

APPENDIX F
FRAMEWORK EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
AND RESPONSE PLAN

TABLE OF CONTENTS

F1.0 INTRODUCTION..... 1
F2.0 PLAN PURPOSE..... 1
F3.0 PLAN UPDATES..... 1
F4.0 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE..... 1
F5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES..... 2
F6.0 RESPONSE COORDINATION..... 2
F7.0 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS..... 2
 F7.1 EMERGENCY CONTACT..... 2
 F7.2 HAZARD IDENTIFICATIONS AND KEY RESPONSE CRITERIA 3

TABLES:

TABLE F1 EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST 3

ACRONYMS

ACGIH	American Conference of Industrial Hygienists
AMA	American Medical Association
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
Applicant	TransWest Express LLC, also TransWest
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CIC	Compliance Inspection Contractor
CSA	Council on Scientific Affairs
NESC	National Electrical Safety Code
NTP	Notice to Proceed
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Plan	Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan
POD	Plan of Development
Project	TransWest Express Transmission Project, also TWE Project
ROD	Record of Decision
TransWest	TransWest Express LLC, also Applicant
TWE Project	TransWest Express Transmission Project, also Project

F1.0 INTRODUCTION

This framework Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (Plan) provides an overview of methods to be implemented by TransWest Express LLC (TransWest or Applicant) and its Construction Contractor(s) if the need for emergency management is necessary during the construction and operation and maintenance of the TransWest Express Transmission Project (TWE Project or Project). This document discusses the existing support structure, chain of command, and emergency communication protocols to be used as a guide for a Plan to be completed by TransWest, and its Construction Contractor(s) and approved by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). More specific emergency procedures for blasting, fire, and hazardous materials are included in Appendices C – Blasting Plan Framework, H– Fire Protection Plan, and L – Hazardous Materials Management Plan.

Emergency response procedures will be implemented for the following potential or similar events:

- Downed transmission lines, structures, or equipment failure
- Fires
- Sudden loss of power
- Natural disasters
- Serious personal injury

F2.0 PLAN PURPOSE

The purpose of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan is to provide clear procedures and information to enable TransWest, the Construction Contractor(s), the Compliance Inspection Contractor (CIC), and BLM Project Manager(s) to prepare for and effectively respond to emergency situations. The primary objective of this Plan is to prevent adverse impacts to human health and safety, property, and the environment that could potentially occur as a result of the construction, operation and maintenance of the TWE Project.

F3.0 PLAN UPDATES

This Plan will be updated for the Record of Decision (ROD) Plan of Development (POD) and will include appropriate mitigation measures to ensure safety and regulation compliance. The updated Plan for the Notice to Proceed (NTP) POD will include a complete emergency contact list. The Construction Contractor(s) will be responsible for preparing and implementing this Plan in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations pertaining to emergency response.

F4.0 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Health and safety guidelines related to high-voltage transmission lines are provided by a number of sources, including the National Electric Safety Code (NESC), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH), American Medical Association (AMA), Council on Scientific Affairs (CSA), various state regulation and other organizations. In addition, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) provides regulations for construction activities.

F5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

TransWest and the Construction Contractor(s) are responsible for the effective response to any emergency situation or event related to the construction, operation and maintenance of the TWE Project. To ensure a coordinated and effective response, a chain of command will be developed as part of this Plan and followed in the event of an emergency.

In the establishment of a chain of command, considerations such as the level of activation and the participation necessary to respond to specific situations are to be taken into account. The following are factors for the establishment of a chain of command:

- Type of event (natural, environmental, electrical supply/outage, external forces)
- Severity and geographic area (multiple or combination of events)
- Anticipated duration
- Multi-division/discipline response required
- External agency coordination

F6.0 RESPONSE COORDINATION

The amount of resources and coordination required for response to a specific hazard or emergency is determined by type, severity, location and duration of the event. Most events require managing at the field operations level and will require increasing resource requirements to match the severity and duration of the event. This emergency management organization will be included as part of this Plan and will provide increasing levels of resources and the coordination necessary to support immediate or escalating emergency events.

In the event of an emergency, crews will be dispatched quickly to repair or replace any damaged equipment. Public health and safety and the health and safety of workers will have priority under emergency conditions. Repair of the transmission line and restoration of electric service is a public health and safety concern and will proceed as rapidly as possible under the circumstances. All reasonable efforts will be made to protect plants, wildlife and other resources. Reclamation procedures following completion of repair work will be similar to those prescribed during construction.

F7.0 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Effective communication and exchange of information is essential in every emergency response. Misdirected, incorrect, or untimely information can be detrimental and can increase the threat to life or property. As an emergency event escalates, the rapid increase of information creates chaos and confusion. Simple communication diagrams can help alleviate this situation and will be developed as part of the final Plan.

F7.1 Emergency Contact

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, ON-SITE PERSONNEL WILL CALL 911 FIRST. Additional potential emergency contacts are listed in Table F1 and should be called as appropriate, depending on the situation (e.g., fire, personal injury). The emergency contacts in Table F1 will be populated for the NTP POD when the selected Agency Preferred Alternative is identified. Further guidance on

emergency response, notification and reporting protocols are included in Appendices C – Blasting Plan, H – Fire Protection Plan, and L – Hazardous Materials Management Plan.

This emergency contact list shall be verified at the beginning of construction and updated throughout the Project by the Construction Contractor(s) to ensure accurate contact information.

TABLE F1 EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 911		
Fire – Call 911 first		
Counties: Primary Contact: TBD Secondary Contact: TBD	BLM Field Offices: TBD USFS Ranger Districts: TBD	State Interagency Fire Centers: TBD
Law Enforcement		
County Sheriffs: TBD	State Highway Patrol: TBD	
Poison Control		
National/State Poison Control Centers: TBD		
Hospitals and Clinics		
County and Municipal as Applicable: TBD		
Hazardous Spill Response and Notification – Call 911		
After 911 notification, the following mandatory notifications will be made by the Compliance Inspection Contractor. Select and notify the appropriate government agencies based on geographic location of the spill site. Also see Appendix L – Hazardous Materials Management Plan		
Counties: TBD	State Divisions of Emergency Services and Homeland Security: TBD	National Response Center: TBD
State Departments of Environmental Quality: TBD		
Other Numbers		
County Fire Dispatch: TBD	BLM Authorized Officer or Representative: TBD	Construction Contractor Manager: TBD

F7.2 Hazard Identifications and Key Response Criteria

Construction activities for the Project can pose potential hazards or threats. The most effective response to any situation is awareness of the hazard, its potential effects and consequences, and an understanding of the resources and actions necessary to respond. Listing all the potential hazards and a detailed each response is not appropriated for this Plan. Responses to different events may vary as the event evolves, but reasonable response methods and responsibilities will be determined in future updates to this Plan. Scenarios that may be considered are electrocution, fatality, massive equipment failure, structure failure, weather, environmental, etc.