

**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
WESTAR ENERGY, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT THE)
BUSINESS OF AN ELECTRIC PUBLIC) Docket No. 15-WSEE-398-COC
UTILITY SPECIFICALLY IN PORTIONS OF)
SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22,)
23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, AND 35; TOWNSHIPS)
11 SOUTH, 12 SOUTH, 13 SOUTH, 14 SOUTH,)
AND 15 SOUTH; RANGE 2 WEST, IN THE)
COUNTIES OF OTTAWA AND SALINE, KS)

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT THE BUSINESS OF AN ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITY,
TRANSMISSION RIGHTS ONLY**

COMES NOW Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar Energy), and in support of its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Authority, for Transmission Rights only, states:

1. Westar Energy is a Kansas corporation authorized by the Commission pursuant to K.S.A. 66-104 to conduct the business of a public utility, and as such holds a Certificate of Convenience and Authority from this Commission to engage in the business of an electric public utility in the State of Kansas, thereby promoting the public convenience.

2. Westar Energy seeks, subject to the Commission's approval, transmission rights only in DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc. certified territory described below:

OTTAWA COUNTY AND SALINE COUNTY, KANSAS

TRANSMISSION RIGHTS ONLY:

Westar Energy will be installing a double/single-circuit 345 kV transmission line in rural Ottawa and Saline counties, Kansas, or generally from the area southeast of Salina, Kansas North to a point approximately 6 miles Northeast of Bennington, Kansas. The first 8 miles of the line outside of the Summit Substation will be a double circuit transmission line and the remaining section will be a single circuit transmission line. The transmission line will generally consist of single pole steel tangent and both double and single pole steel dead-end structures. In some cases where existing transmission lines are intersected, three pole steel structures may be used. The route is described from its Southernmost to Northernmost extent.

DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc.:

The transmission line route begins as a double circuit line on the North side of the Westar Summit 345 kV Substation. From the Westar Summit 345 kV Substation, the line extends Northeast through the West ½ of Section 22, Township 15 South, Range 2 West and Section 15, Township 15 South, Range 2 West. The line continues Northeast through Section 10, Township 15 South, Range 2 West, the Southeast ¼ of Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 2 West, and through the Southwest ¼ of Section 2, Township 15 South, Range 2 West before exiting the DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc. service territory in the Northwest ¼ of Section 2, Township 15 South, Range 2 West.

DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc.:

The line enters the DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc. territory in the North Northeast through the Northwest ¼ of Section 35, Township 14 South, Range 2 West and Northeast through the middle of Section 26, Township 14 South, Range 2 West before exiting the DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc. service territory.

DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc.:

The line enters the DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc. territory in the Northeast ¼ of Section 26, Township 14 South, Range 2 West and diagonals Northeast, clipping the extreme Northwest ¼ of Section 25, Township 14 South, Range 2 West. The line continues Northeast to the center of Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 2 West. Here, the double circuit line ends with one circuit connecting to the existing Westar 345 kV line. The new single circuit portion of the line begins at this location and continues North through the middle of Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 2 West to the middle of Section 13, Township 14 South, Range 2 West. The line then angles slightly Northeast and turns North again through the middle of the Northeast ¼ of Section 13, Township 14 South, Range 2 West entering the Southeast ¼ of Section 12, Township 14 South, Range 2 West. It then turns back Northwest and directly North along the half section line in Section 12, Township 14 South, Range 2 West. The line continues into Section 1, Township 14 South, Range 2 West along the half section line where it exits the DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc. service territory.

DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc.:

The line enters the DS&O service territory in the North ½ of Section 23, Township 13 South, Range 2 West along the half section line. The line then continues North along the half section line through Section 14, Township 13 South, Range 2 West; Section 11, Township 13 South, Range 2 West; Section 2, Township 13 South, Range 2 West; Section 35, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, and Section 26, Township 12 South, Range 2 West before exiting the DS&O service territory in the South ½ of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 2 West.

DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc.:

The line enters the DS&O territory in the Northwest ¼ of Section 10, Township 12 South, Range 2 West where it continues North to the Southwest ¼ of Section 3, Township 12 South, Range 2 West. The line then turns slightly Northeast to the center of the section where it then turns back North again. The line continues North along the eastern edge of the West ½ of Section 34, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Section 27,

Township 11 South, Range 2 West, and enters the Southern boundary of Section 22, Township 11 South, Range 2 West at the half section line. The line then turns slightly Northeast through Section 22, Township 11 South, Range 2 West to the extreme Northeast corner of the section, before turning North along the Eastern boundary of Section 15, Township 11 South, Range 2 West and the Western boundary of Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 2 West. The single circuit line terminates just South of the intersection between Section 15, Section 14, Section 10, and Section 11 in Township 11 South, Range 2 West.

As show in detail on attached maps marked Exhibit 1 through Exhibit 6.

3. Westar Energy is building a new distribution line and is requesting this route is to save in vegetation costs.

4. A copy of this application is being served on DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc. by delivery of U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc.
129 W. Main Street
Solomon, Kansas 67480

5. There is no other person or entity, corporate, municipal or otherwise that requires notice of this application.

THEREFORE, Westar Energy requests that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Authority be issued, granting Westar Energy authority to operate as an electric utility, for transmission rights only, in territory described in paragraphs above.

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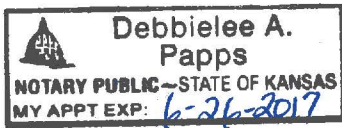
STATE OF KANSAS)
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COUNTY OF SHAWNEE) ss

Cathryn J. Dinges, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states:

That she is the attorney for the within named applicant, that she has read the above and foregoing Application and that the statements therein contained are true according to her knowledge and belief.

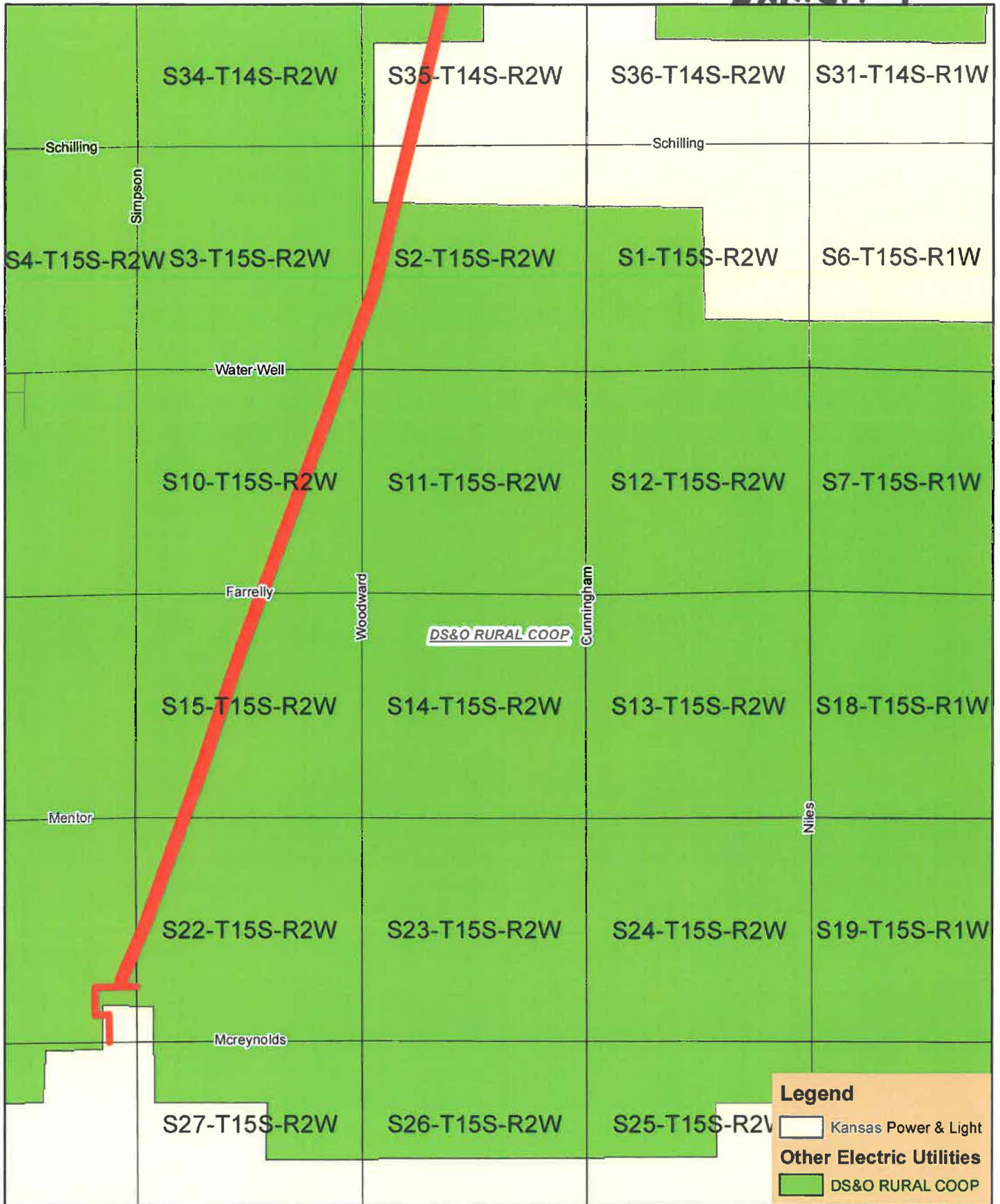
Cathryn Dinges
Cathryn J. Dinges

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of March, 2015.



Debbielee A. Papps
Notary Public

My Appointment Expires:
June 26, 2017



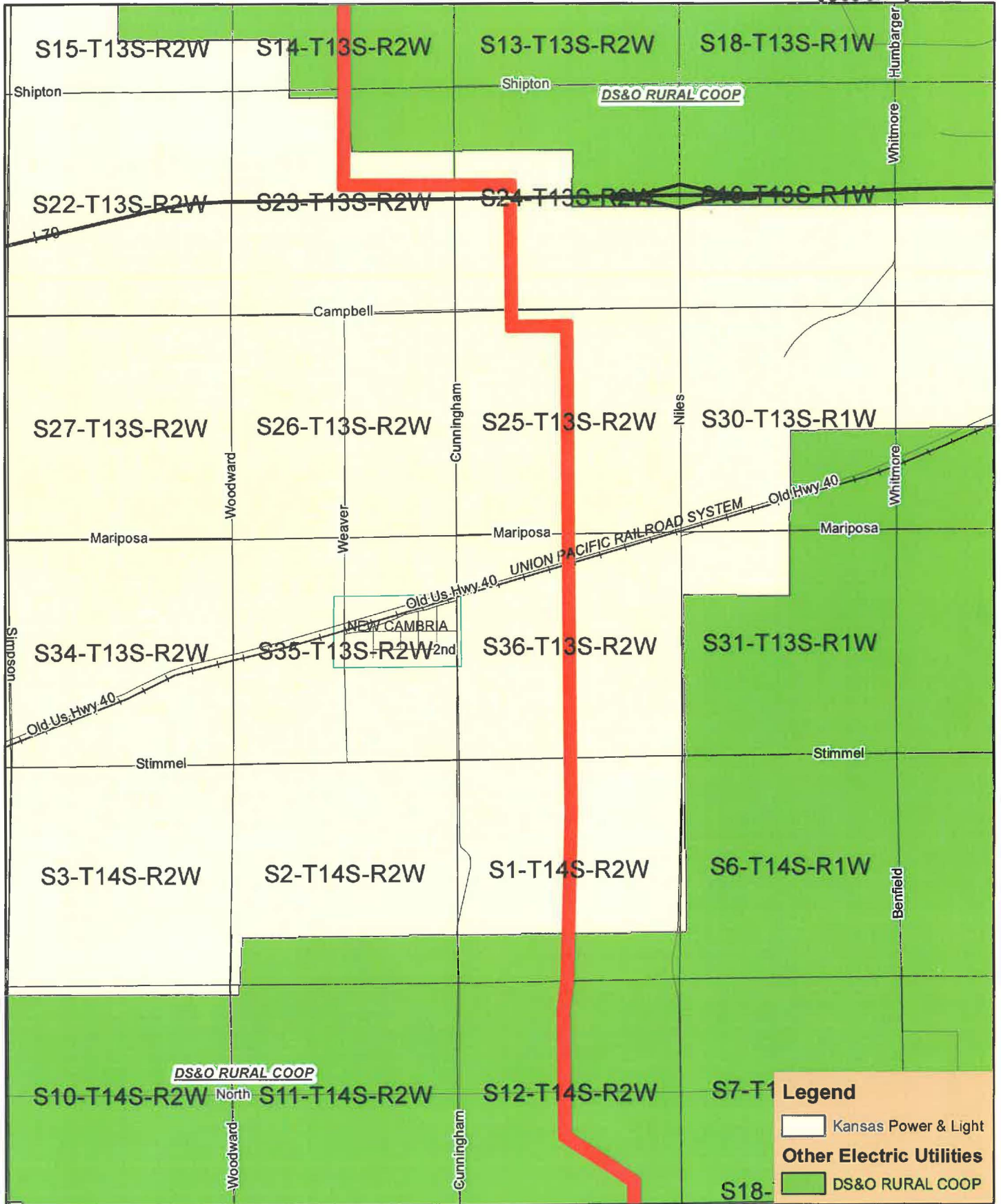
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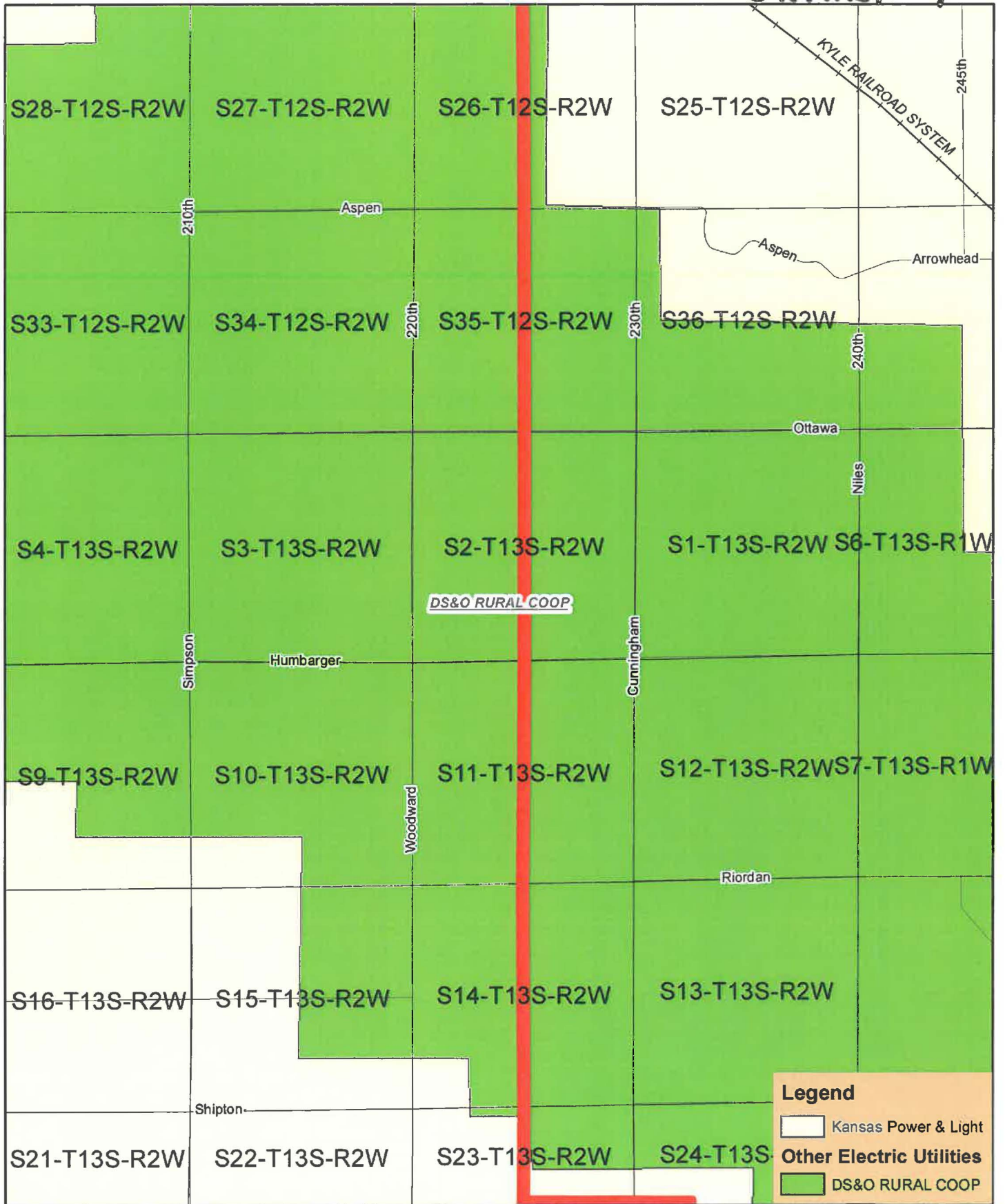
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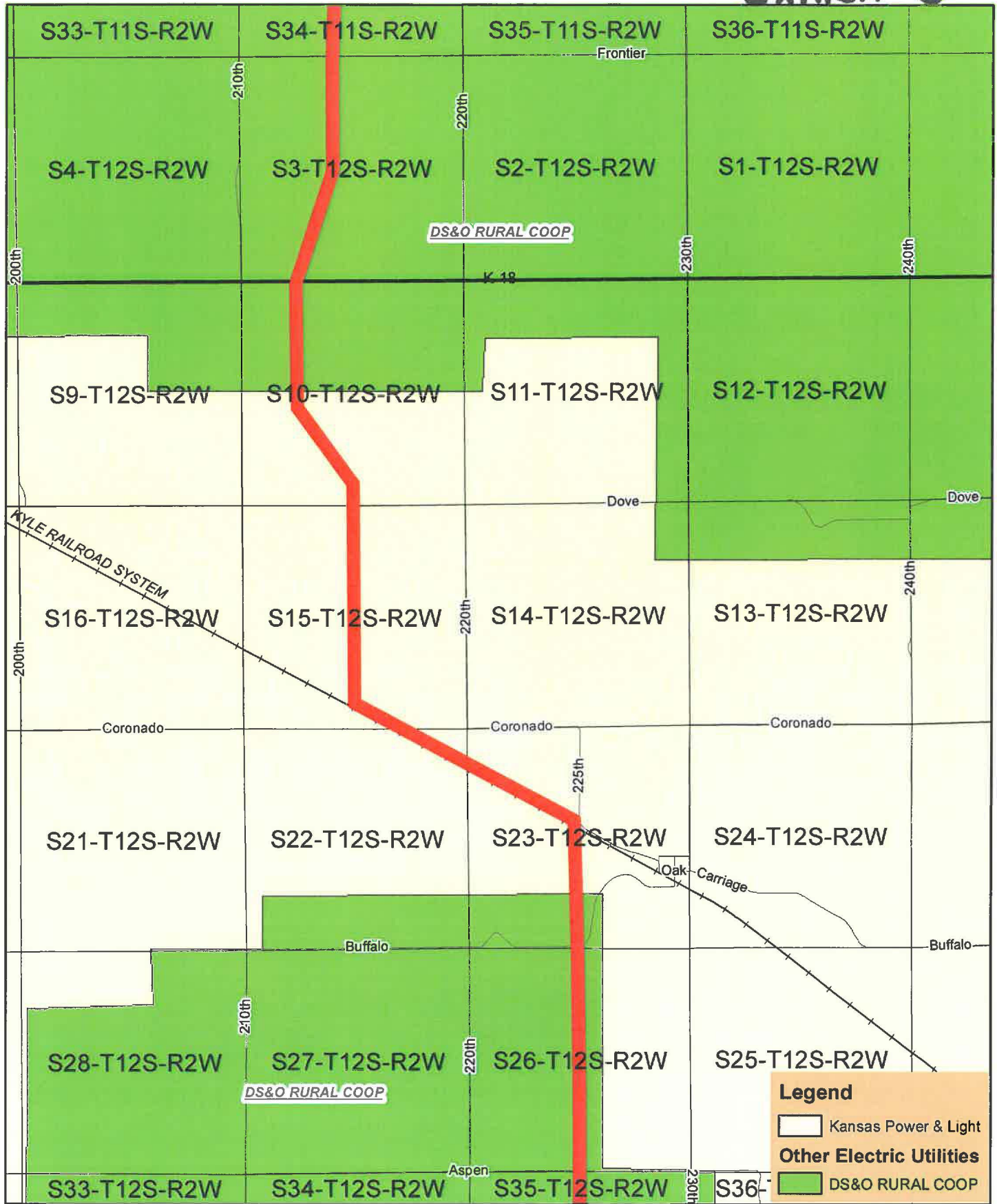
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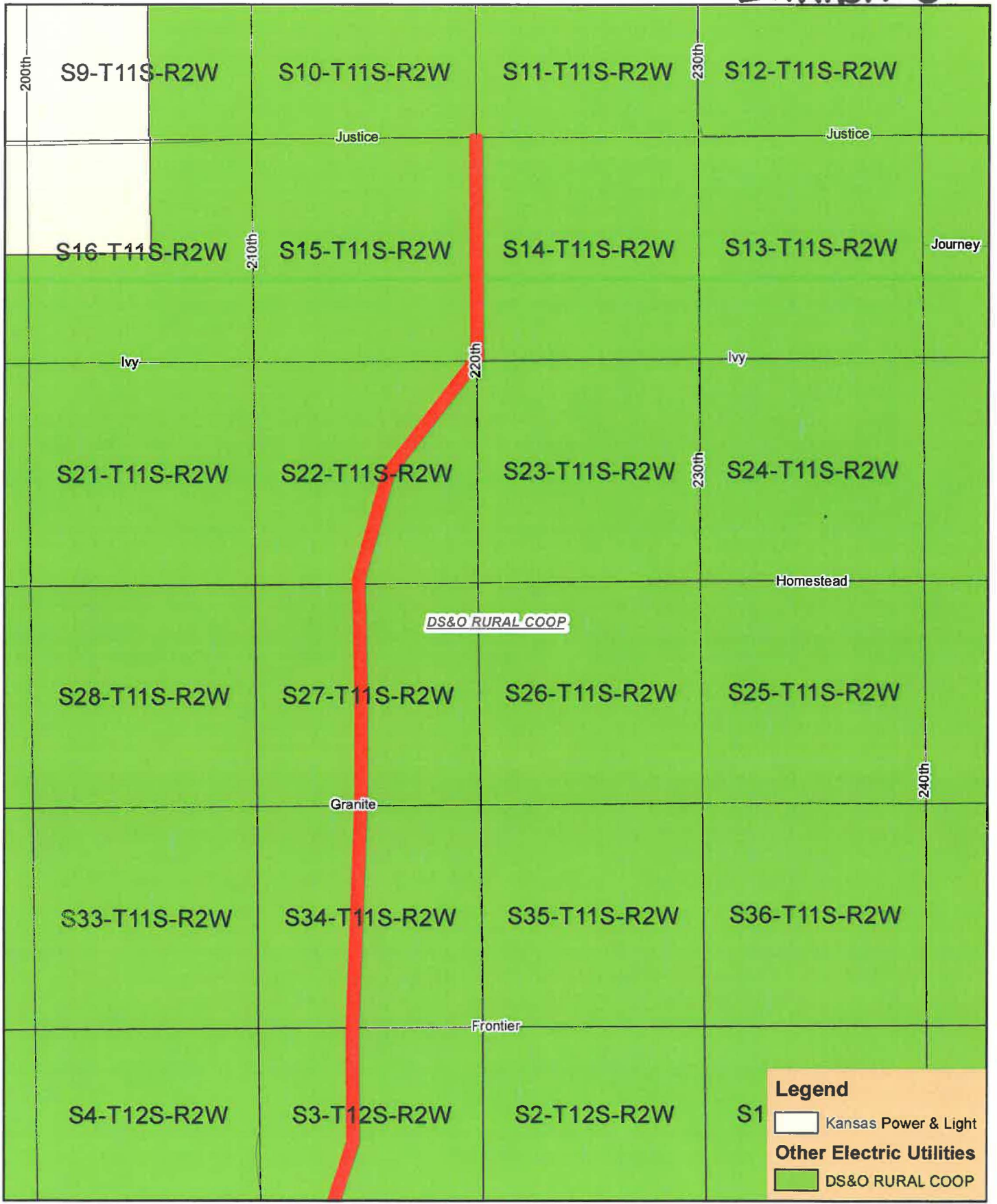
Legend

- Kansas Power & Light
- Other Electric Utilities**
- DS&O RURAL COOP

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Exhibit 6



**Summit to Elm Creek 345kV Project
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