

### **Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) Selects Sargent & Lundy As Project Engineer for Transmission Infrastructure Expansion**

*March 2, 2009* - The Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) has selected Sargent & Lundy LLC as the engineer for their planned TANC Transmission Program (TTP). This program will enhance the reliability and power delivery capability of the Northern California transmission grid and provide increased access to local California-based renewable energy resources through a system of 230-kV and 500-kV transmission lines and substations. There has been limited new major transmission infrastructure built in northern California since TANC placed the California-Oregon Transmission Project (COTP) in service in 1993.

TTP consists of four TANC Project segments - North, Central, West, and East - and is expected to ultimately include several hundred miles of new 230- kV and 500-kV transmission lines, seven new substations, upgrades to over 90 miles of existing lines, and modifications to five existing substations. The range of the program covers much of the Sacramento Valley in north central California, from Ravendale to the San Francisco Bay Area. The targeted initial in-service date is 2014.

#### About Sargent & Lundy

Sargent & Lundy LLC is a worldwide leader in professional services for the electric power industry and has been dedicated exclusively to serving energy business and energy intensive clients for more than 100 years. The firm provides comprehensive engineering, energy business consulting, and project services for new and operating electric power plants and power delivery systems. [www.sargentlundy.com](http://www.sargentlundy.com)

#### About TANC

Established in 1984, the Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) is a California Joint Powers Agency consisting of 15 local governmental utilities. The Mission of TANC is to assist its publicly-owned utility Members in providing cost-effective energy supplies to their customers, through long term ownership of essential high-voltage transmission lines within California and the western United States. TANC currently owns approximately 90 percent of the California-Oregon Transmission Project (COTP) which interconnects California with the Pacific Northwest. [www.tanc.us](http://www.tanc.us)

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