

## **APPENDIX B - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

*(This page intentionally left blank)*



**Siting and Land Rights**  
P.O. Box 1261  
Amarillo, TX 79105-1261  
Telephone: (806) 378-2132  
Facsimile: (806) 378-2142



September 28, 2011

«OWNER\_NAME»  
«COMPANY»  
«ADDRESS»  
«ADDRESS\_2»  
«CITY», «STATE» «ZIP\_CODE»

**Re: Bowers-Howard 115 kV Transmission Line Project Open Houses**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), a subsidiary of Xcel Energy, Inc., is proposing to construct a new 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line in Gray and Wheeler counties, Texas. The proposed transmission line will be approximately 34 miles long, depending upon the route approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT). The proposed transmission line will connect the existing Bowers Substation (located approximately three miles northwest of Lefors, Texas west of the intersection of County Road 13 and Sun Oil Road) to the existing Howard Substation located in the southwest corner of Wheeler Texas. Please see the enclosed map.

You are receiving this notice because one or more of the preliminary alternative route segments may require an easement or other property interest across your property, or the centerline of one of the route segments may come within 300 feet of your property.

SPS is committed to routing the proposed transmission line in a manner consistent with the values of the local communities, the Texas Utilities Code, the PUCT Rules and Policies, and the need to provide reliable electric service to this area of north Texas.

SPS is hosting two public open houses to solicit input to help determine the preferred route for the proposed transmission line as well as to share information about routing alternatives.

«TRACT»  
«SECTION\_Township\_Range»

October 11	October 13
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Wheeler County Ag & Family Life Center 7939 US Hwy 83 Wheeler, TX 79096	5:00 – 7:00 p.m. AmericInn Event Center 1101B N. Hobart Pampa, TX 79065

Preliminary alternative route segments have been identified and are shown as solid orange lines on the attached map. Maps with greater detail will be available at the open houses.

Individuals attending the public open houses will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide information regarding the proposed transmission line route segments. These preliminary alternative route segments are subject to modification based on further study and information received at the public open houses.

Additional project information, including detailed route segment maps, is posted at [www.powerfortheplains.com](http://www.powerfortheplains.com). If you have any questions concerning the open houses, please contact Lance Kenedy at (806) 378-2435.

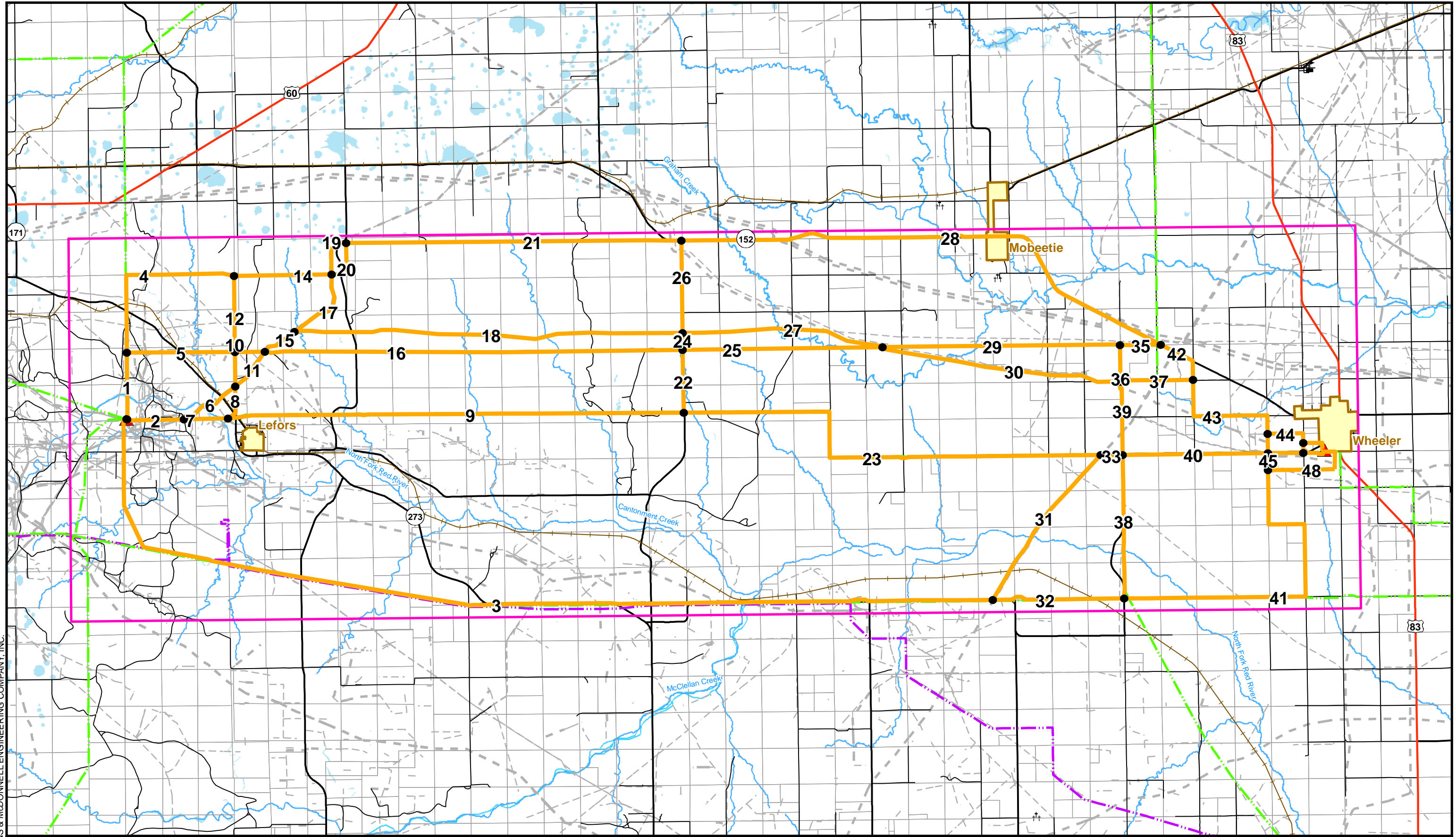
Sincerely,



Brad Sparks  
Xcel Energy



Path: V:\SPS62799\_Bowers\_Howard\GISDataFiles\ArcDocs\Notice\_Map.mxd dwerth 9/26/2011  
COPYRIGHT © 2011 BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Study Area</li><li> Seg_End_Pt_Rt_v3</li><li> Route Segments</li><li> Existing Substation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Existing Transmission Line</li><li> Proposed Cross Texas Transmission Line</li><li> Municipal Area</li><li> Survey Lines</li></ul>	<b>Pipelines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> 6" - 15"</li><li> Greater than 15"</li><li> Railroads</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Road</li><li> State Highway</li><li> U.S. Highway</li><li> Interstate</li></ul>	<div>2.5 1.25 0 2.5 Miles</div> <div></div>	<div> </div>	<p>Southwestern Public Service Bowers to Howard 115kV Transmission Line Project Open House Notice Map Date: 9/26/2011</p>
--	---	---	--	---	------------------	---



# SPS Bowers to Howard 115-kV Transmission Line Project

## QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is designed to help you identify issues related to the routing of the proposed Bowers to Howard 115-kV Transmission Line Project. This transmission line will be located along a route between the existing Bowers Substation located northwest of Lefors, Texas and the existing Howard Substation located in Wheeler, Texas. SPS is responsible for siting the line. Your answers will assist the study team in understanding public interests and concerns, and will allow the team to incorporate this information in the route selection process. Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the information presented in the informational meeting today. Thank you for your input.

### PROJECT NEED

1. Do you believe the need for this transmission line has been explained adequately?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Uncertain

If "no" or "uncertain," what additional information would be helpful to you?

---



---

### LINE ROUTING CONSIDERATIONS

2. The routing of a transmission line involves many considerations. Please circle the number corresponding to the level of importance of each factor to you. Your ratings will help us evaluate the different route alternatives.

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Rating</u>				
	Most Important	.....	Somewhat Important	.....	Not Important
a) Maximize distance from residences	1	2	3	4	5
b) Maximize distance from businesses	1	2	3	4	5
c) Maximize distance from public facilities (e.g., parks, schools, churches, cemeteries)	1	2	3	4	5
d) Maximize length along existing transmission lines	1	2	3	4	5
e) Maximize length along highways or other roads	1	2	3	4	5
f) Maximize length along property boundaries	1	2	3	4	5
g) Maintain reliable electric service	1	2	3	4	5
h) Minimize length through wetlands and number of stream / river crossings	1	2	3	4	5
i) Minimize length across cropland	1	2	3	4	5
j) Minimize loss of trees	1	2	3	4	5
k) Minimize visibility of the line	1	2	3	4	5
l) Minimize total length of line (reducing the total cost)	1	2	3	4	5
m) Minimize length through grassland or pasture	1	2	3	4	5
n) Minimize impacts to archaeological and historic sites and/or Native American lands	1	2	3	4	5
o) Minimize length through high quality Lesser Prairie Chicken habitat	1	2	3	4	5

--- over ---

3. If you would like to comment further on any of the above factors, or identify any other factors or issues that you feel should be considered, please use the space below or an additional page.

---



---

4. If you have a concern with, or a suggestion for, a particular transmission line segment(s) shown on the display of potential routes, please indicate the segment number and describe your concern or suggestion.

**Map Sheet & Section No.**

**Concern**

<hr/>	<hr/>
<hr/>	<hr/>

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

5. Which of the following applies to your situation?

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Potential line route is near my home.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ b. Potential line route is near my farm or business.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ c. Not affected by potential route.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ d. Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you believe the public open house format and the information provided was helpful for your understanding of the project?

Open House Format:	_____ helpful	_____ not helpful
Information Provided:	_____ helpful	_____ not helpful
SPS Staff:	_____ helpful	_____ not helpful

How can we improve this format to better inform and respond to you?

---



---

7. OPTIONAL: Please enter your name and address below. (Names and addresses are **confidential**)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Please add my name to the project mailing list and contact me by (circle one) **e-mail** or **regular mail**.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

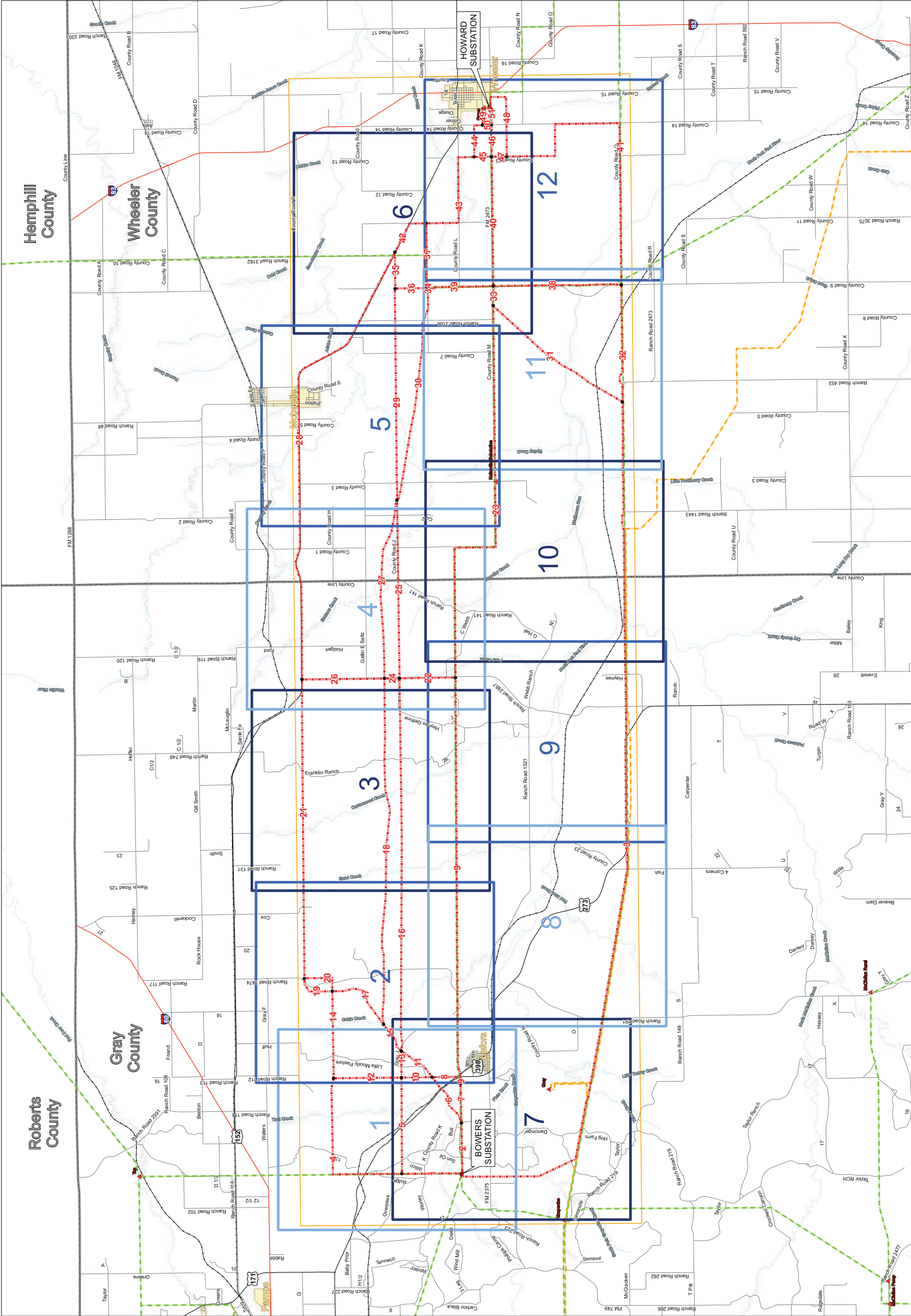
---




---

We encourage you to fill out and submit your questionnaire at the meeting. If taking the questionnaire with you, please mail completed questionnaires **before Oct. 28** to: Dusty E. Werth, Burns & McDonnell Engineering, 9400 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114











5,000 2,500 0 Feet


**Legend**


 Study Area


 Segment End Point


 Preliminary Routes


 Existing Substation


 Existing Transmission Line


 CTT Proposed Transmission Line


 Railroads



 U.S. Highway

 State Highway

 Road

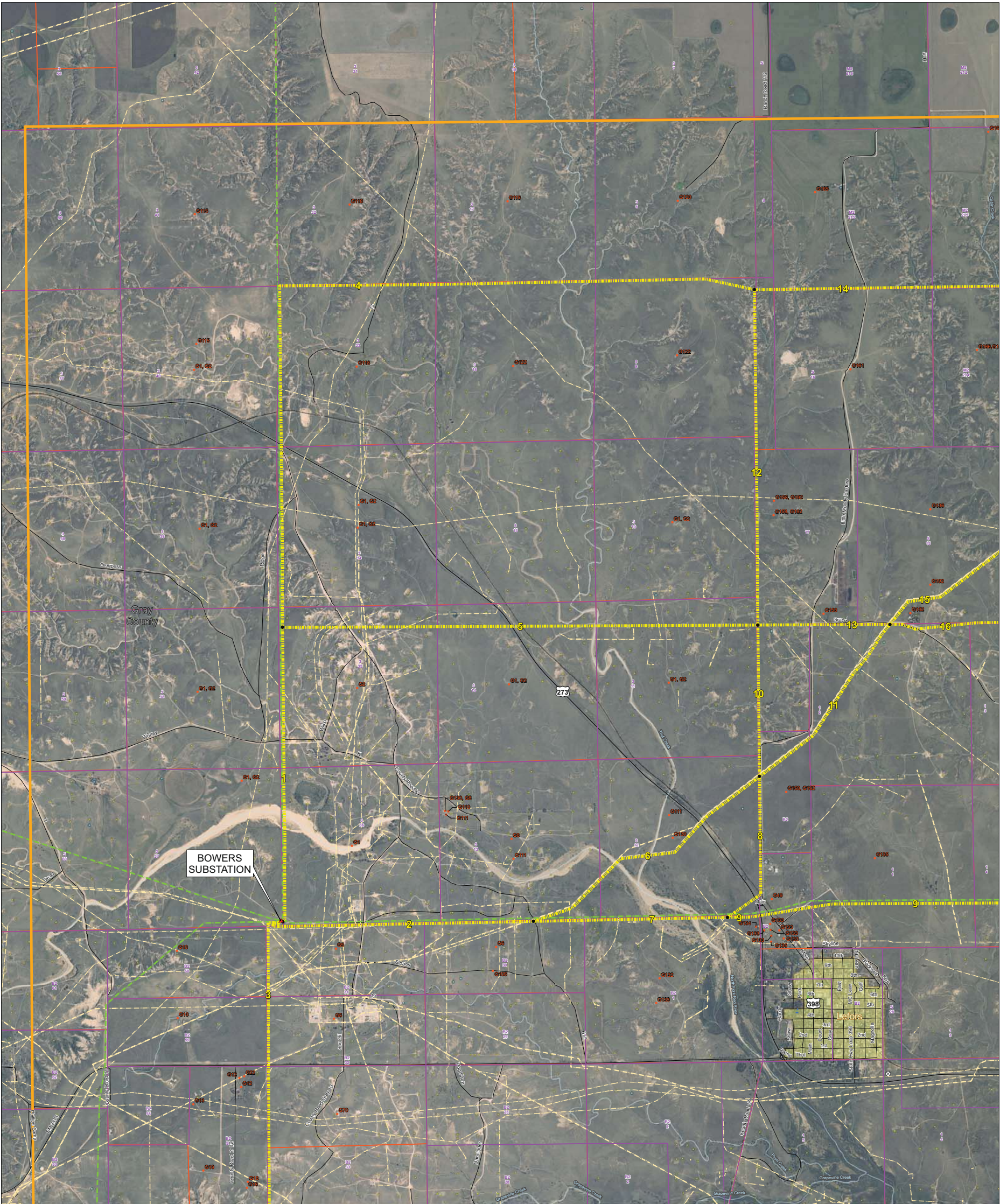
 City Boundary

 County Boundary



Bowers to Howard  
Southwest Public Service Company  
Open House Maps  
Sheet Index





Feet

**Legend**

Study Area	Existing Substation	School	Oil Well	U.S. Highway	Parcel
Segment End Point	Existing Transmission Line	Cemetery	Water Wells	State Highway	Park
Preliminary Routes	CTT Proposed Transmission Line	Airport	FCC Tower	Road	City Boundary
		Irrigation System	Survey Abstract	Railroads	County Boundary

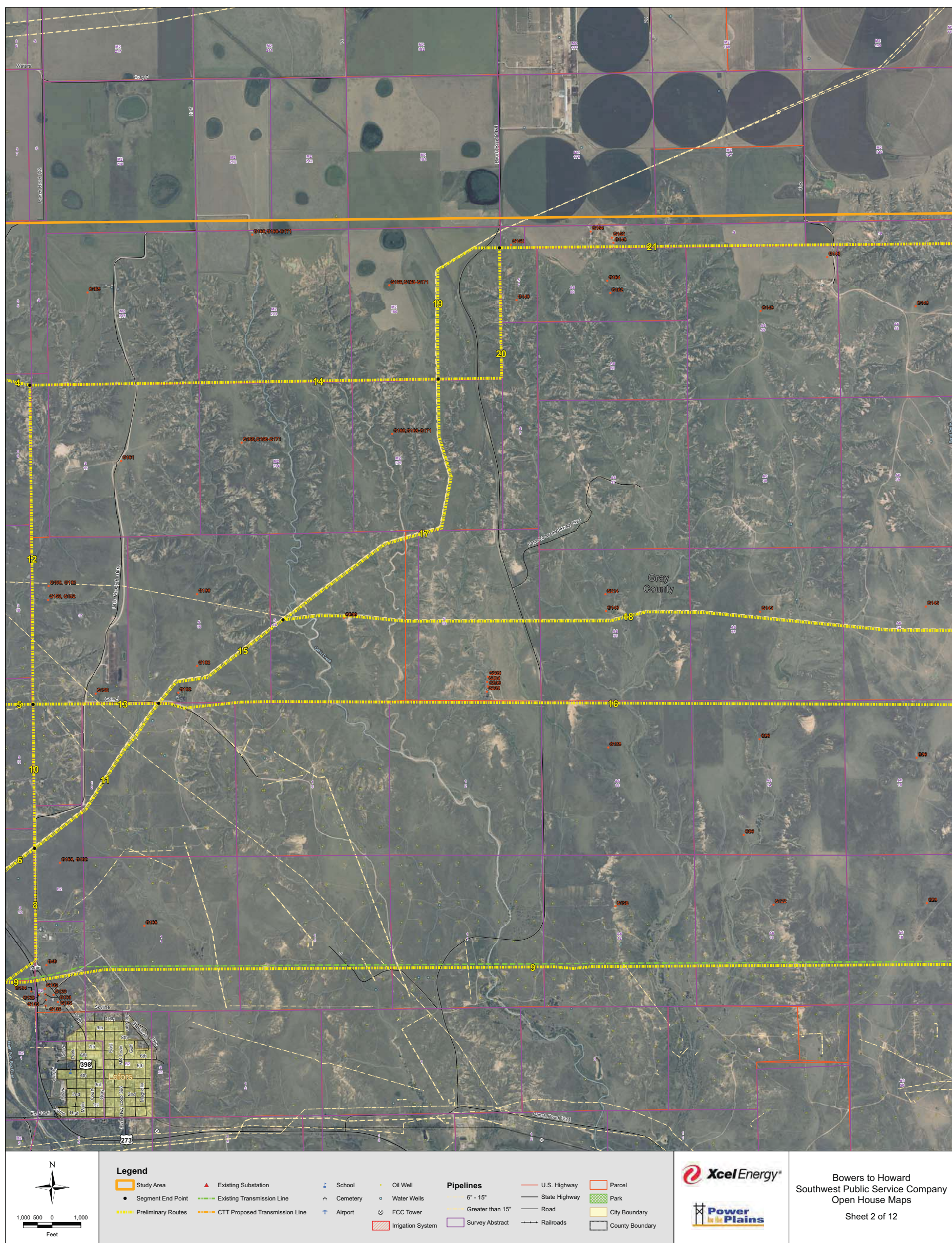
**Pipelines**

6" - 15"	
Greater than 15"	

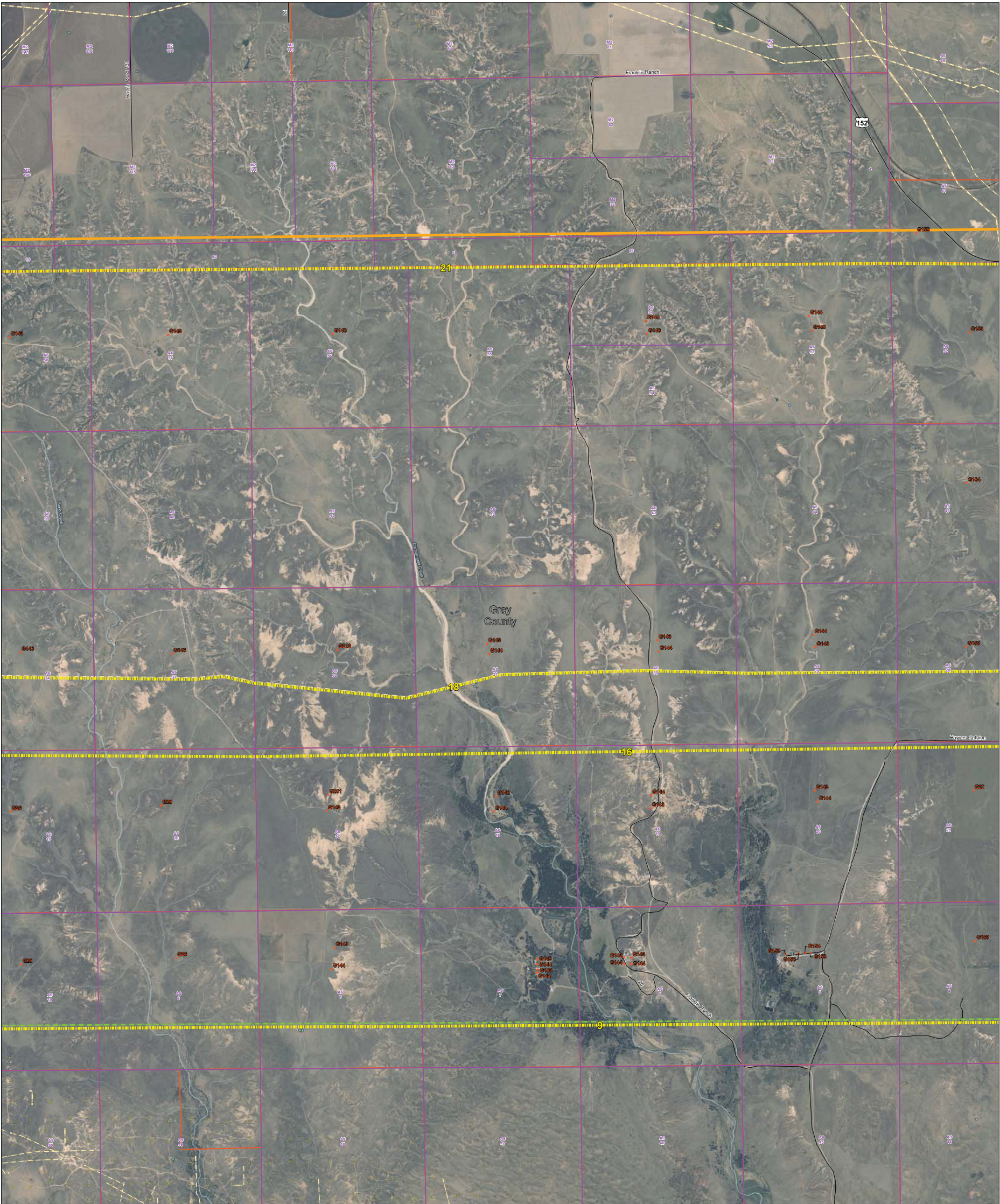
Bowers to Howard  
Southwest Public Service Company  
Open House Maps


Sheet 1 of 12



































  
1,000 500 0 1,000  
Feet

**Legend**


 Study Area	 Existing Substation	 School	 Oil Well	<b>Pipelines</b>	 U.S. Highway	 Parcel
 Segment End Point	 Existing Transmission Line	 Cemetery	 Water Wells	 6" - 15"	 State Highway	 Park
 Preliminary Routes	 CTT Proposed Transmission Line	 Airport	 FCC Tower	 Greater than 15"	 Road	 City Boundary
		 Irrigation System	 Survey Abstract	 Railroads	 County Boundary	

























Bowers to Howard  
Southwest Public Service Company  
Open House Maps  
Sheet 3 of 12







  
1,000 500 0 1,000  
Feet

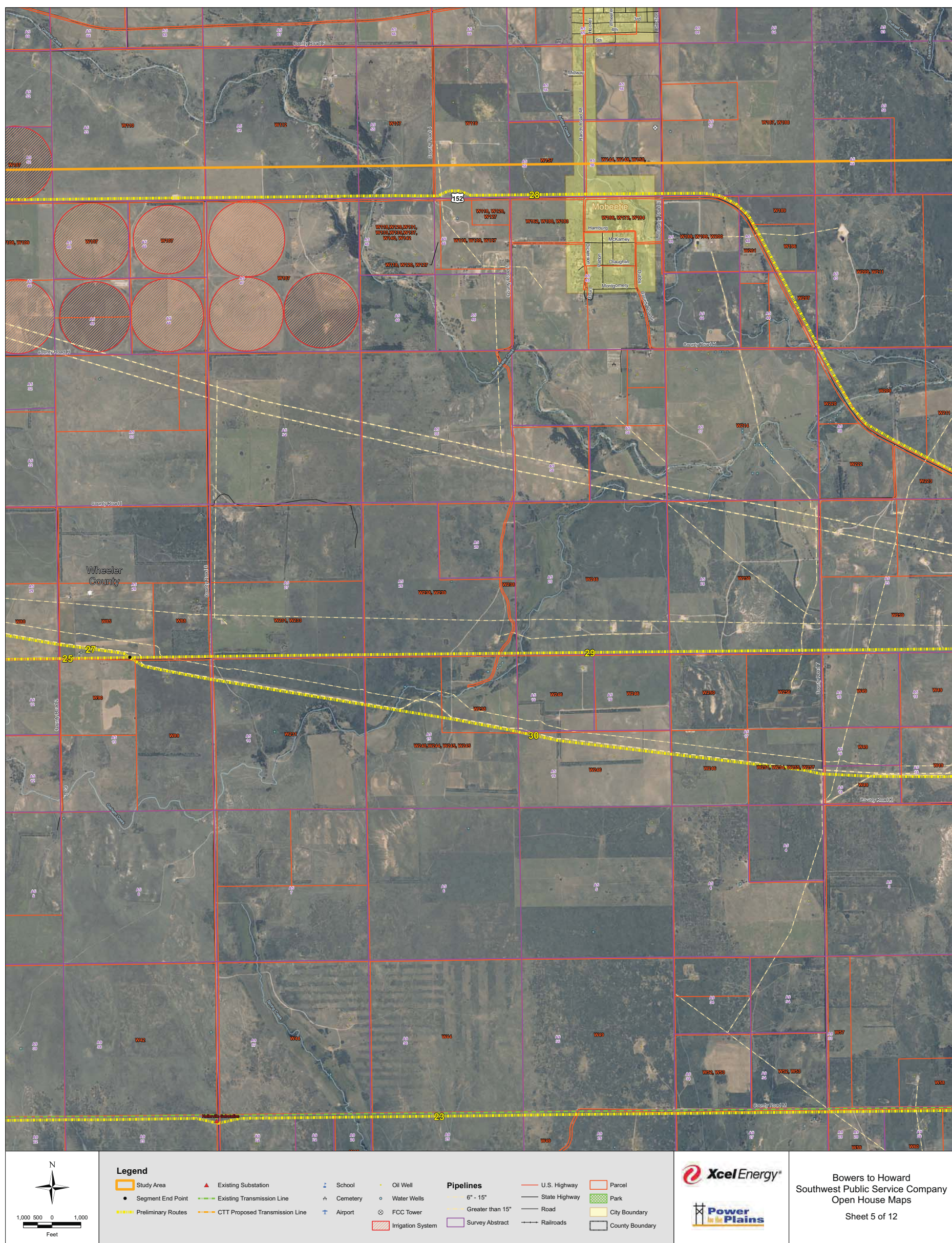
**Legend**

 Study Area	 Existing Substation	 School	 Oil Well	<b>Pipelines</b>	 U.S. Highway	 Parcel
 Segment End Point	 Existing Transmission Line	 Cemetery	 Water Wells	 6" - 15"	 State Highway	 Park
 Preliminary Routes	 CTT Proposed Transmission Line	 Airport	 FCC Tower	 Greater than 15"	 Road	 City Boundary
	 Irrigation System		 Survey Abstract	 Railroads	 County Boundary	

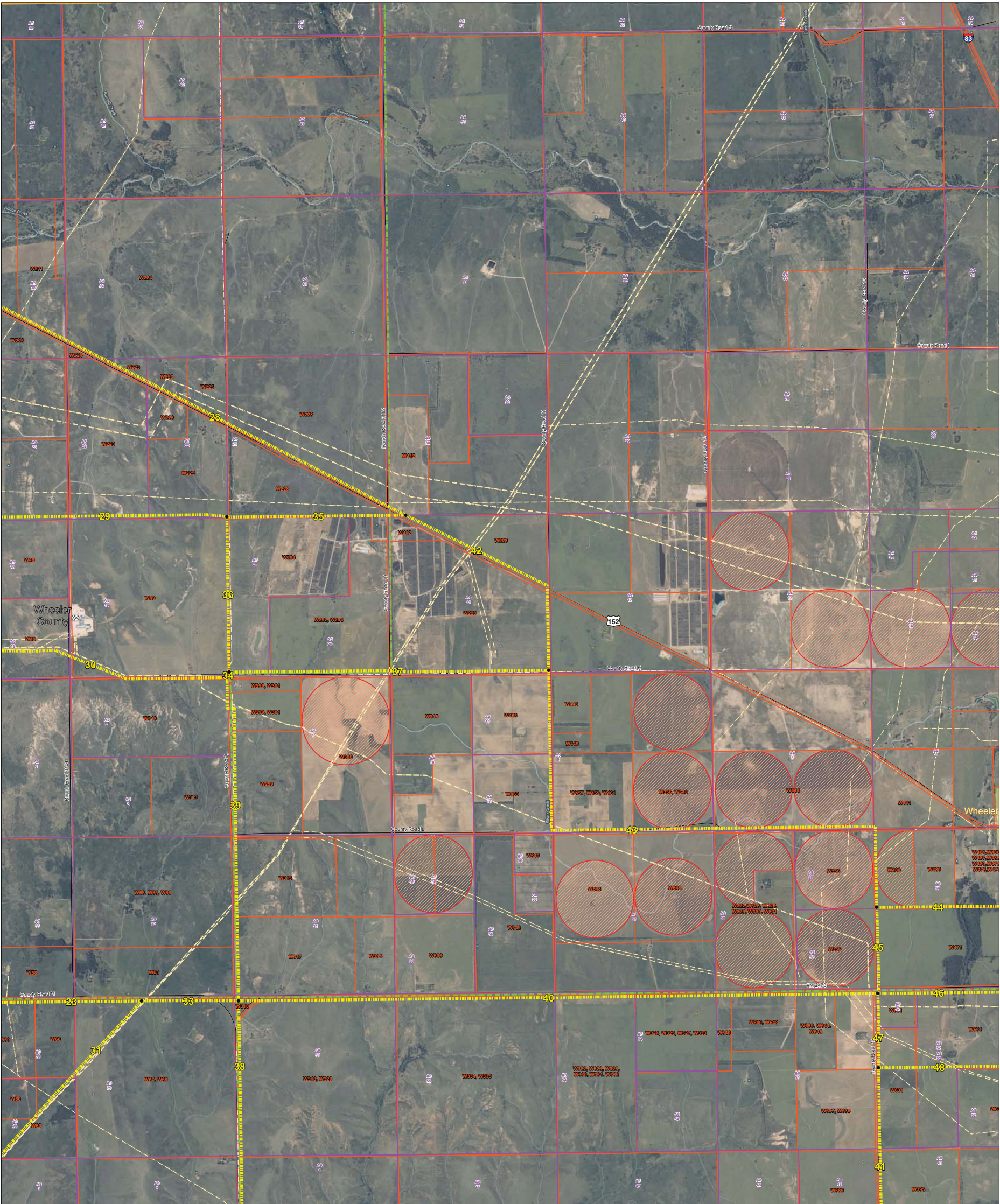
  



Bowers to Howard  
Southwest Public Service Company  
Open House Maps  
Sheet 4 of 12

































  
1,000 500 0 1,000  
Feet

**Legend**

 Study Area	 Existing Substation	 School	 Oil Well	 U.S. Highway	 Parcel
 Segment End Point	 Existing Transmission Line	 Cemetery	 Water Wells	 State Highway	 Park
 Preliminary Routes	 CTT Proposed Transmission Line	 Airport	 FCC Tower	 Road	 City Boundary
	 Irrigation System		 Survey Abstract	 Railroads	 County Boundary

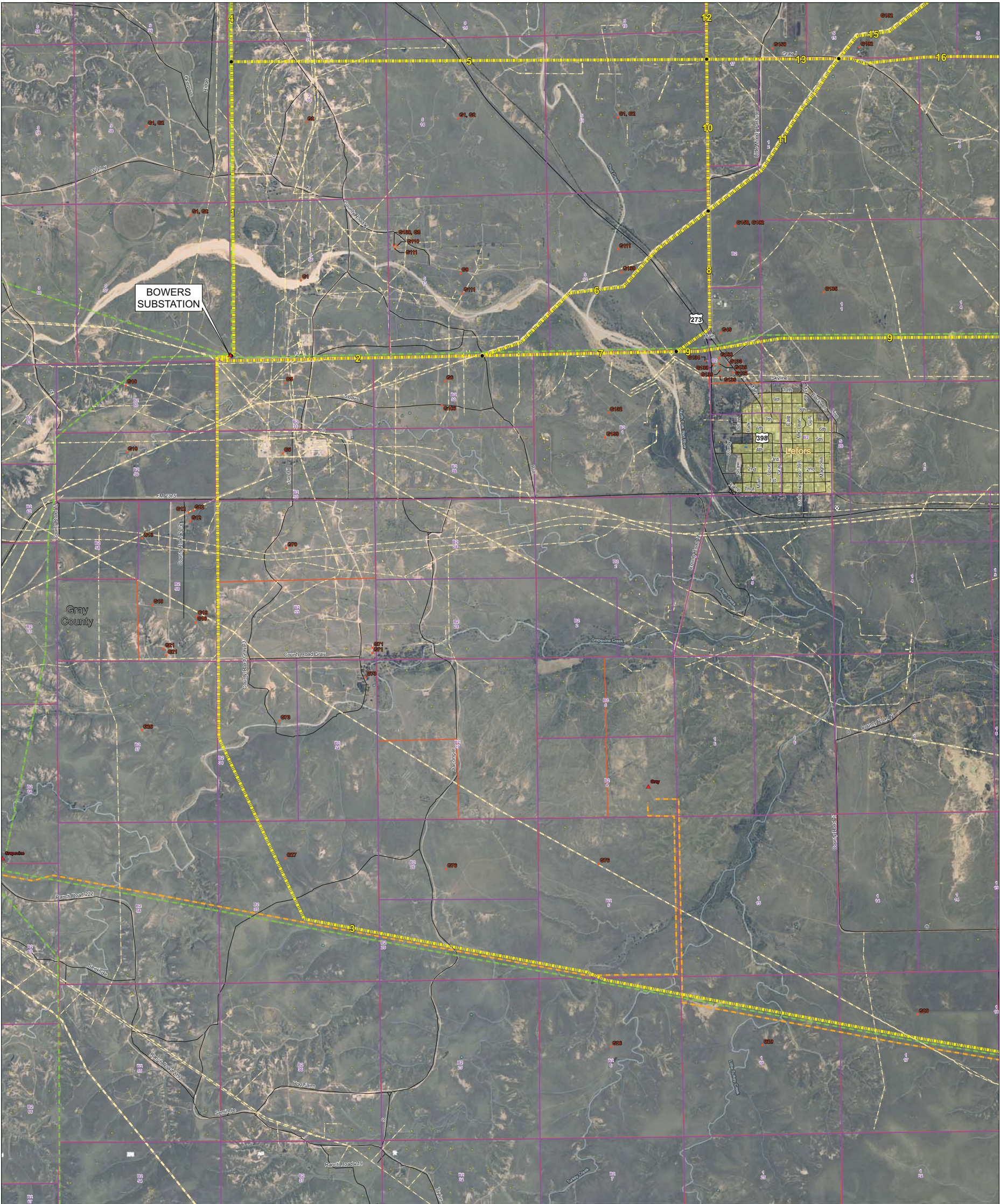
 **Xcel Energy**

 **Power Plains**

Bowers to Howard  
Southwest Public Service Company  
Open House Maps

Sheet 6 of 12





1,000 500 0 1,000  
Feet

**Legend**

Study Area	Existing Substation	School	Oil Well	<b>Pipelines</b>	U.S. Highway	Parcel
Segment End Point	Existing Transmission Line	Cemetery	Water Wells	6" - 15"	State Highway	Park
Preliminary Routes	CTT Proposed Transmission Line	Airport	FCC Tower	Greater than 15"	Road	City Boundary
	Irrigation System		Survey Abstract		Railroads	County Boundary

Bowers to Howard  
Southwest Public Service Company  
Open House Maps

Sheet 7 of 12

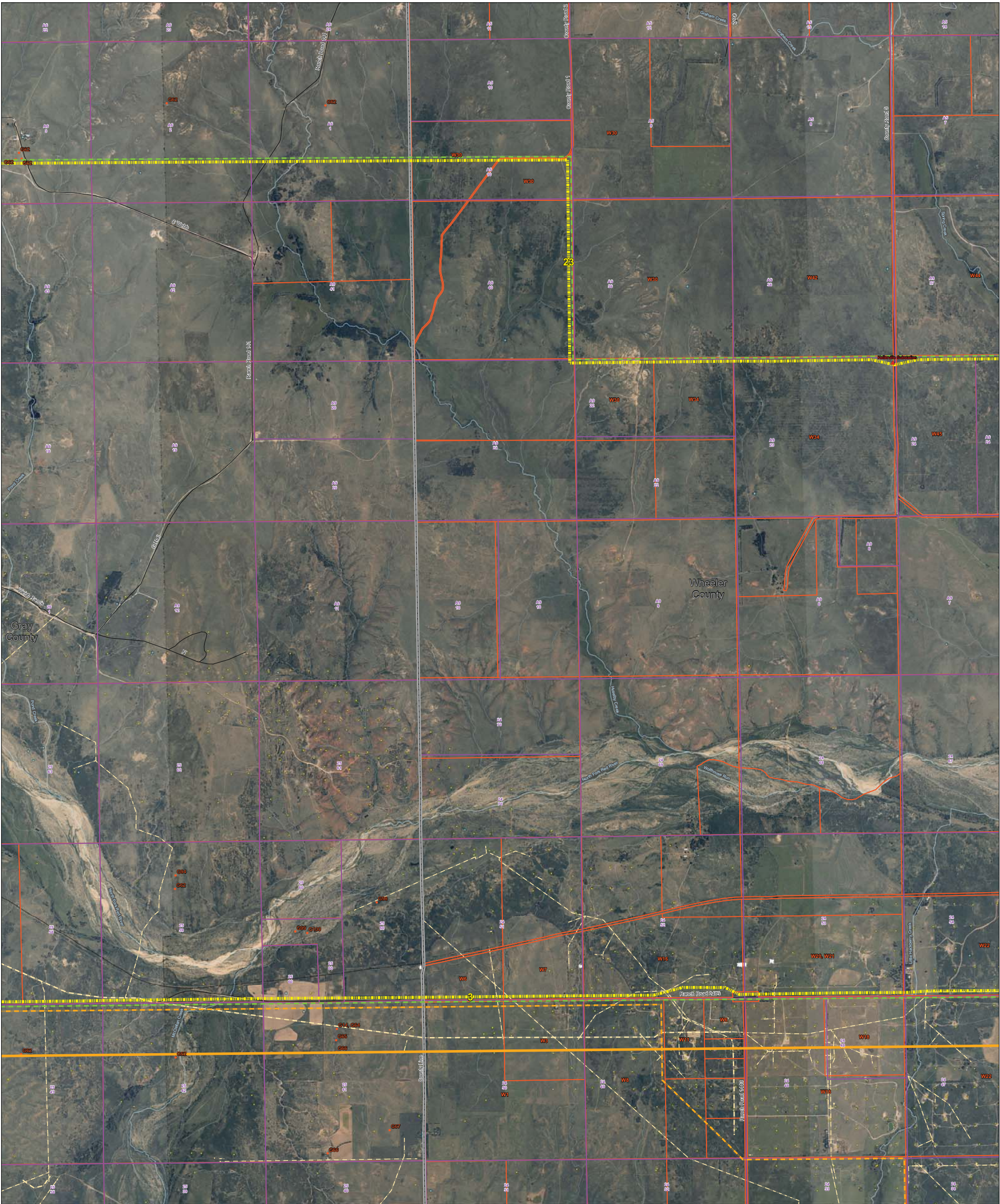










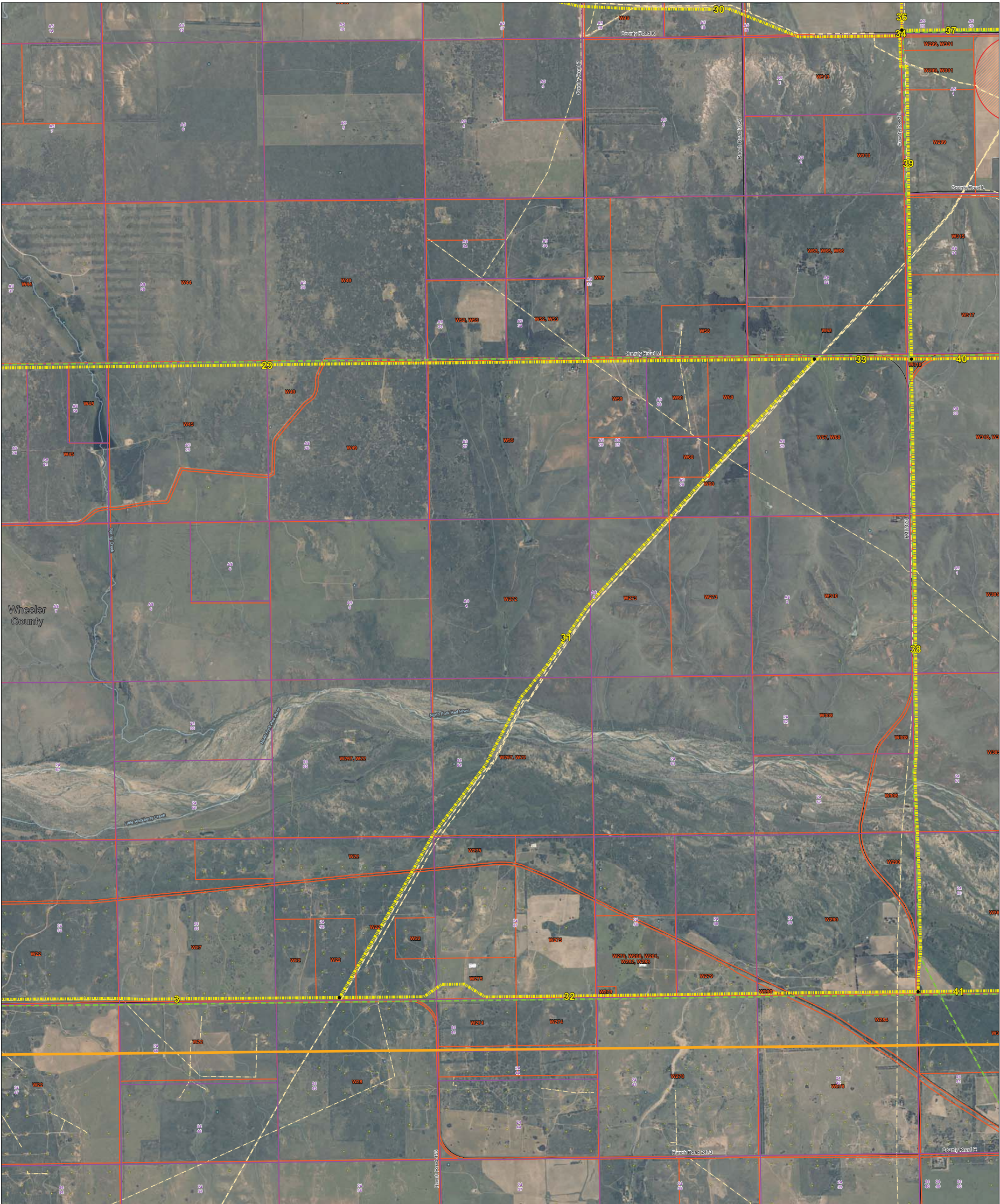



**Legend**

Study Area	Existing Substation	School	Oil Well	Pipelines	U.S. Highway	Parcel
Segment End Point	Existing Transmission Line	Cemetery	Water Wells	6" - 15"	State Highway	Park
Preliminary Routes	CTT Proposed Transmission Line	Airport	FCC Tower	Greater than 15"	Road	City Boundary
		Irrigation System	Survey Abstract	Survey Abstract	Railroads	County Boundary























Bowers to Howard  
Southwest Public Service Company  
Open House Maps  
Sheet 10 of 12

















  
1,000 500 0 1,000  
Feet

**Legend**

 Study Area	 Existing Substation	 School	 Oil Well	 U.S. Highway	 Parcel
 Segment End Point	 Existing Transmission Line	 Cemetery	 Water Wells	 State Highway	 Park
 Preliminary Routes	 CTT Proposed Transmission Line	 Airport	 FCC Tower	 Road	 City Boundary
		 Irrigation System	 Survey Abstract	 Railroads	 County Boundary

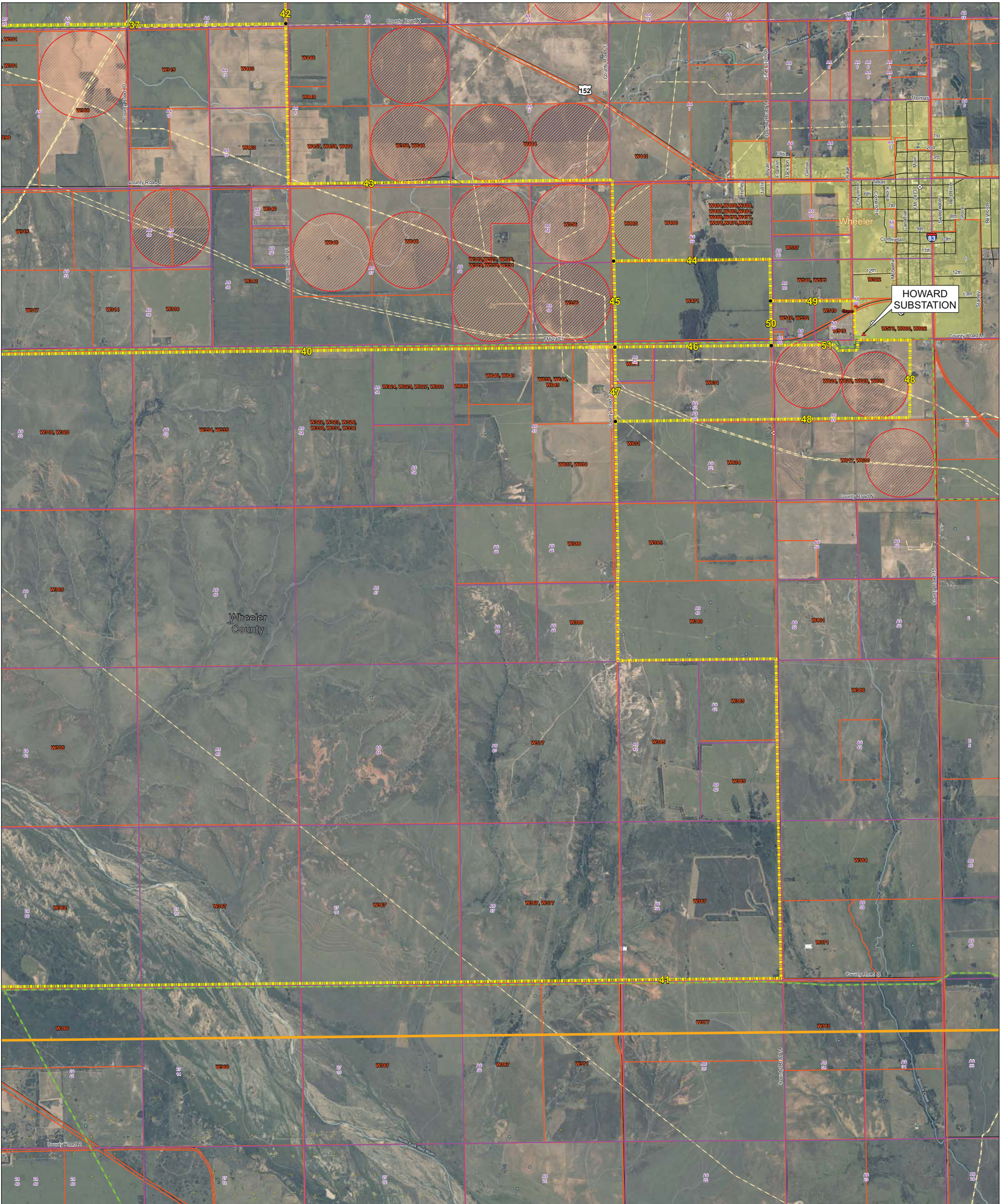
**Pipelines**

 6" - 15"	 U.S. Highway	 Parcel
 Greater than 15"	 State Highway	 Park
	 Road	 City Boundary
	 Railroads	 County Boundary

Bowers to Howard  
Southwest Public Service Company  
Open House Maps  
Sheet 11 of 12





1,000 500 0 1,000  
Feet

**Legend**

Study Area	Existing Substation	School	Oil Well	<b>Pipelines</b>	U.S. Highway	Parcel
Segment End Point	Existing Transmission Line	Cemetery	Water Wells	6" - 15"	State Highway	Park
Preliminary Routes	CTT Proposed Transmission Line	Airport	FCC Tower	Greater than 15"	Road	City Boundary
		Irrigation System	Survey Abstract		Railroads	County Boundary

Bowers to Howard  
Southwest Public Service Company  
Open House Maps

Sheet 12 of 12