



# Transmission Line Refurbishment Projects

## K43 Line

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# TLR Strategies

- Traditional inspections to establish initial replacement plans:
  - Comprehensive Aerial Patrol (8 year cycle)
  - Osmose (8 year cycle)
  - Aerial Patrols (4 times per year)
  - Ground Patrol (prior to finalizing work plan)
- Final replacement plans include the identified deficient structures and adjacent structures nearing their end of life.
- Project plan is developed a year in advance
- Create efficiencies to minimize costs and negative impacts



# K43 Line



115 kV line from Williston to New Haven

20.9 mile line built in 1954, and originally operated at 69kV

# Example Inspection Results

## Pole Rot





# Example Inspection Results

## Weathered Poles and Woodpecker holes



# Example Inspection Results

## Cracked poles





# K43 Line Structure Replacement Summary

- Located primarily in low land terrain consisting of agricultural fields and vast wetlands that produce substantial pole foundation challenges.
- Major issues being addressed include severely weathered and cracked poles, woodpecker holes, and rotten pole tops
- Additional assessment findings include rotted crossarms and woodpecker damage
- Replace 105 out of 245 wood H-frame structures. Majority of replacements will be steel H-frames, especially in areas seeing woodpecker damage. Minimal wood H-frames will be installed to reduce current wood pole inventory.
- Total Estimate: \$16.9 million (+/-10%) PTF
- Completion of work projected in 2026

