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First, thank you for your service.

Please see the attached pdf submitting six recommended/required upgrades in the hybrid routing approach in the #56977 VOC/McGuireville DN. These upgrades implement critical scenic improvements key to preventing visual impairments. The upgrades involve:

1) converting the saddle and north slope subpart of Segment D-E to underground

- 2) specifying necessary setbacks for riser poles to eliminate visual sight lines
- 3) converting the Beaverhead Flats/Cornville Rd (F-G) aerial crossing to underground
- 4) establishing traffic mitigation plans for the Beaverhead Flats underground construction

As noted, these upgrades provide critical assurance of scenic and SOI objectives. And I urge prudence and foresight here - better to move to underground if possible scenic impairments could occur, since once a visually impacting aerial facility is built, there is essentially no going back.