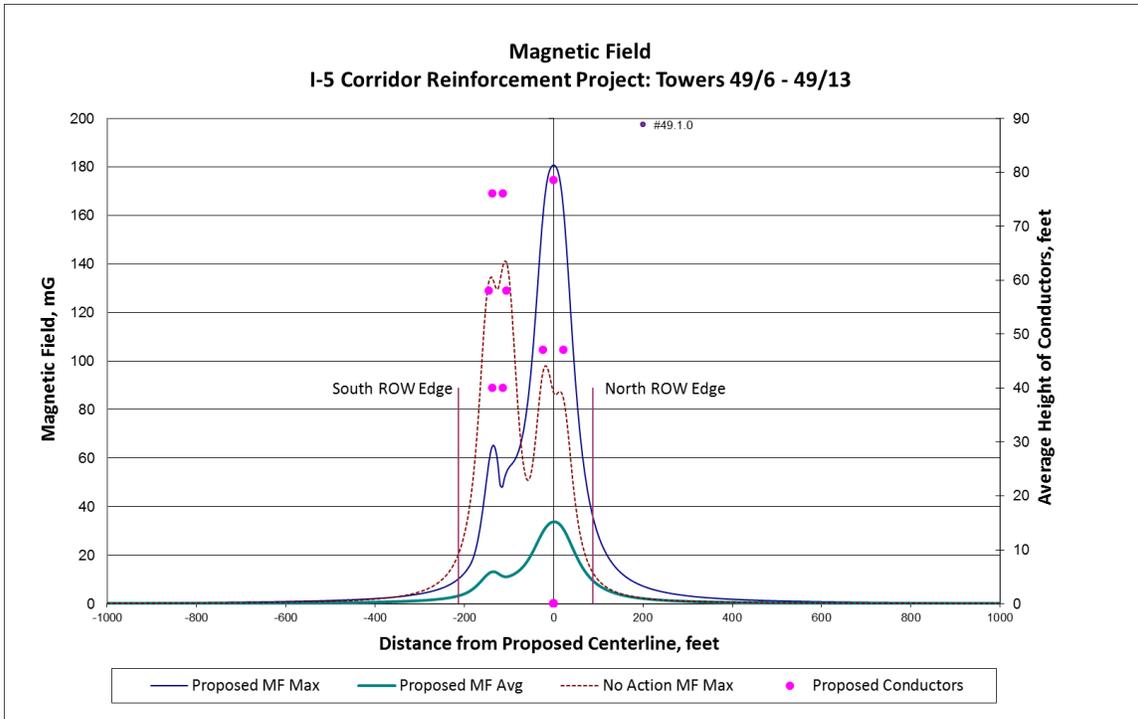
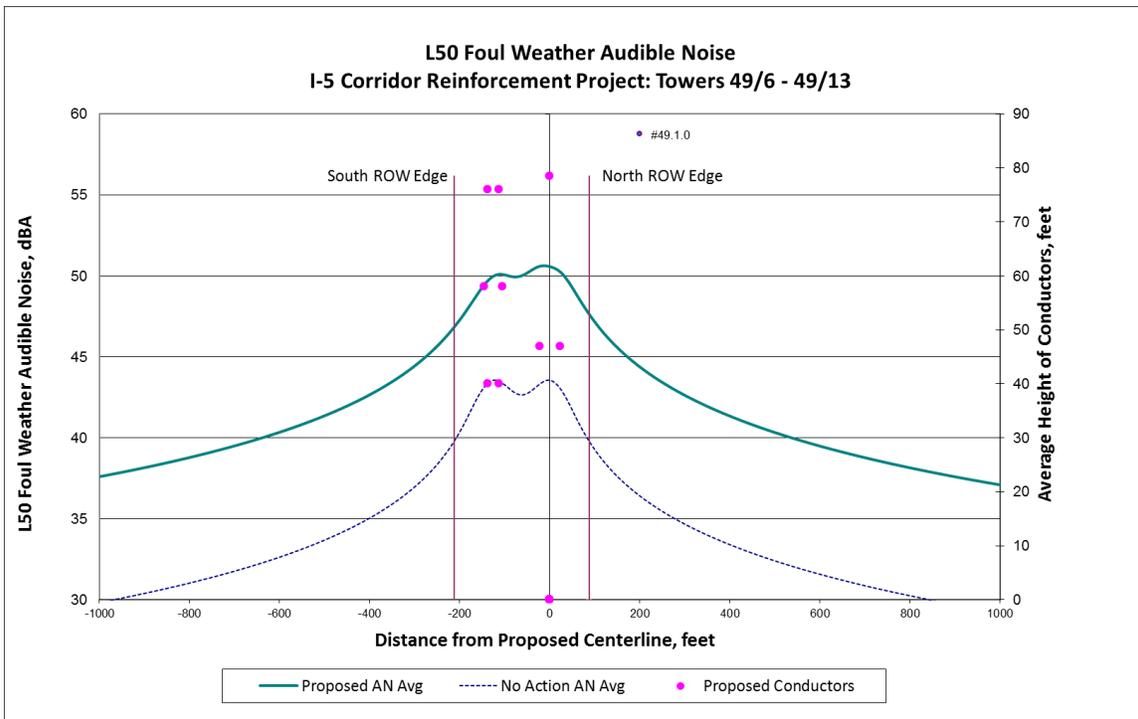


Figure 69: Calculation 49.1.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 30: Calculation 49.1.1**

Calculation 49.1.1: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
49	49/7 - 49/13	1.54					

Calculation 49.1.1: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		South Edge	North Edge	Peak On ROW	South Edge	North Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.6	0.6	2.0	0.5	0.5	3.8
	Proposed	0.3	1.6	5.1	0.3	1.6	8.4
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	8	5	31	22	16	133
	Proposed	4	9	32	11	36	173
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	39.9	40.0	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	45.2	47.1				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	26	26	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	31	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	13	13	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	13	21				

**Figure 70: Calculation 49.1.1 – Electric Fields**

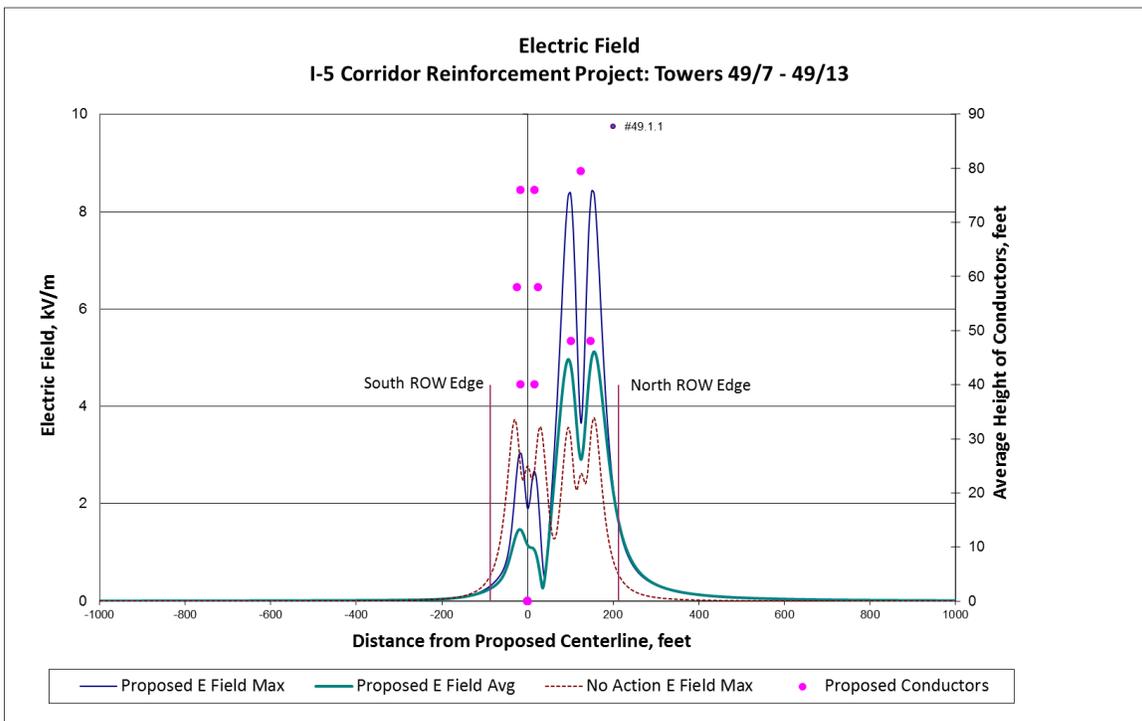


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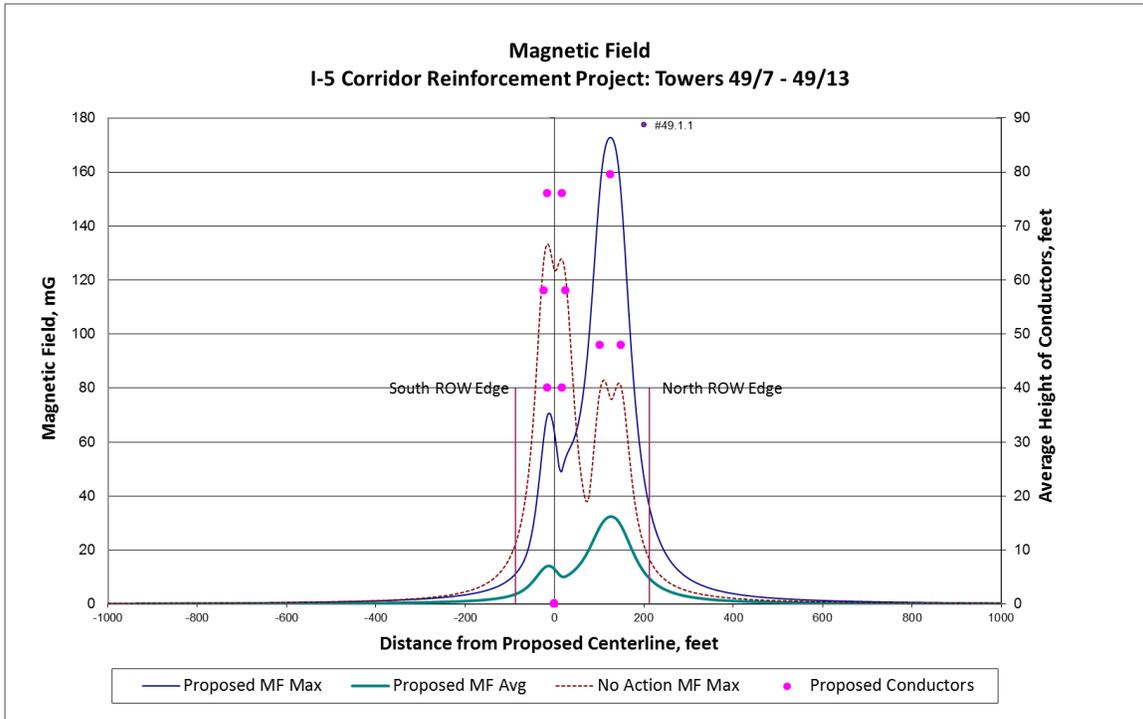
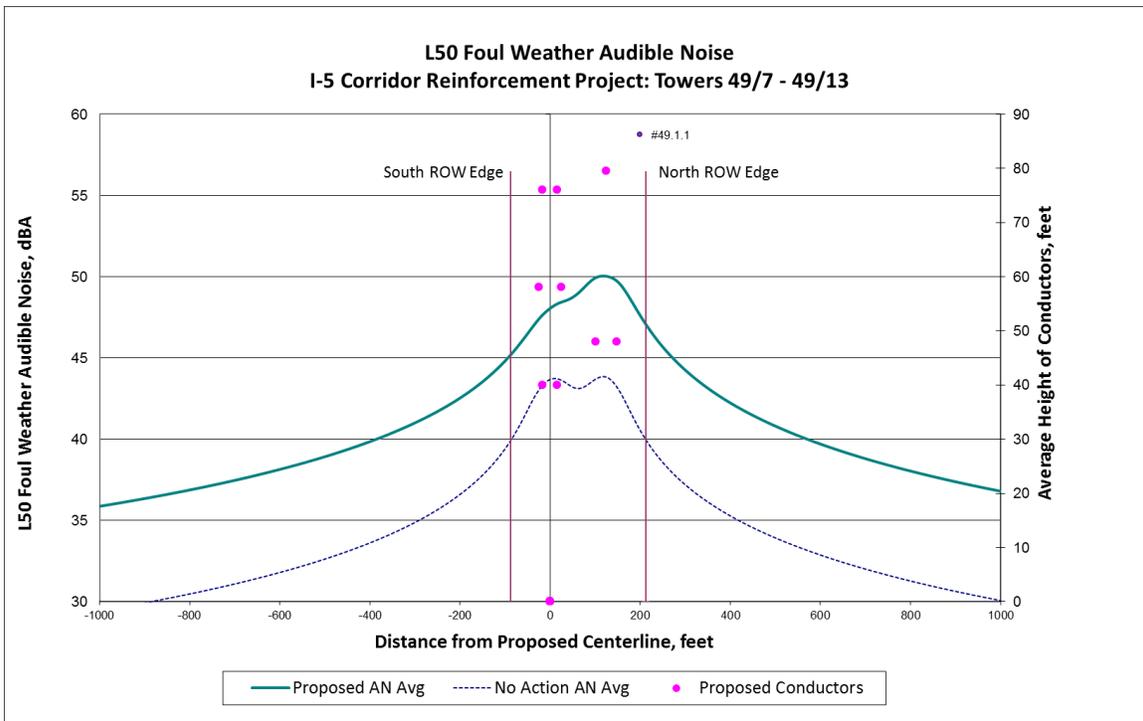


Figure 72: Calculation 49.1.1 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 31: Calculation 49.2.0**

Calculation 49.2.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
49	49/13 - 49/14	0.15					

Calculation 49.2.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		South Edge	North Edge	Peak On ROW	South Edge	North Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.6	0.6	2.3	0.5	0.5	4.0
	Proposed	0.5	0.9	5.6	0.4	0.9	8.9
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	7	3	33	21	13	141
	Proposed	7	13	26	20	51	133
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	39.8	39.8	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	43.7	47.2				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	26	26	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	30	40				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	13	13	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	14	20				

**Figure 73: Calculation 49.2.0 – Electric Fields**

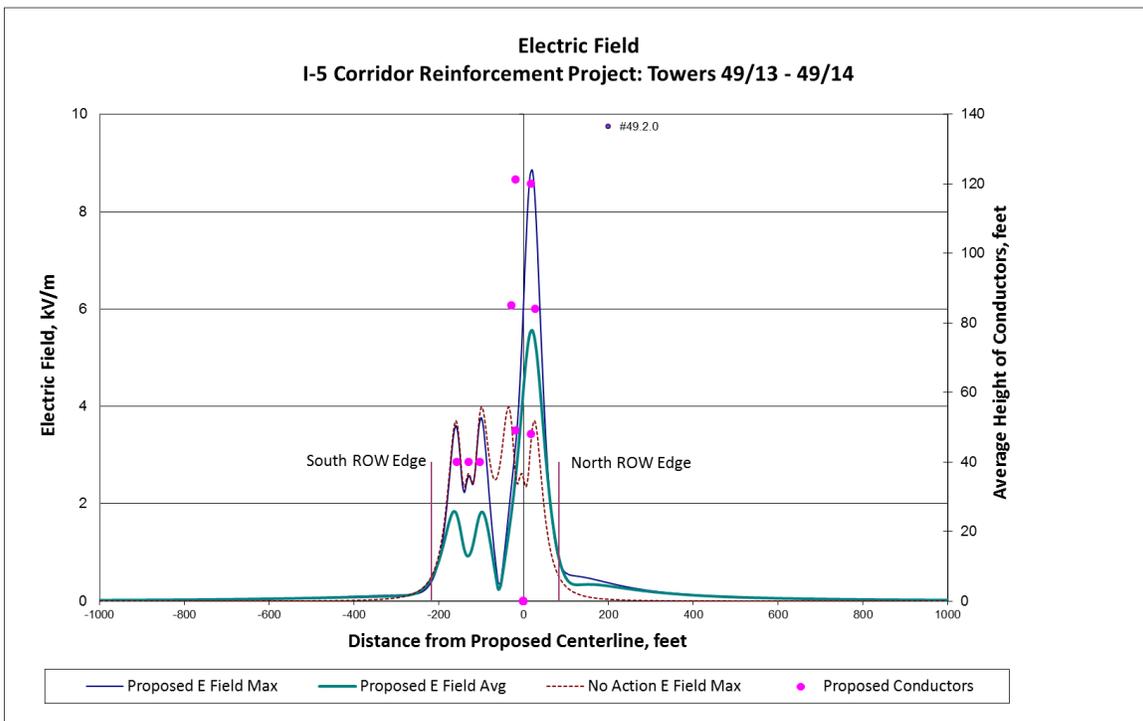


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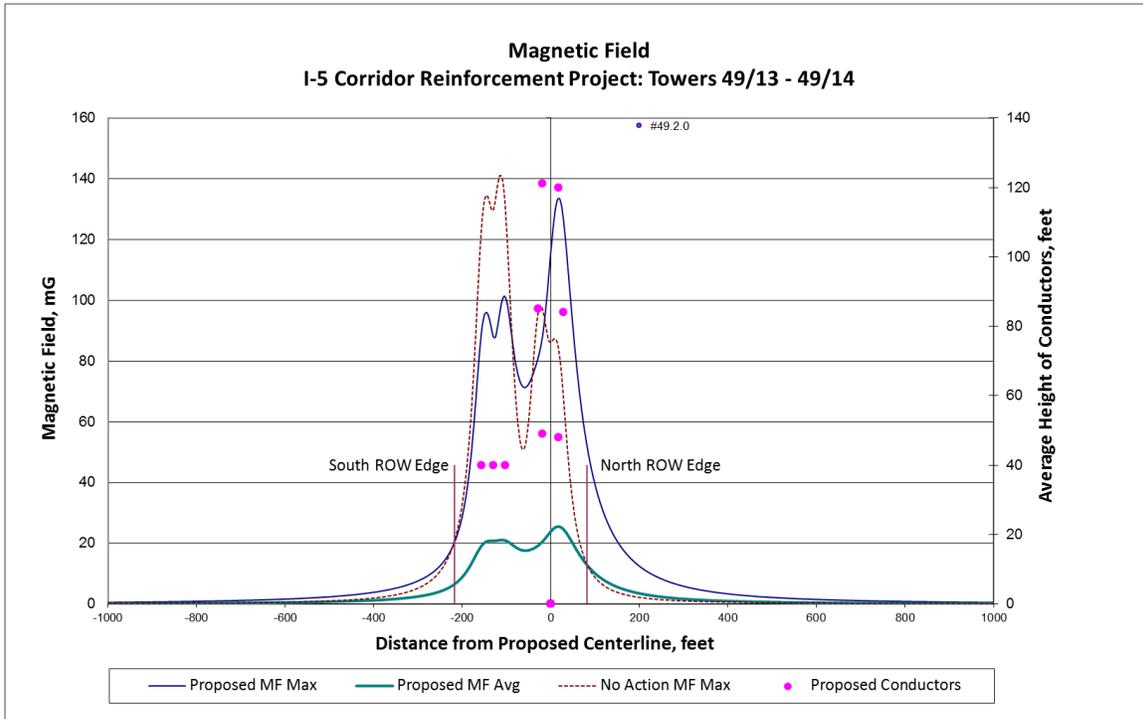
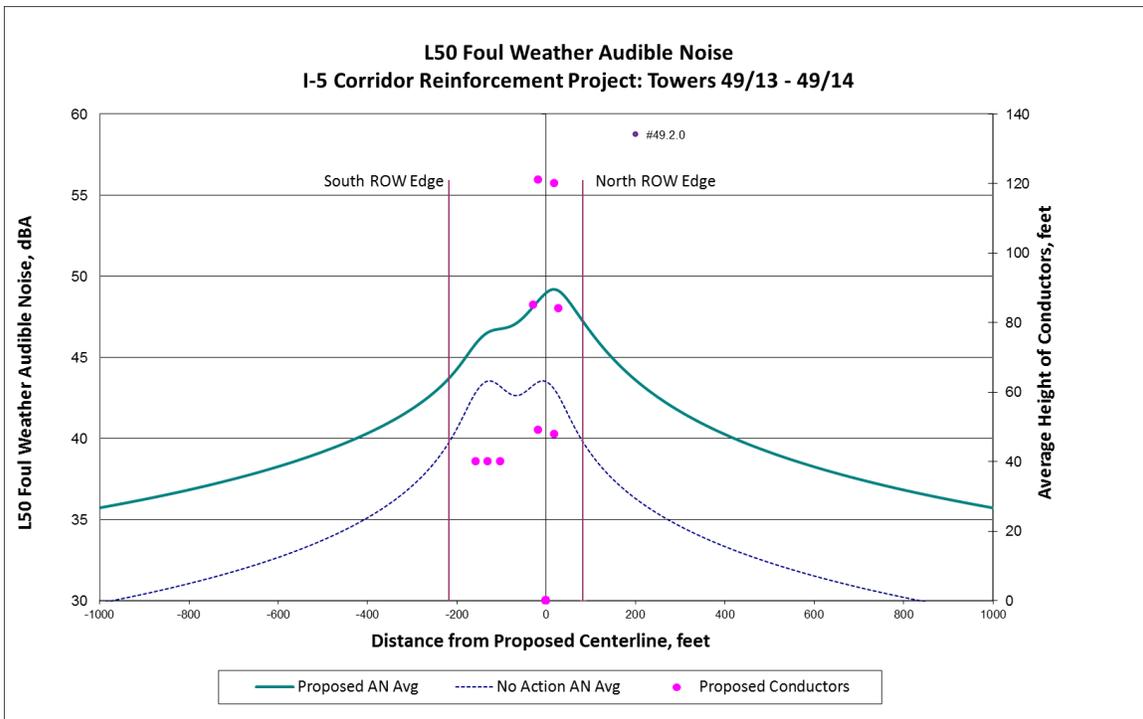


Figure 75: Calculation 49.2.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 32: Calculation 49.2.1**

Calculation 49.2.1: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
49	49/10 - 49/15	0.80					

Calculation 49.2.1: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		South Edge	North Edge	Peak On ROW	South Edge	North Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.6	0.6	2.3	0.5	0.5	4.0
	Proposed	0.6	0.9	5.9	0.5	0.9	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	7	3	33	21	13	141
	Proposed	6	15	28	19	59	136
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	39.8	39.8	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	43.0	46.1				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	26	26	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	30	40				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	13	13	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	13	18				

**Figure 76: Calculation 49.2.1 – Electric Fields**

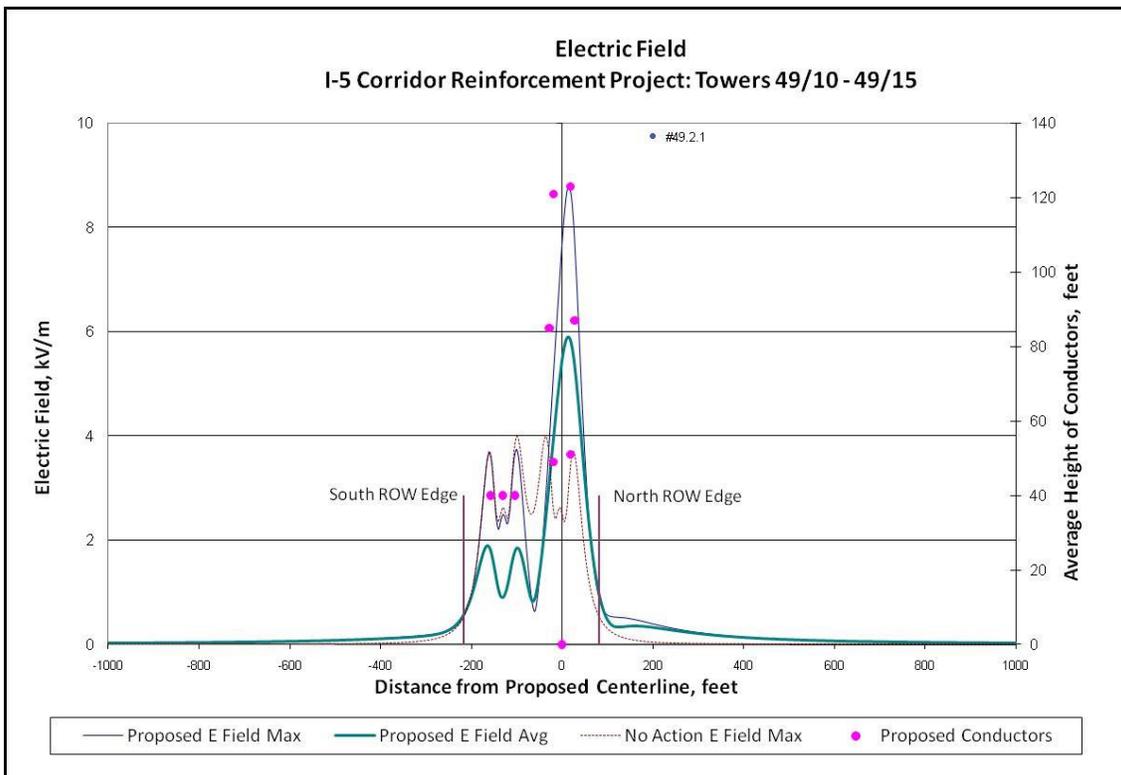


Figure 77: Calculation 49.2.1 – Magnetic Fields

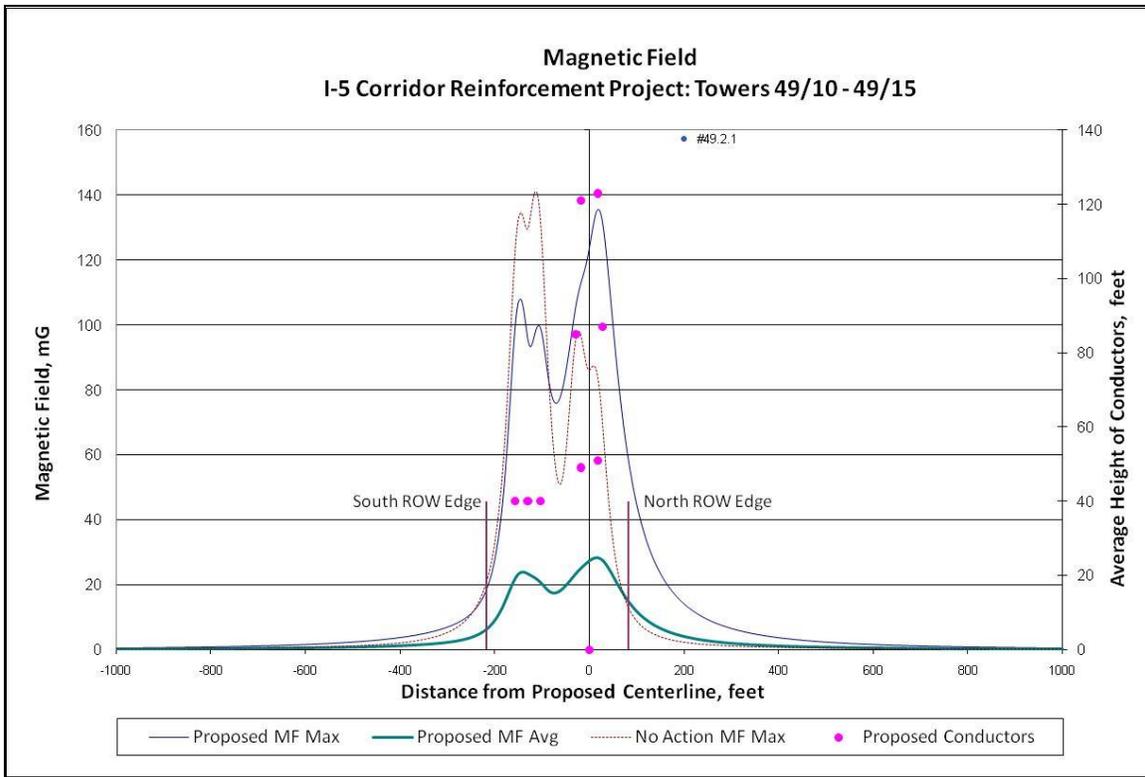
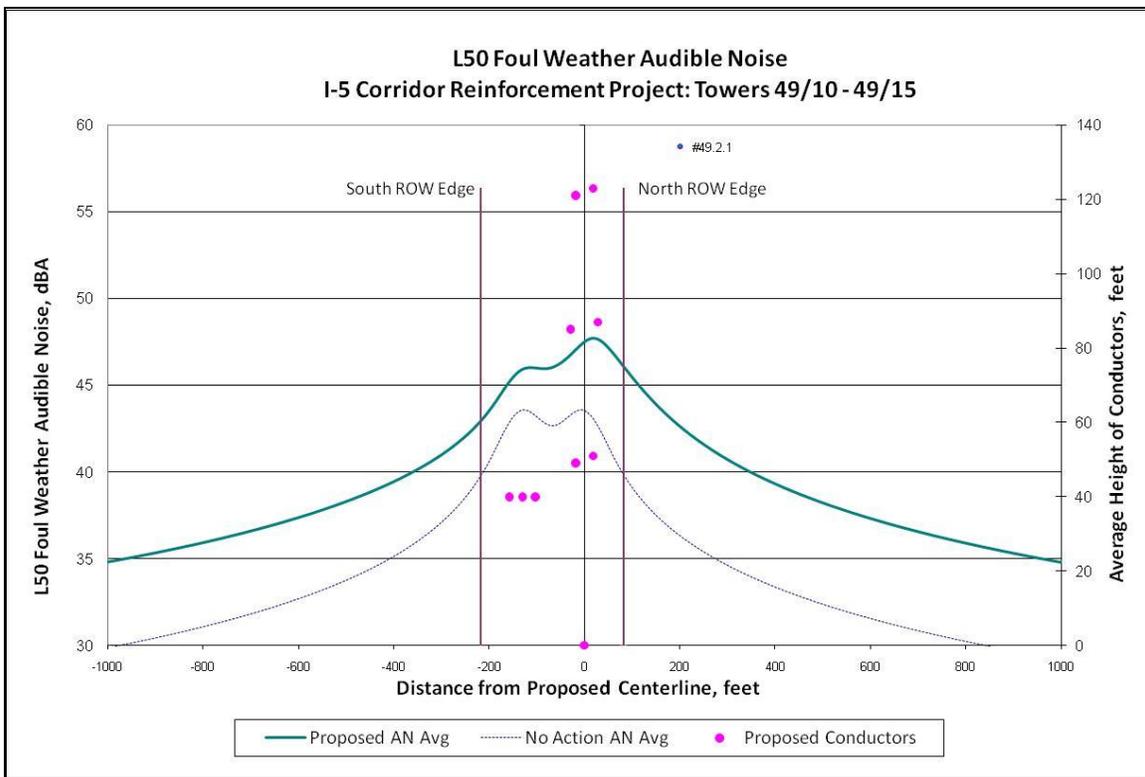


Figure 78: Calculation 49.2.1 – Audible Noise Levels



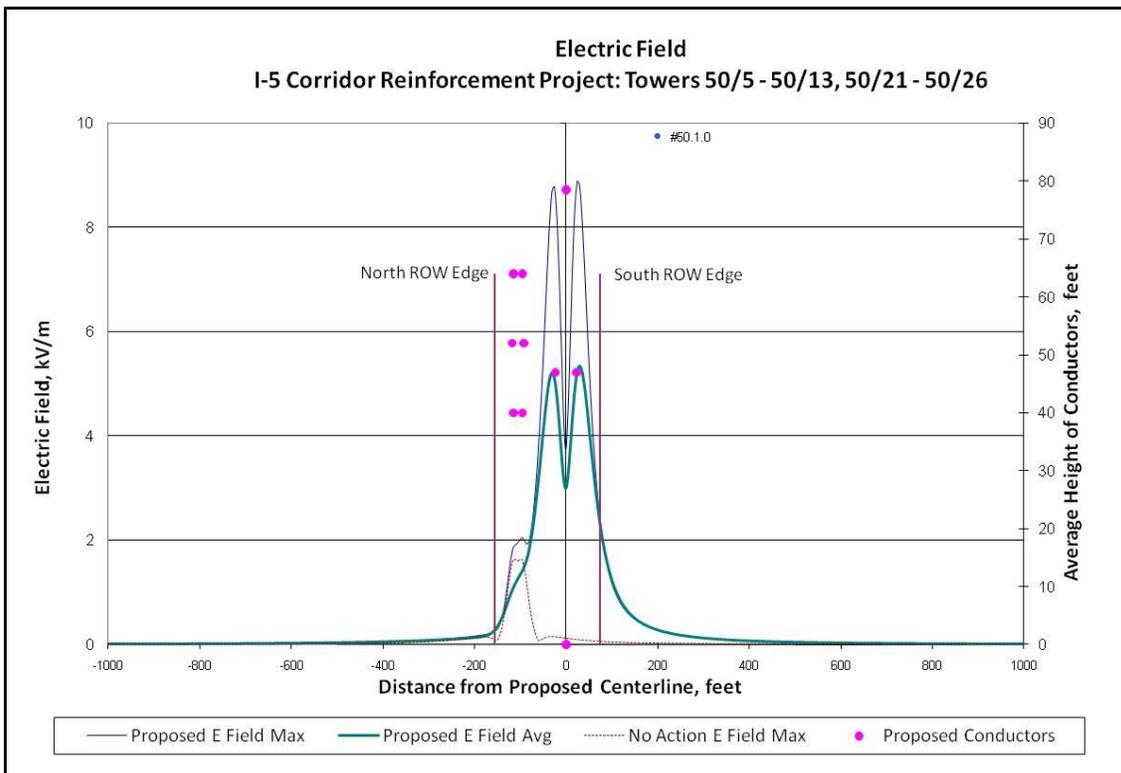
**Table 33: Calculation 50.1.0**

Calculation 50.1.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
50	50/5 - 50/13	1.46					
50	50/21 - 50/26	0.80					

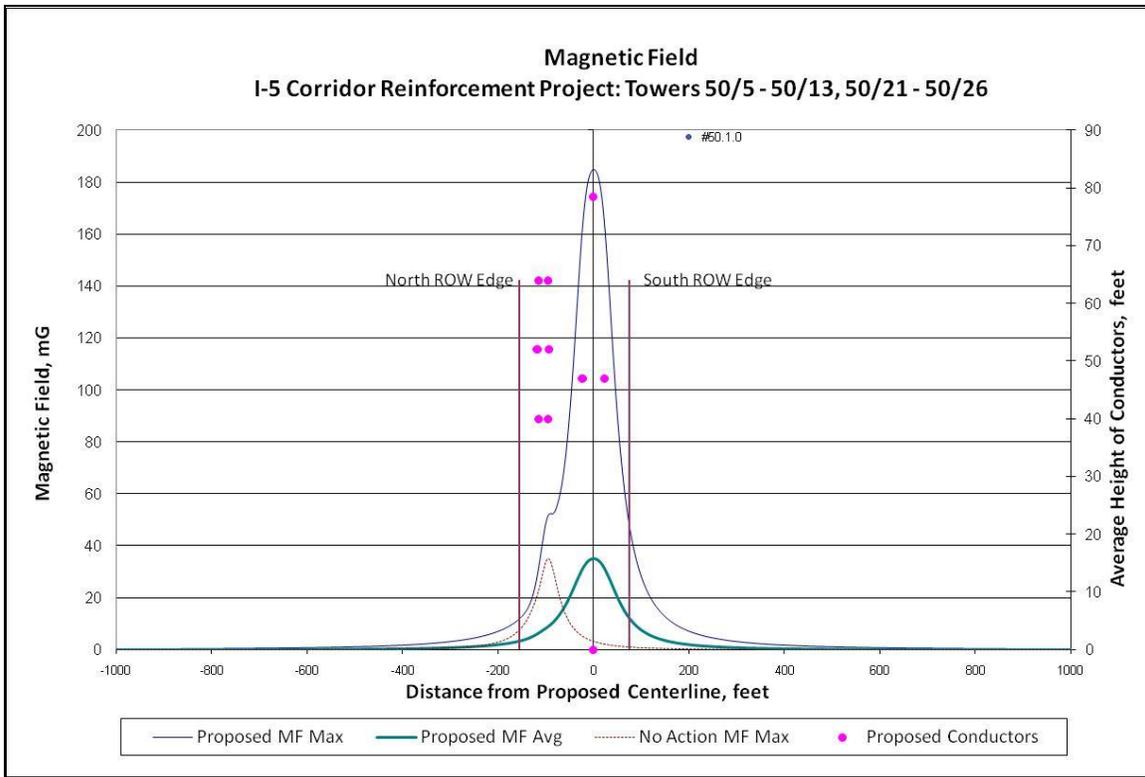
  

Calculation 50.1.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW	North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.1	1.6
	Proposed	0.3	2.3	5.3	0.2	2.4	8.9
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	1	0	3	8	1	35
	Proposed	3	12	35	12	48	185
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	19.8	14.6	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	44.2	47.2				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	10	10	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	30	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	-7	-7	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	12	21				

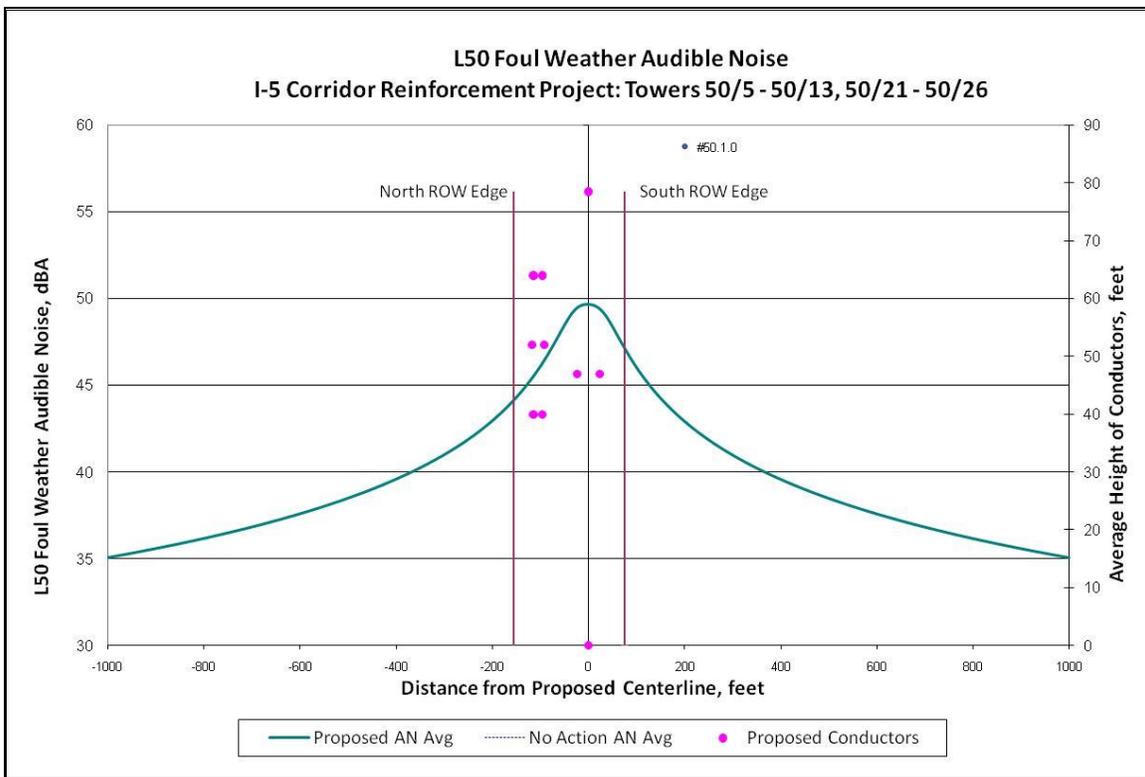
**Figure 79: Calculation 50.1.0 – Electric Fields**



**Figure 80: Calculation 50.1.0 – Magnetic Fields**



**Figure 81: Calculation 50.1.0 – Audible Noise Levels**



**Table 34: Calculation 50.1.1**

Calculation 50.1.1: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
50	50/5 - 50/13	1.46					
50	50/21 - 50/26	0.80					

Calculation 50.1.1: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW	North Edge	South Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.1	1.6
	Proposed	0.2	2.3	5.3	0.3	2.3	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	1	0	3	8	1	35
	Proposed	3	12	34	11	48	183
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	19.8	14.6	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	44.1	47.2				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	10	10	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	30	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	-7	-7	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	12	21				

**Figure 82: Calculation 50.1.1 – Electric Fields**

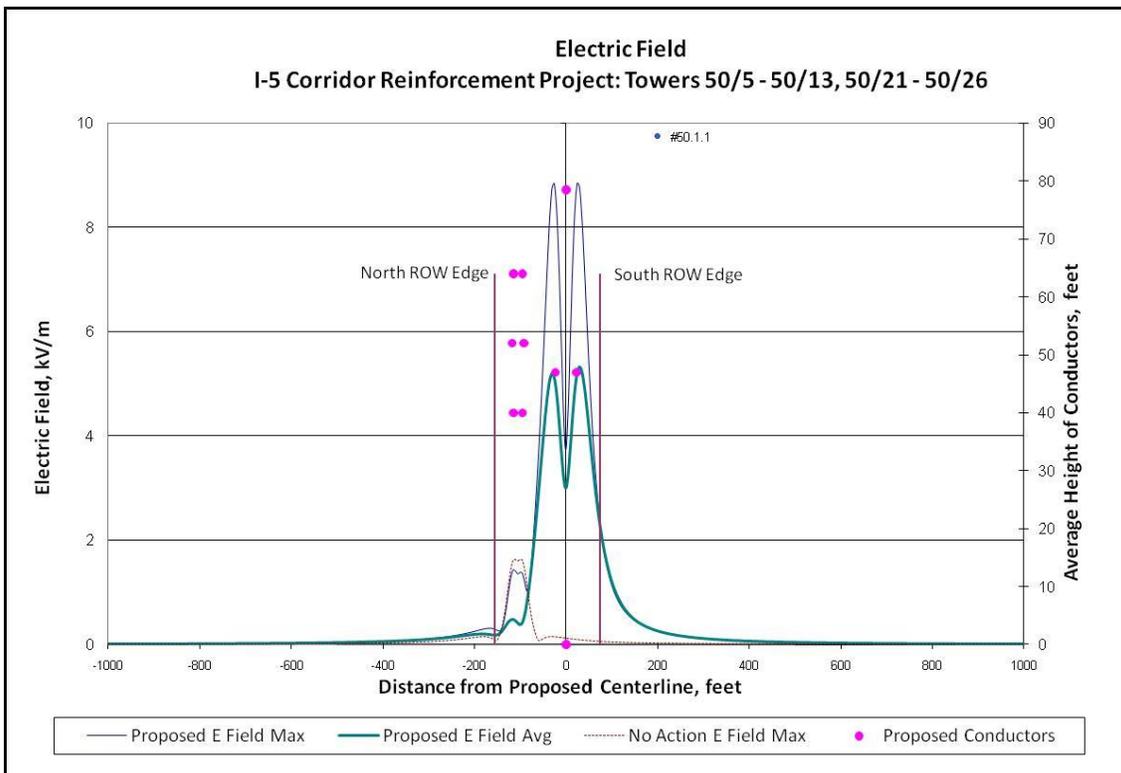


Figure 83: Calculation 50.1.1 – Magnetic Fields

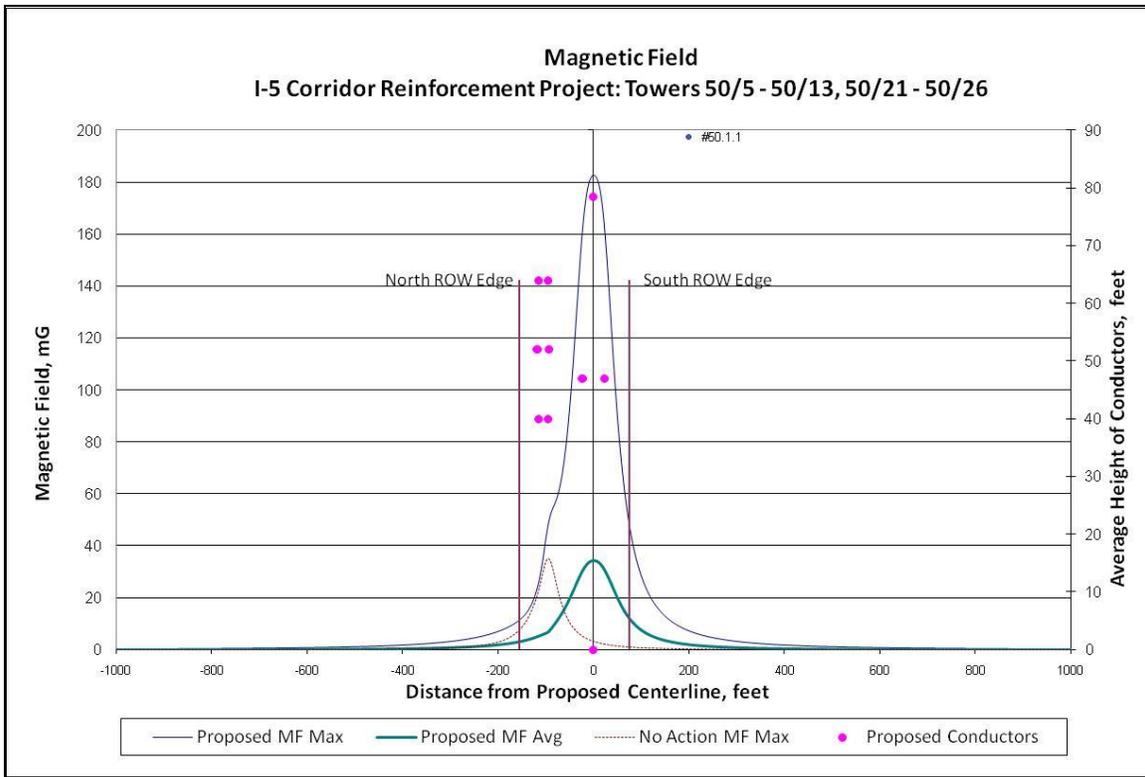
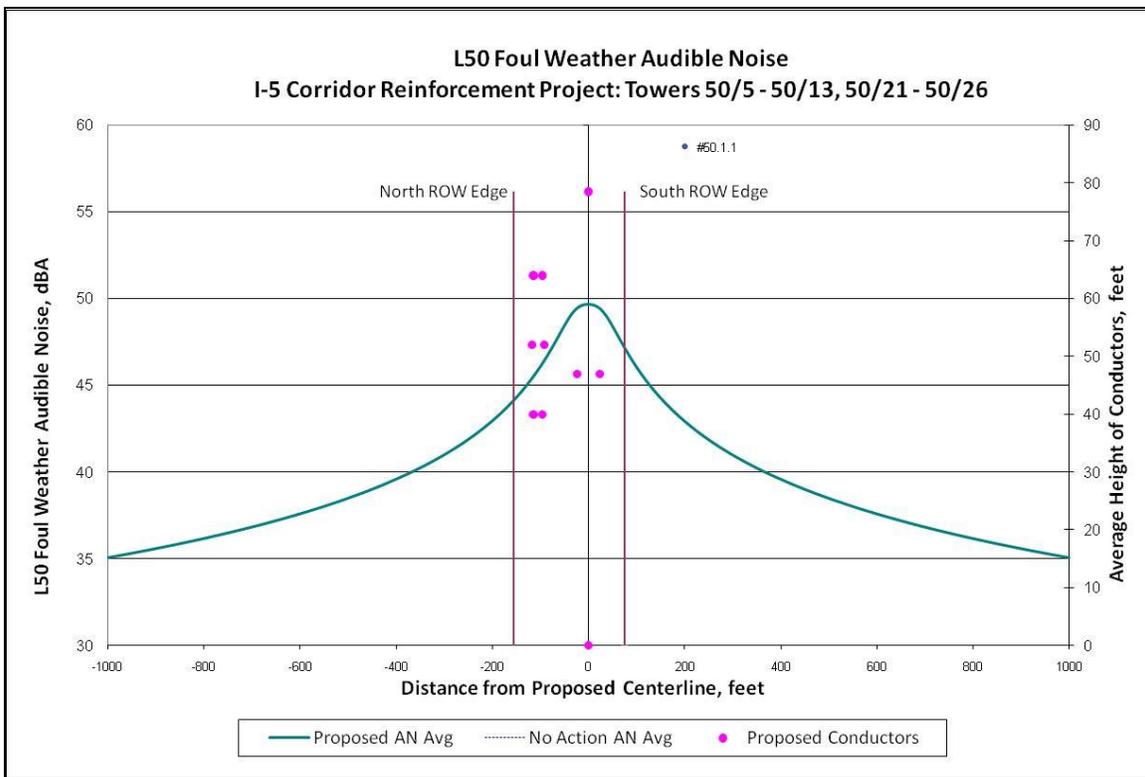


Figure 84: Calculation 50.1.1 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 35: Calculation 51.1.0**

Calculation 51.1.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
49	49/13 – 49/14	0.15		52	52/1 - 52/2	0.20	
51	51/1 - 51/11	2.00		52	52/9 - 52/12	0.50	

Calculation 51.1.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW	East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	1.2	1.2	2.0	1.49	1.4	3.8
	Proposed	0.5	2.3	5.3	0.5	2.4	8.9
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	15	15	29	48	48	129
	Proposed	6	12	34	19	47	183
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	42.1	42.1	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	46.2	47.6				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	27	27	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	30	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	14	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	13	21				

**Figure 85: Calculation 51.1.0 – Electric Fields**

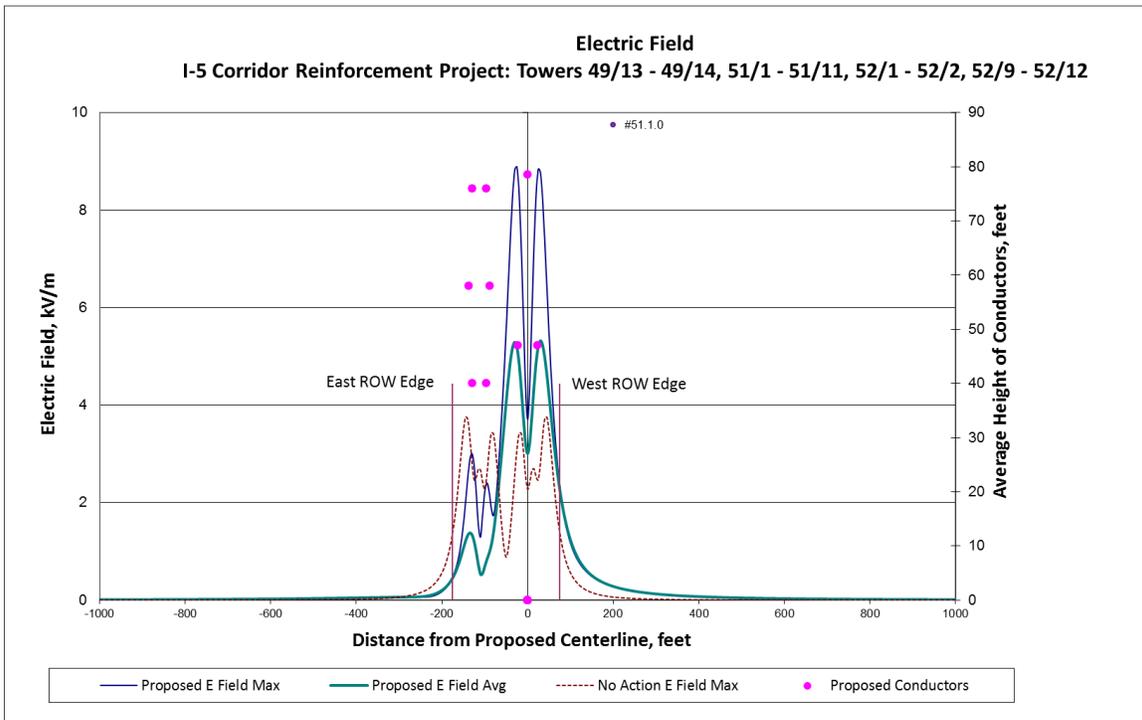


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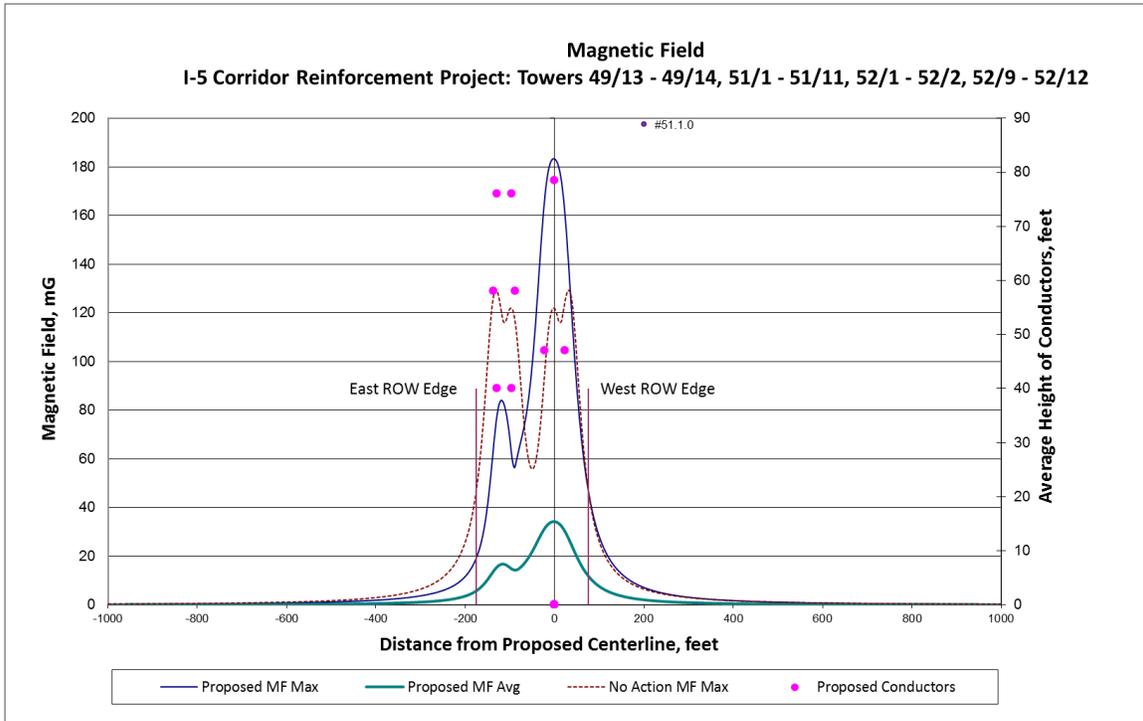
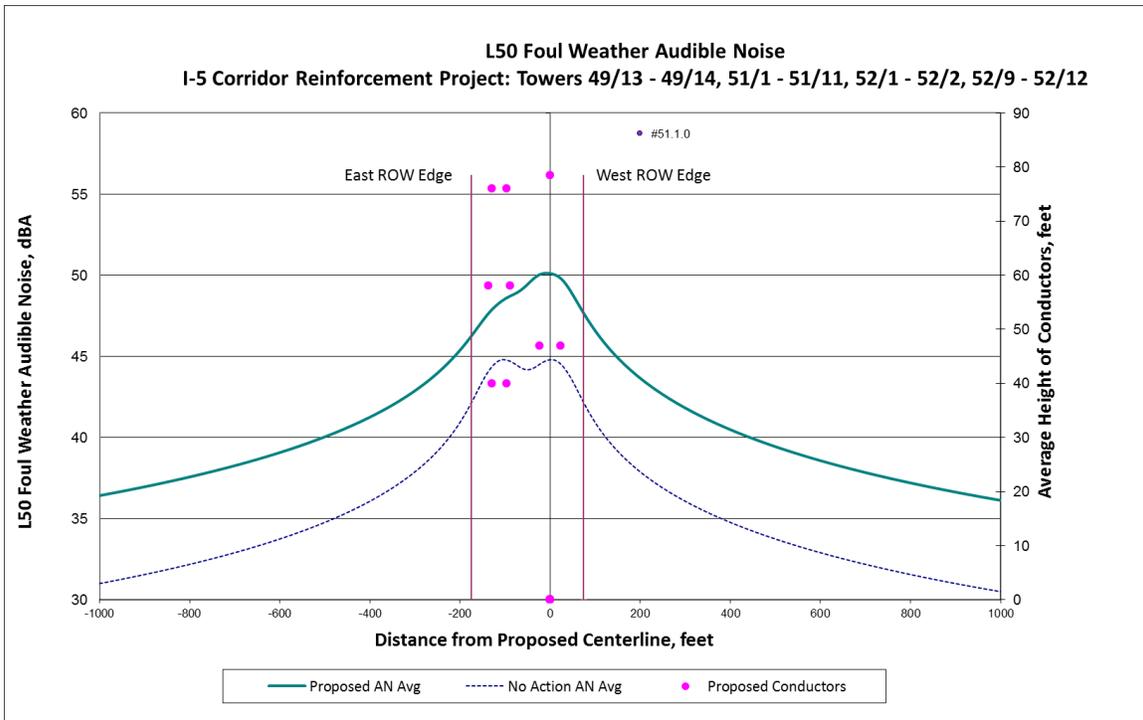


Figure 87: Calculation 51.1.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 36: Calculation 51.1.1**

Calculation 51.1.1: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
52	52/12 - 52/19	1.48					

Calculation 51.1.1: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW	East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	1.2	1.2	2.3	1.3	1.3	4.0
	Proposed	0.5	2.3	5.3	0.5	2.4	8.9
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	13	13	35	42	42	147
	Proposed	6	12	34	19	47	183
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	41.9	41.9	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	46.2	47.6				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	27	27	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	30	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	15	15	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	13	21				

**Figure 88: Calculation 51.1.1 – Electric Fields**

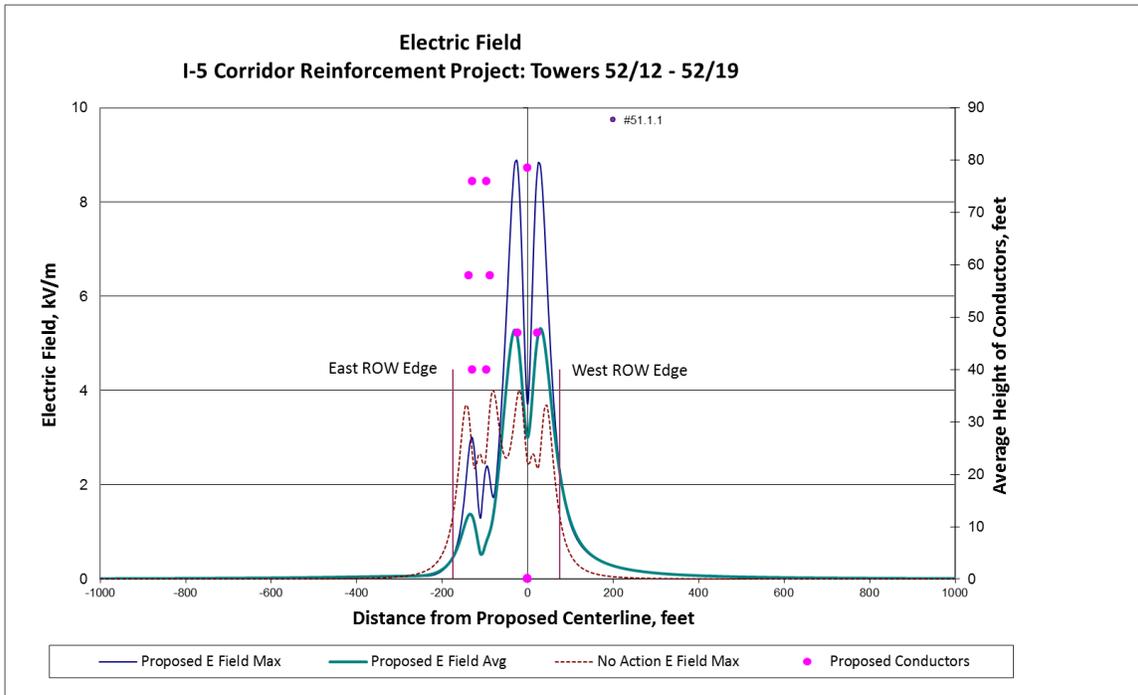


Figure 89: Calculation 51.1.1 – Magnetic Fields

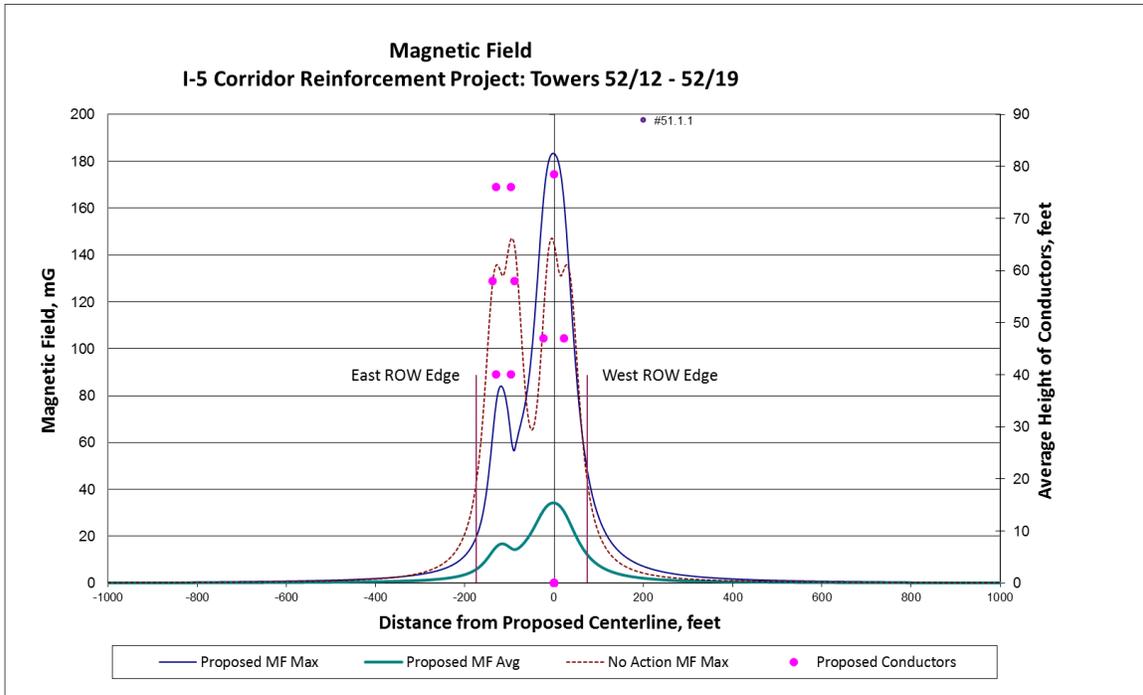
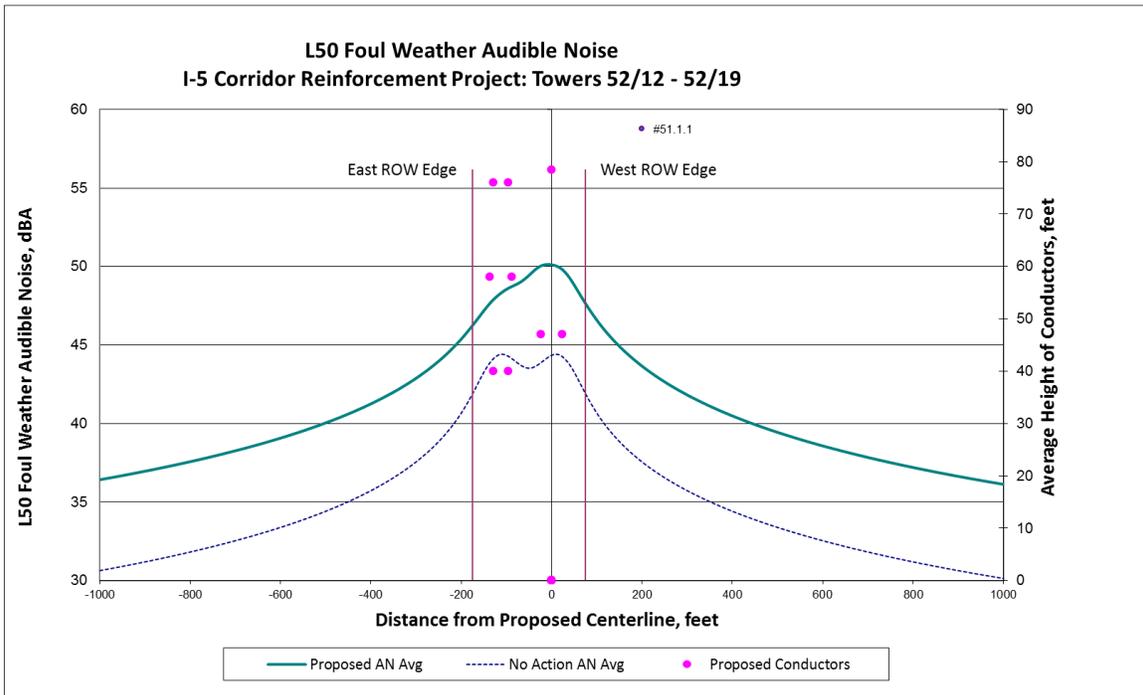


Figure 90: Calculation 51.1.1 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 37: Calculation 52.2.0**

Calculation 52.2.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
52	52/2 - 52/9	1.48					

Calculation 52.2.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW	East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.2	1.2	2.0	1.4	0.2	3.8
	Proposed	0.1	2.0	5.3	0.1	2.0	8.9
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	4	15	29	11	48	129
	Proposed	2	11	33	5	43	179
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	39.2	42.1	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	44.0	47.5				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	27	27	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	31	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	14	14	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	13	21				

**Figure 91: Calculation 52.2.0 – Electric Fields**

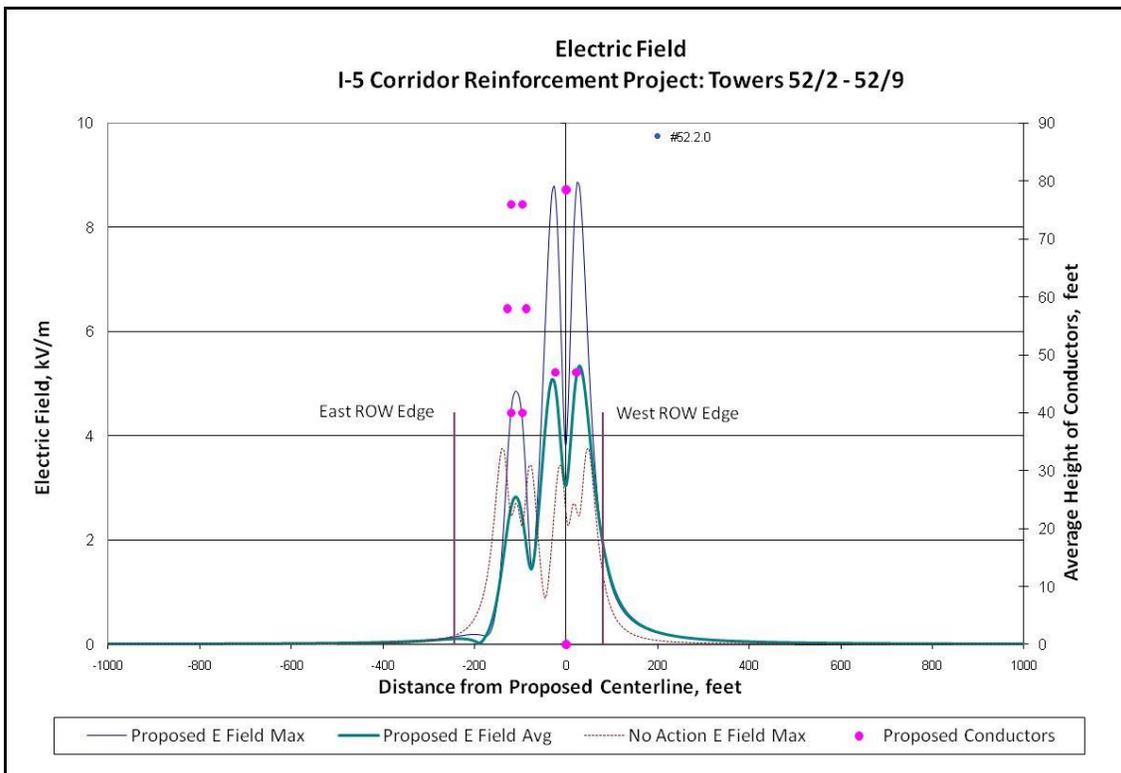


Figure 92: Calculation 52.2.0 – Magnetic Fields

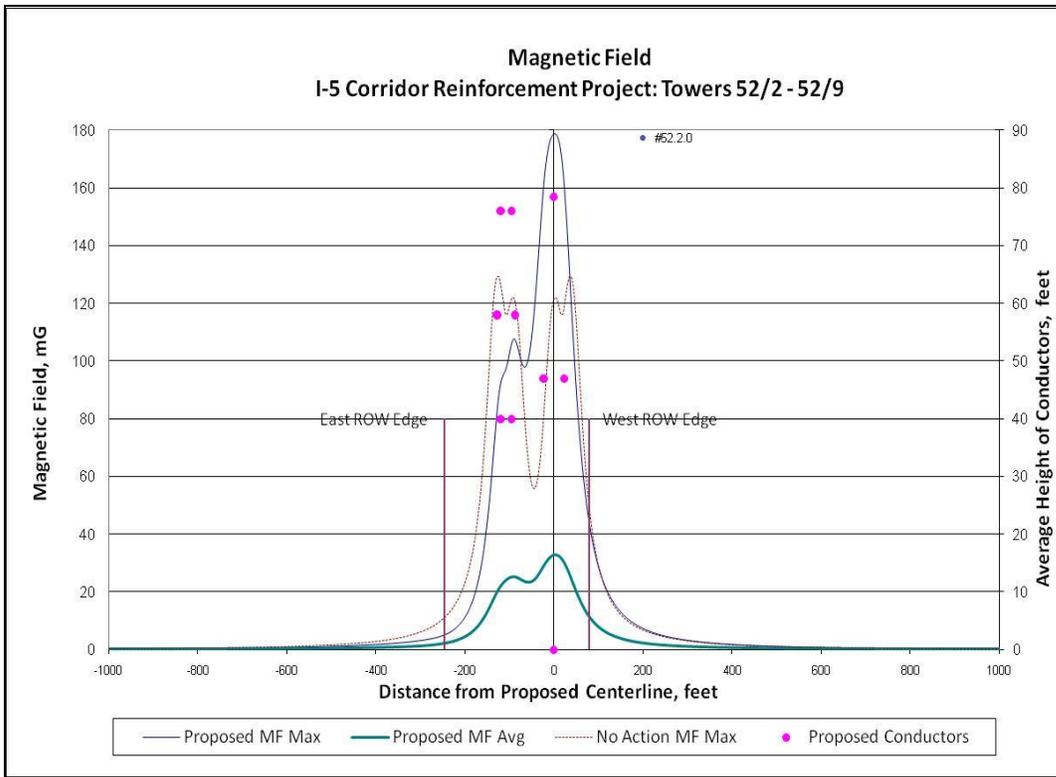
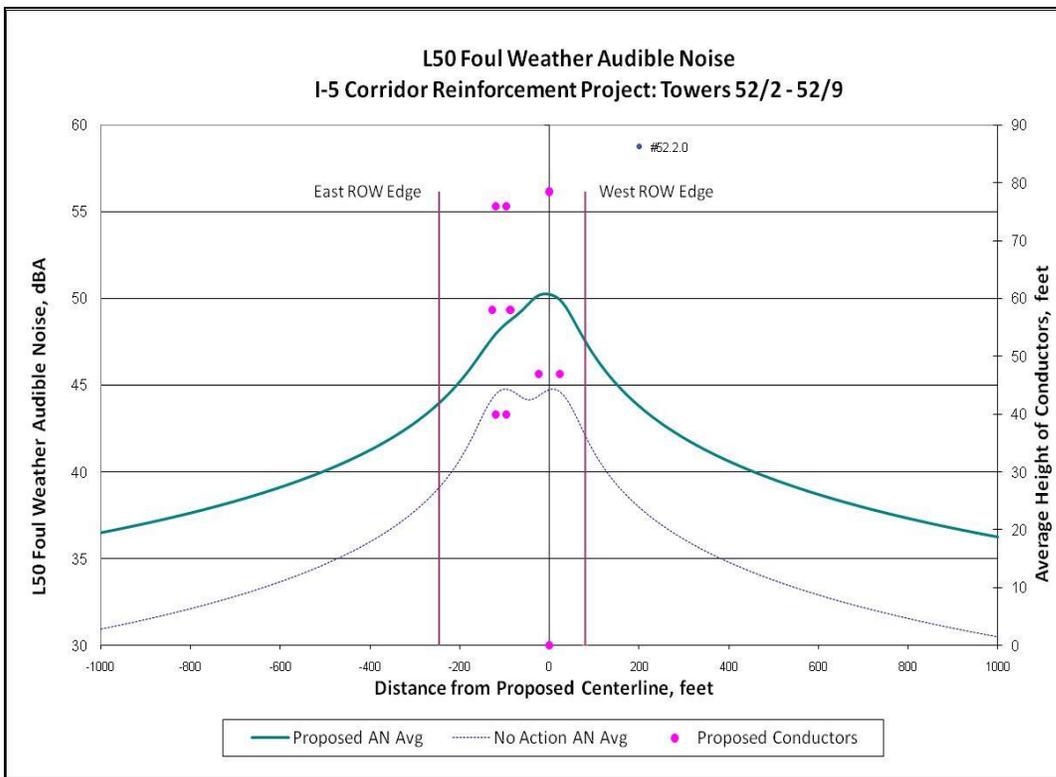


Figure 93: Calculation 52.2.0 – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 38: Calculation A.1.0**

Calculation A.1.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
A	A/1 - A/10	2.30					

Calculation A.1.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW	East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.1	2.6	5.5	0.1	2.9	9.0
	Proposed	1.9	2.6	5.5	1.9	2.9	9.0
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	2	18	49	6	73	235
	Proposed	12	19	62	44	75	257
Audible Noise, dBA	No Action	50.7	52.4	Not Applicable			
Foul weather L50	Proposed	52.2	52.6				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	36	36	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	36	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	18	21	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	21				

**Figure 94: Calculation A.1.0. – Electric Fields**

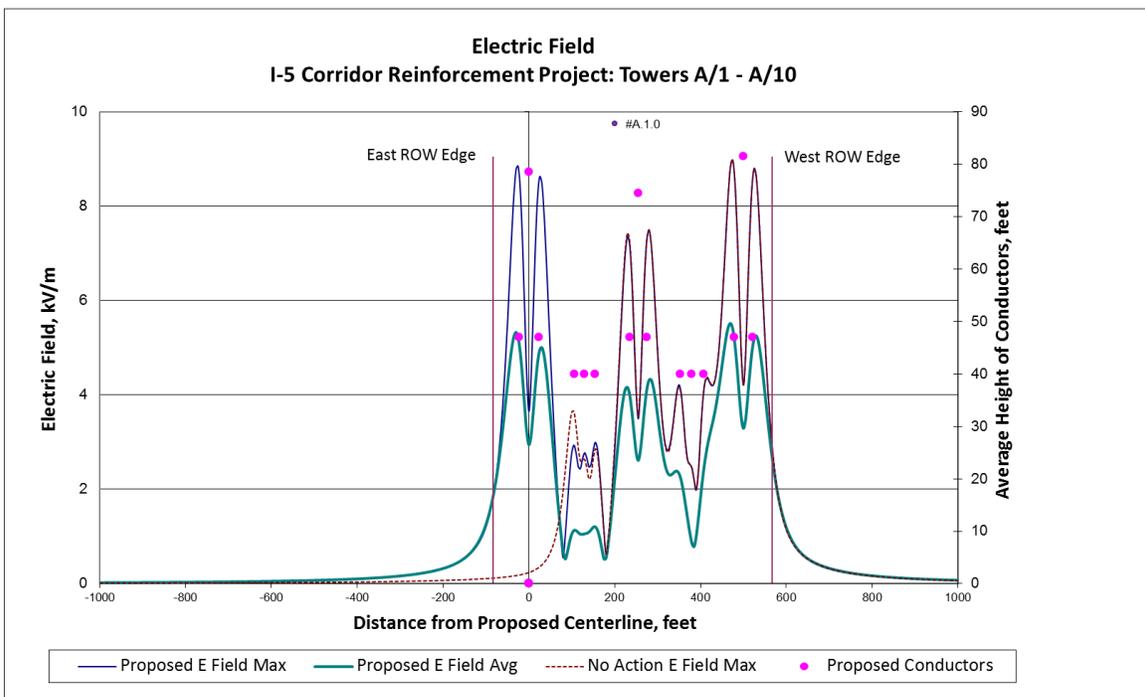


Figure 95: Calculation A.1.0. – Magnetic Fields

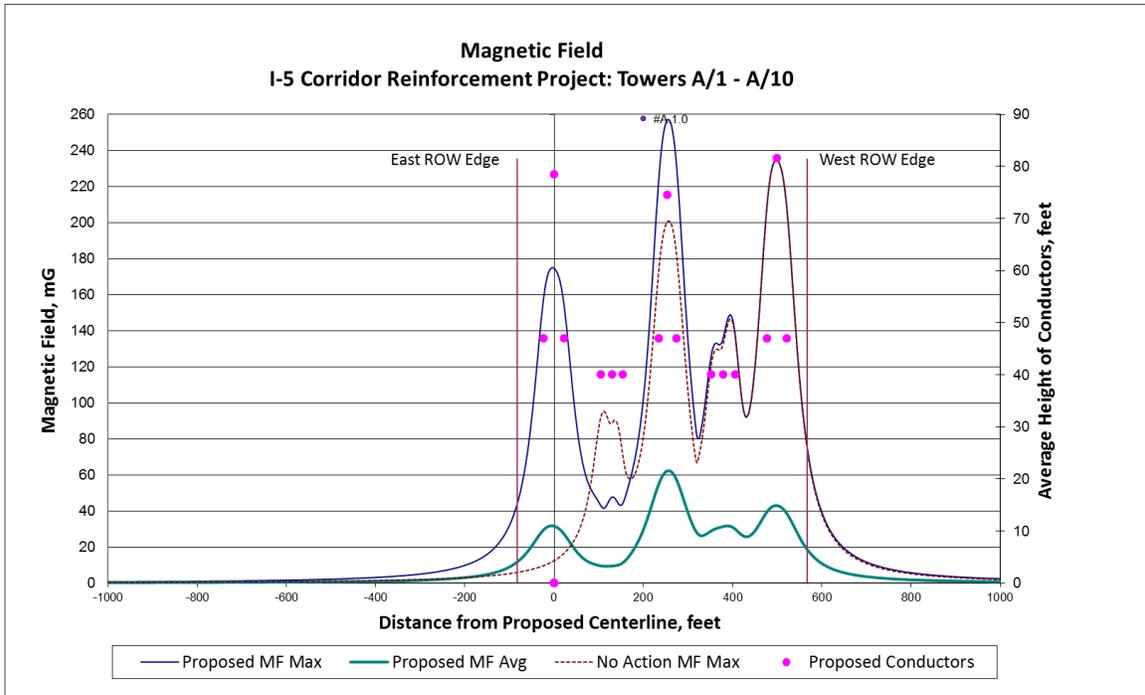
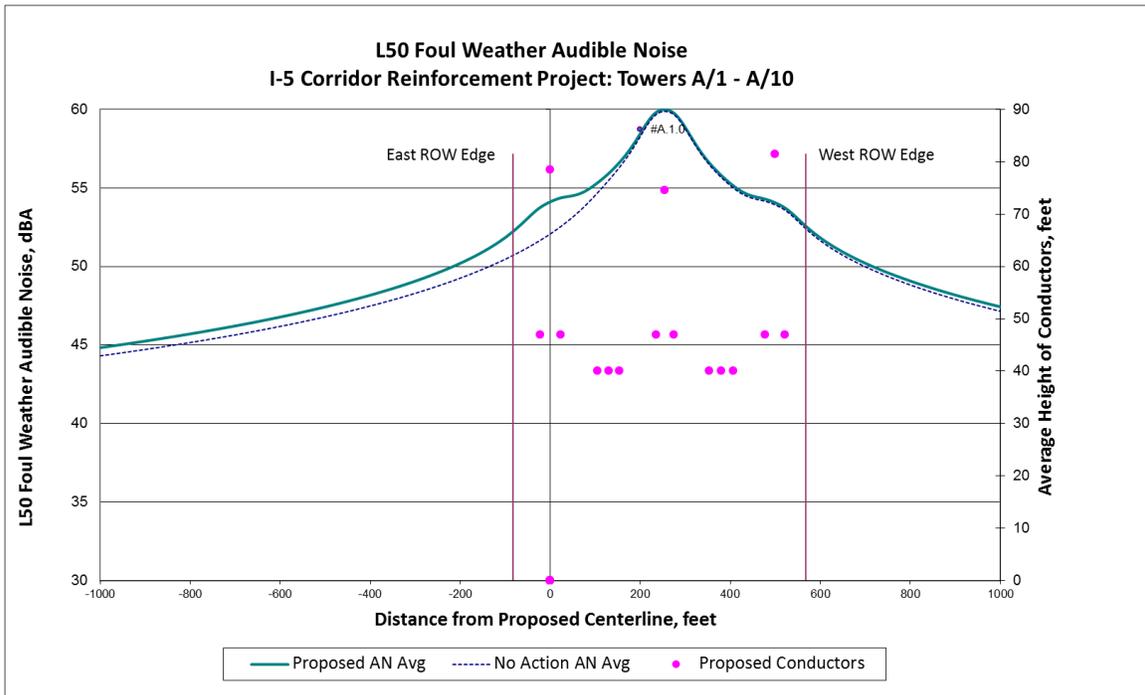


Figure 96: Calculation A.1.0. – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 39: Calculation C.1.0**

Calculation C.1.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
C	C/1 - C/17	3.00					
E	E/1 - E/6	1.07					

Calculation C.1.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW	East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	1.3	2.6	5.5	1.3	2.9	9.0
	Proposed	1.2	2.6	5.8	1.3	2.9	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	14	18	49	41	73	235
	Proposed	8	19	68	28	74	270
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	56.5	51.4	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	56.4	51.6				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	44	36	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	45	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	29	21	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	30	21				

**Figure 97: Calculation C.1.0. – Electric Fields**

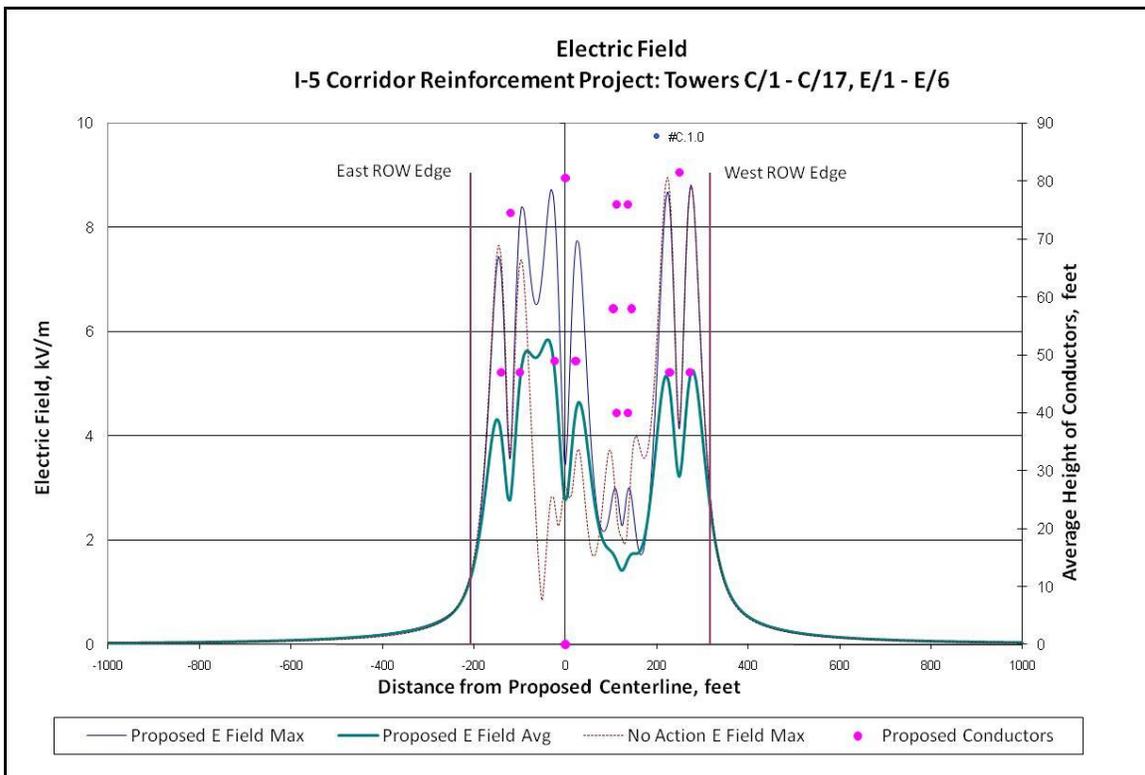


Figure 98: Calculation C.1.0. – Magnetic Fields

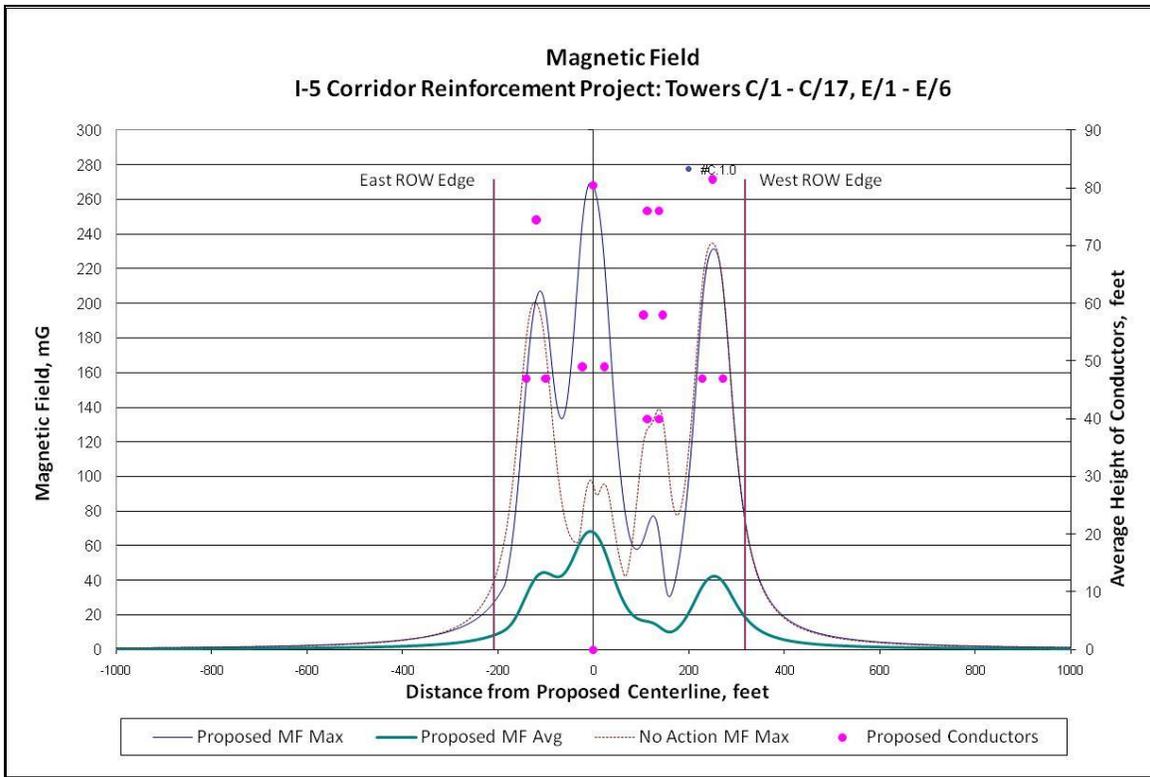
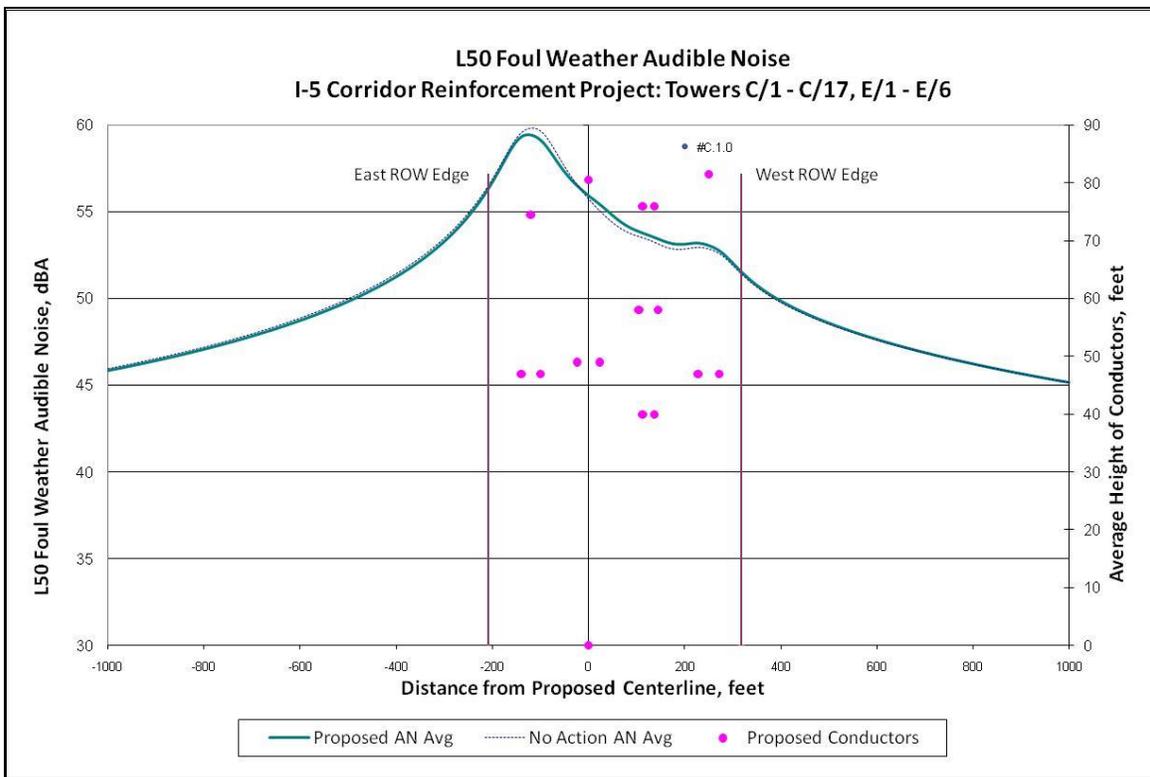


Figure 99: Calculation C.1.0. – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 40: Calculation D.1.0**

Calculation D.1.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
D	D/1 - D/17	2.86					

Calculation D.1.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW	East Edge	West Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.2	2.6	5.5	0.2	2.9	9.0
	Proposed	1.8	2.6	5.8	1.8	2.9	9.0
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	3	18	49	8	73	235
	Proposed	8	18	68	31	72	278
Audible Noise, dBA	No Action	52.7	51.4	Not Applicable			
Foul weather L50	Proposed	53.4	51.5				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	44	36	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	37	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	29	21	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	21	21				

**Figure 100: Calculation D.1.0. – Electric Fields**

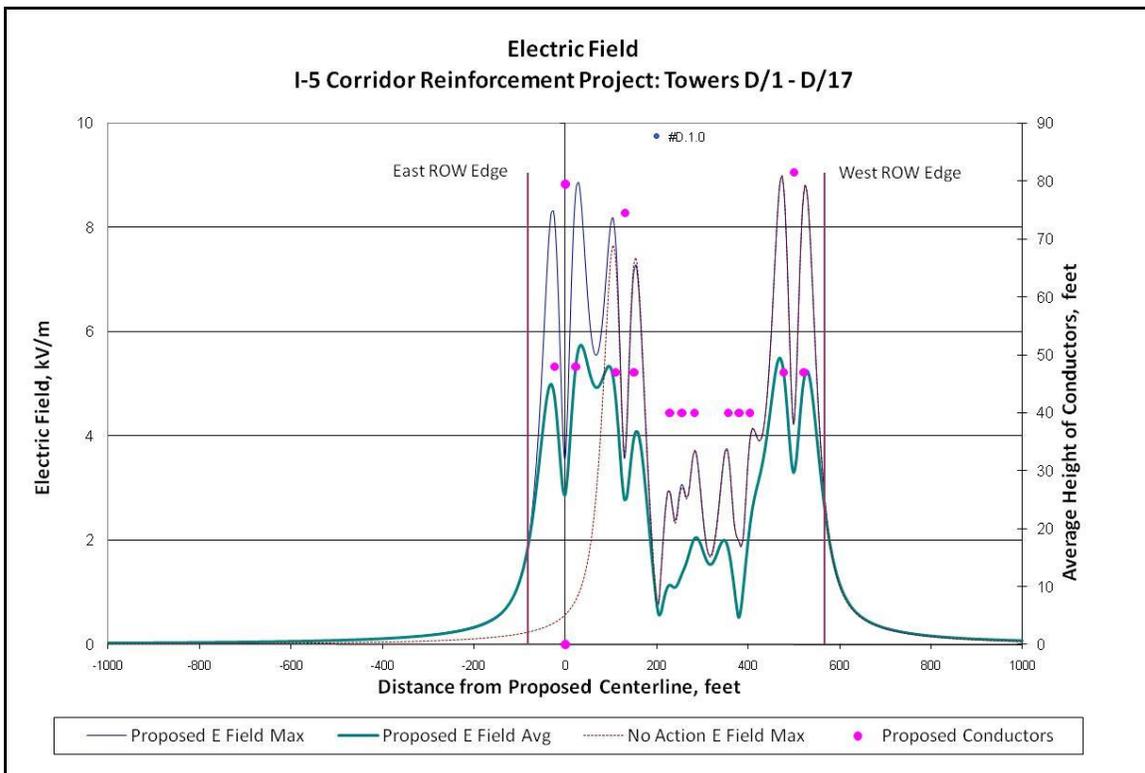


Figure 101: Calculation D.1.0. – Magnetic Fields

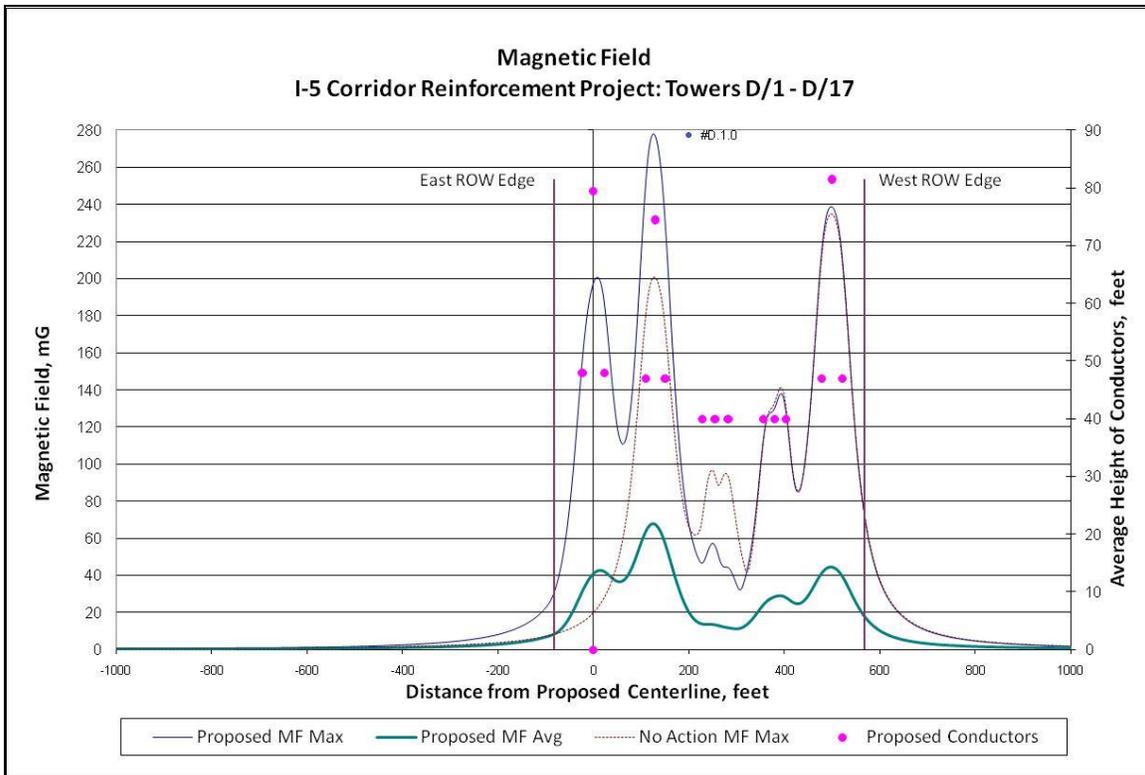
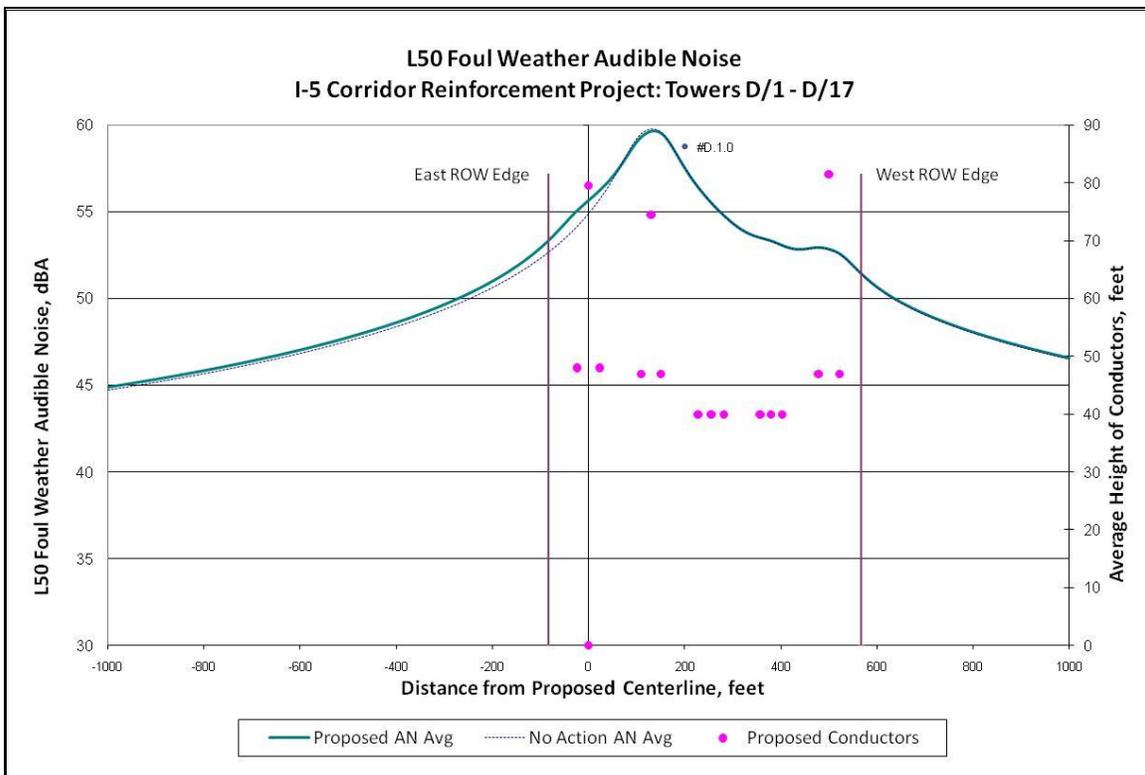


Figure 102: Calculation D.1.0. – Audible Noise Levels



**Table 41: Calculation R.1.0**

Calculation R.1.0: Electrical Sections							
Segment	Towers	Length		Segment	Towers	Length	
R	R/10 - R/19	1.75					

Calculation R.1.0: Summary of Fields and Corona Effects							
Location	ROW Status	Average			Maximum		
		South Edge	North Edge	Peak On ROW	South Edge	North Edge	Peak On ROW
Electric Field, kV/m	No Action	0.3	0.1	2.9	0.1	0.4	5.3
	Proposed	0.3	2.2	5.7	0.4	2.3	8.8
Magnetic Field, mG	No Action	3	4	48	10	6	133
	Proposed	3	9	53	13	42	186
Audible Noise, dBA Foul weather L50	No Action	48.0	47.9	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	48.3	50.0				
Fair Weather RI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	29	37	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	29	36				
Foul Weather TVI, dB(uV/m) @ 100 ft from conductors	No Action	12	23	Not Applicable			
	Proposed	13	21				

**Figure 103: Calculation R.1.0. – Electric Fields**

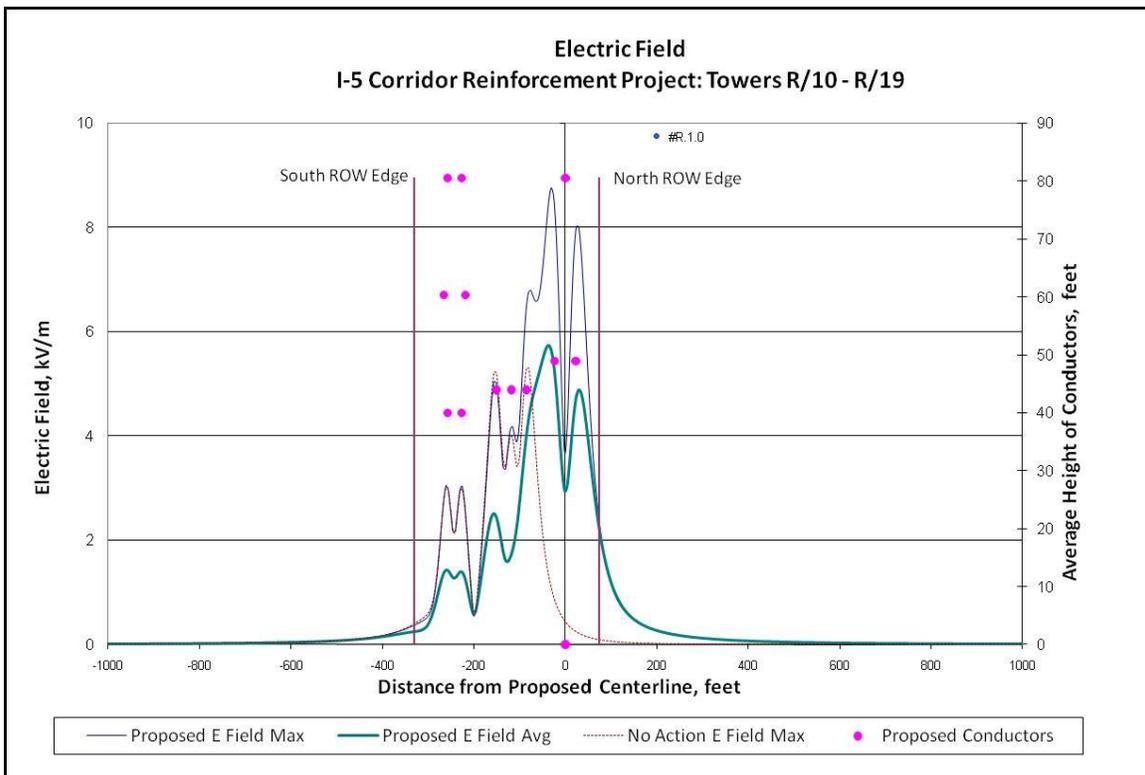


Figure 104: Calculation R.1.0 – Magnetic Fields

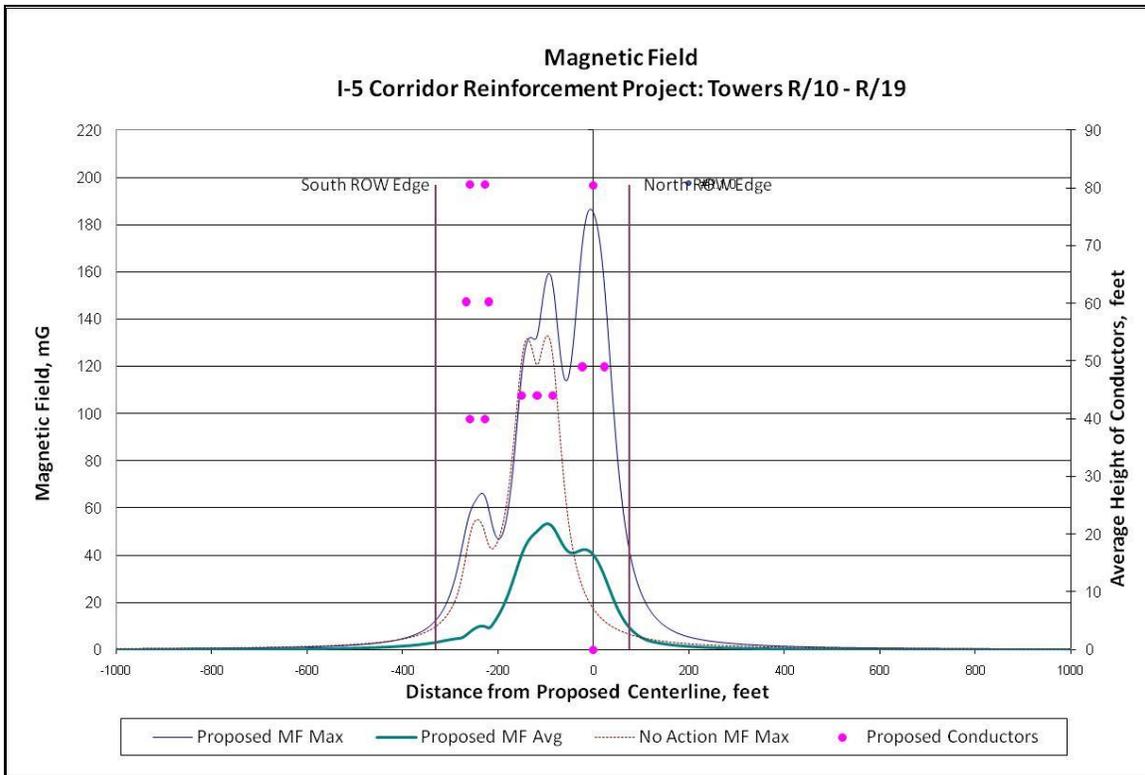


Figure 105: Calculation R.1.0 – Audible Noise Levels

