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The following study and analysis is prepared for the proposed Avenal Energy project. This project will produce a net 600 MW of electric power for delivery to the existing PG&E transmission grid.

The following electric and magnetic field (EMF) analysis was conducted to assess the maximum likely EMF strengths that would result from operating the new generators at the proposed Avenal plant. This analysis addresses magnetic or electric field that will occur on the new transmission interconnection between the proposed Avenal plant and the point of interconnection at the existing Gates 230-kV substation.

The Corona and Field Effects Program - Version 3, developed by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), is a computer program that was used to model EMFs from the transmission lines. The model requires detailed inputs regarding line configuration, conductors, sub-conductors, voltage and current. The condition modeled includes a new net 600-MW combined-cycle plant connected to the existing Gates 230-kV substation via a new 230-kV switchyard and a new single-circuit, 230-kV transmission line (Figure 1). This new line is the subject of this analysis.

#### **ASSUMPTIONS**

Conductor currents produce magnetic fields. The strength of these fields depends on the quantity of current. The maximum currents for this analysis were obtained from the maximum output of the facility at 0.9 power factor. Further, magnetic fields are also dependent on transmission line configuration and separation between conductors. Below is information about the magnitude of currents used in the analysis and about the configuration of the new line.

#### **LINE CONFIGURATIONS AND TABULATIONS**

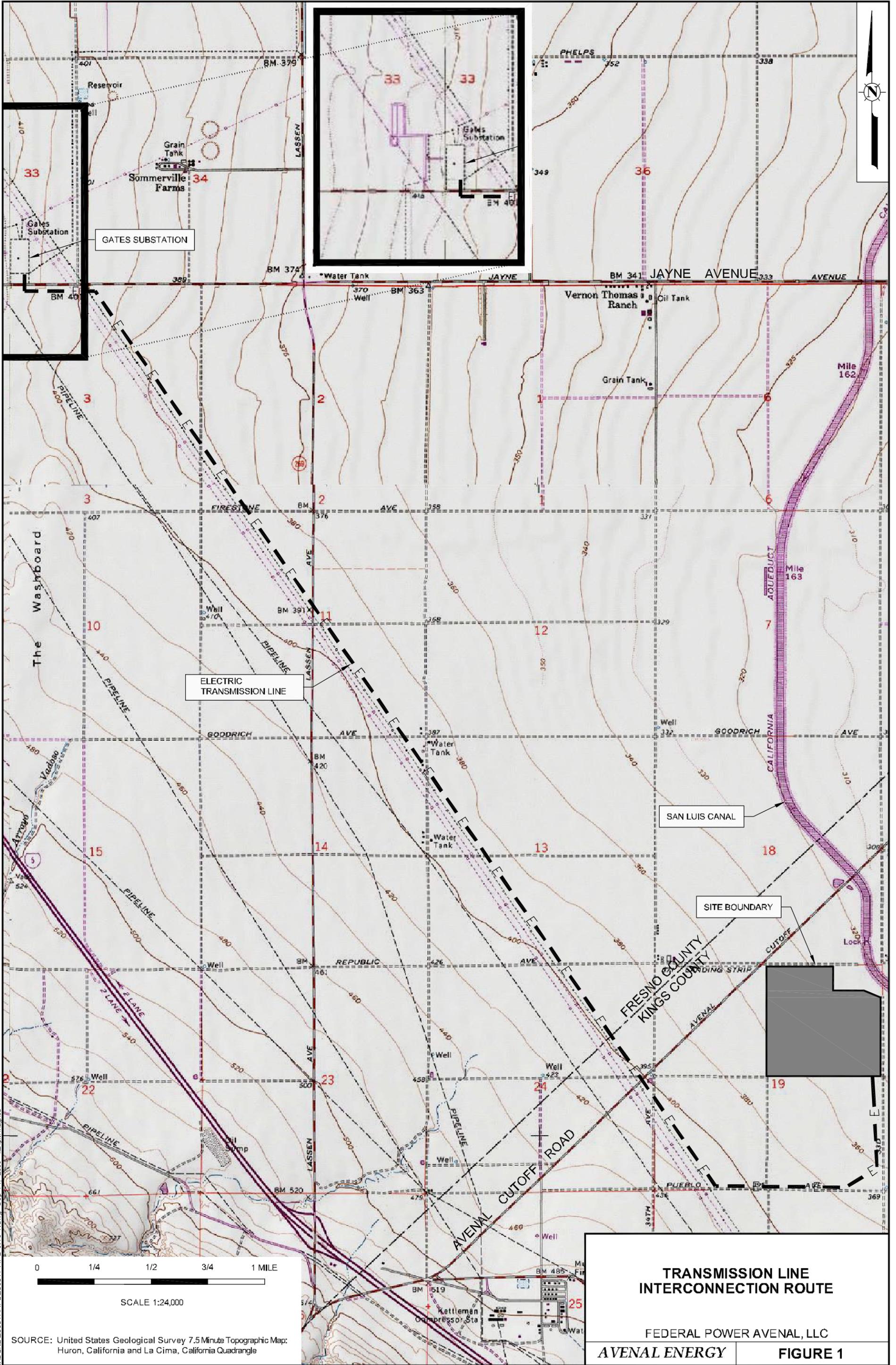
The new line will be constructed on steel poles to be located on a 120-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW). The new transmission line ROW cross section configuration is depicted in Figure 2.

The following are additional details for the Avenal transmission line configuration:

- **Figure 1:** Avenal-Gates Single Circuit, Single Pole Structure
  - The electric and magnetic field tabulations are included in Table A-6.18-1.
  - The circuit currents per phase (in amperes) are 1,674 amps on the Avenal-Gates line.
  - The circuit conductors per phase are 2-954 ASCR (1.092 inches diameter), with EHS (extra heavy strength, 0.385 inches diameter, all steel) static wires.

### **CORONA PERFORMANCE**

See Table A-16.18-1 for the maximum gradient for each conductor in kilovolts/centimeter. The calculated fair and rain weather audible noise, radio interference and rain weather television interference values are listed as a function of lateral distance from the centerline reference of the transmission line configuration.



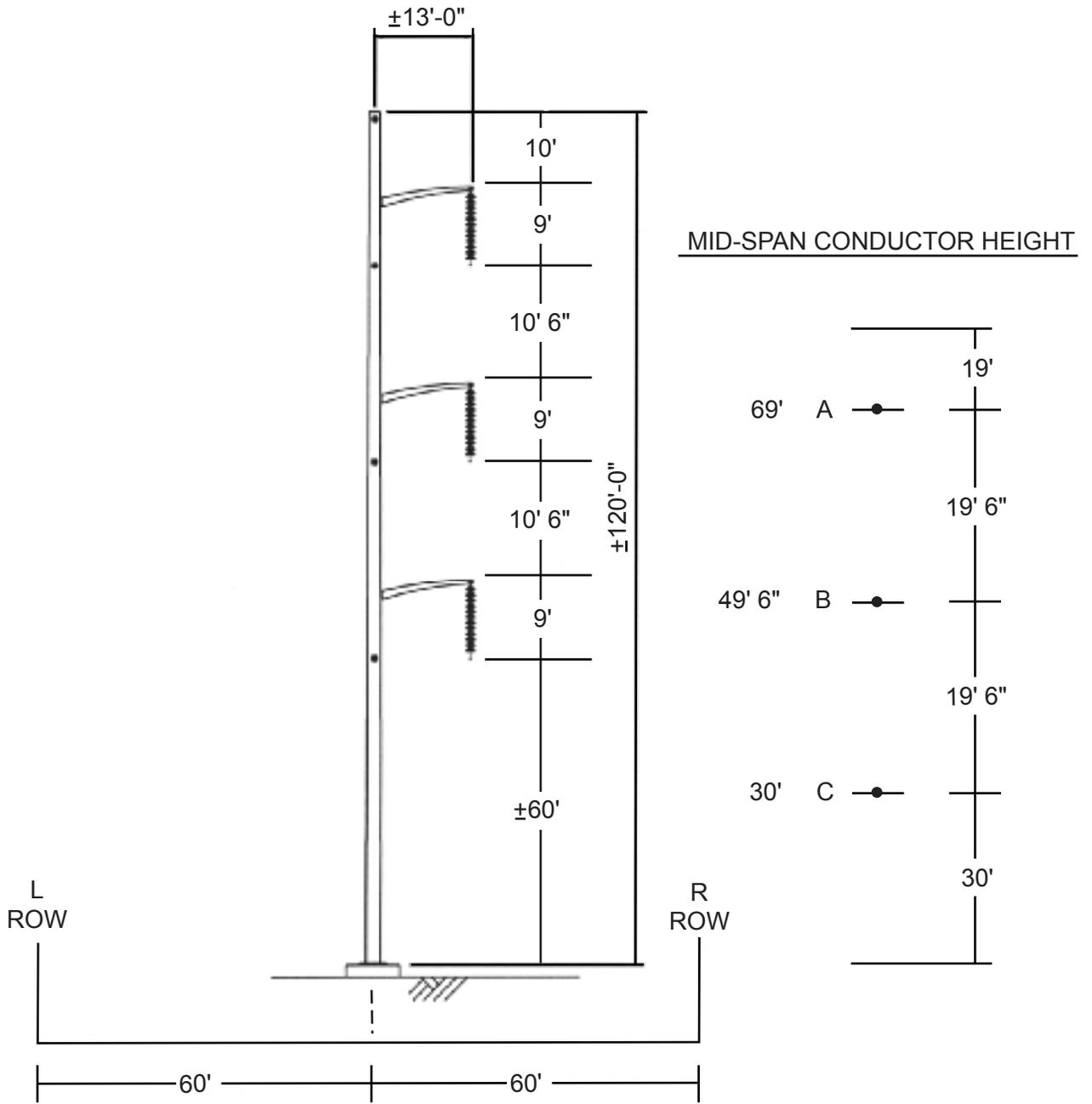
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**TRANSMISSION LINE  
INTERCONNECTION ROUTE**

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<b>AVENAL ENERGY</b>	<b>FIGURE 1</b>
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SOURCE: United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Topographic Map:  
Huron, California and La Cima, California Quadrangle



NOT TO SCALE

**TYPICAL RIGHT-OF-WAY  
CROSS SECTION**

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**FIGURE 2**

## TABLE A-6.18-1 ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELD TABULATIONS

COMBINED OUTPUT OF AUDIBLE NOISE, RADIO NOISE, TVI, OZONE CONCENTRATION, GROUND GRADIENT AND MAGNETIC FIELD  
Federal Power Avenal Generation Project - 2 x 954 kcm SSAC w/grd  
Avenal Power Project 230 kV Lines Single circuit structure

	DIST. FROM CENTER OF TOWER (FEET)	HEIGHT (FEET)	MAXIMUM GRADIENT (KV/CM)	SUBCON DIAM. (IN)	NO. OF SUBCON	SUBCON SPACING (IN)	VOLTAGE L-N (KV)	PHASE ANGLE (DEGREES)	CURRENT (kAmps)	CORONA LOSSES (KW/MI)
av-gts a	13.00	69.00	10.23	1.20	2	18.00	132.80	.00	1.67	.781
av-gts b	13.00	49.50	11.23	1.20	2	18.00	132.80	-120.00	1.67	1.432
av-gts c	13.00	30.00	10.71	1.20	2	18.00	132.80	120.00	1.67	1.052
av-gt s1	.50	88.00	6.15	.38	1	.00	.00	.00	.00	.000

AN MICROPHONE HT. = 5.0 FT, RI ANT. HT. = 5.0 FT, TV ANT. HT. = 10.0 FT, ALTITUDE = .0 FT  
RI FREQ = 1.000 MHZ, TV FREQ = 75.000 MHZ, WIND VEL. (OZ) = 2.000 MPH, GROUND CONDUCTIVITY = 2.0 MMHOS/M  
E-FIELD TRANSDUCER HT. = 3.3FT, B-FIELD TRANSDUCER HT. = 3.3FT

LATERAL DIST FROM REFERENCE (FEET)	AUDIBLE NOISE		RADIO INTERFERENCE		TVI	OZONE		ELECTRIC FIELD KV/M	MAGNETIC FIELD GAUSS
	(RAIN) L50 DBA	(FAIR) L50 DBA	(RAIN) L50 DBUV/M	(FAIR) L50 DBUV/M	TOTAL RAIN DBUV/M	FOR RAIN RATE OF 1.00 IN/HR AT 0. FT LEVEL PPB			
-60.0	23.9	-1.1	36.0	19.0	-1.8	.000000	.095	.04871	
-55.0	24.1	-.9	36.8	19.8	-1.3	.000000	.069	.05386	
-50.0	24.4	-.6	37.6	20.6	-.8	.000000	.042	.05977	
-45.0	24.7	-.3	38.5	21.5	-.3	.000000	.074	.06658	
-40.0	25.0	.0	39.3	22.3	.2	.000000	.153	.07445	
-35.0	25.3	.3	40.2	23.2	.7	.000000	.269	.08356	
-30.0	25.6	.6	41.1	24.1	1.3	.000000	.429	.09411	
-25.0	25.9	.9	42.0	25.0	1.8	.000000	.645	.10632	
-20.0	26.3	1.3	42.9	25.9	2.4	.000000	.932	.12037	
-15.0	26.6	1.6	43.8	26.8	3.4	.000000	1.304	.13632	
-10.0	26.9	1.9	44.6	27.6	4.4	.000000	1.768	.15401	
-5.0	27.2	2.2	46.0	29.0	5.5	.000000	2.313	.17276	
.0	27.5	2.5	47.5	30.5	6.6	.000000	2.892	.19107	
5.0	27.7	2.7	48.7	31.7	7.4	.000000	3.410	.20646	
10.0	27.9	2.9	49.4	32.4	8.0	.000000	3.736	.21581	
15.0	27.9	2.9	49.5	32.5	8.0	.000000	3.765	.21672	
20.0	27.8	2.8	48.9	31.9	7.6	.000007	3.487	.20891	
25.0	27.6	2.6	47.7	30.7	6.8	.001461	2.991	.19448	
30.0	27.3	2.3	46.3	29.3	5.7	.006269	2.410	.17652	
35.0	27.0	2.0	44.7	27.7	4.6	.011635	1.848	.15771	
40.0	26.7	1.7	44.0	27.0	3.6	.016424	1.362	.13973	
45.0	26.3	1.3	43.1	26.1	2.6	.020392	.968	.12340	
50.0	26.0	1.0	42.2	25.2	1.9	.023495	.662	.10898	
55.0	25.7	.7	41.3	24.3	1.4	.025796	.431	.09641	
60.0	25.3	.3	40.4	23.4	.8	.027410	.260	.08555	

