



## Easement Acquisition and Survey Permission

- An easement is a permanent right authorizing a utility to use the Right-of-Way (ROW) to build and maintain a transmission line.
- Access may be needed for construction and long-term maintenance of the transmission line.
- To assist with transmission line engineering and design, temporary access or permission from landowners would be acquired.
- Engineering, environmental, cultural, and land survey studies would be conducted to develop the final transmission line route.
- Market data from recent sales of similar properties is used to determine fair and appropriate landowner compensation.
- Every effort will be made to reach a fair and reasonable settlement. When negotiations are unsuccessful, which is rare, we may have to exercise our eminent domain authority may be required.

## Working in the Right-of-Way

- Normally, access by the landowner within the transmission line easement is not restricted, and agricultural activities can still occur.
- Activities not permitted within the easement are those that jeopardize the integrity of the structures or reduce the ground-to-line clearance, such as construction of buildings.
- Landowners should exercise caution when operating tall equipment, moving irrigation pipes, fueling vehicles, or conducting other activities within the easement to prevent electrical shock or contact with the line.

## Easements and Agriculture

### Irrigation

- Structures will be placed to avoid conflicts with irrigation equipment and its operation to the extent possible.
- Site specific circumstances can be addressed with landowners.

### Planting and Harvesting

- ROW agents would work with individual landowners to determine when to avoid construction during the planting and harvesting seasons.
- If damage to crops cannot be avoided, compensation for crop loss will be offered.

### Livestock

- In coordination with the landowner, segments of fences may be removed or access gates may be installed during line construction.
- Crews would construct temporary fences and work with landowners to minimize impacts to and protect livestock.
- If the landowner is in agreement, gates would be left in place to facilitate future maintenance activities.

