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May 12, 2010

Clearinghouse Coordinator
Department of Administration
Budget Division – State Clearinghouse
209 E. Musser, Room 200
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Truckee River Ranch, LLC.

Dear Coordinator:

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our agencies, this letter is to notify you that the USDA Rural Development is in receipt of a grant request for the referenced business to construct a 225 kW hydro power plant utilizing the North and South Twin Rivers drainages. The project is located at the Truckee River Ranch (aka the RO Ranch) in Big Smokey Valley, Nevada west of Highway 376. The project will use water delivered to and exiting from the power plant in an existing 18" pipeline. The project also involves the construction of a 24.9 kilovolt, 2.3 mile, subtransmission line from the planned hydro plant to the RO Ranch NV Energy power lines. A grant for up to 10-foot right-of-way for the portion of the subtransmission line that will cross federal lands administered by BLM has been requested by the applicant. The purpose of the project is to sell the generated power to NV Energy at the whole sale rate. Our agency's involvement would involve grant funds for up to 25 percent of the total eligible project costs.

Enclosed are maps and photos showing the location of the proposed project.

Unless the Clearinghouse Coordinator advises us otherwise within fourteen days of this notice, we will assume that the final Clearinghouse comments will not be forthcoming, and therefore, the State Clearinghouse responsibilities of USDA Rural Development will have been satisfied.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mark Williams at 775-887-1222, ext. 116.

Sincerely,

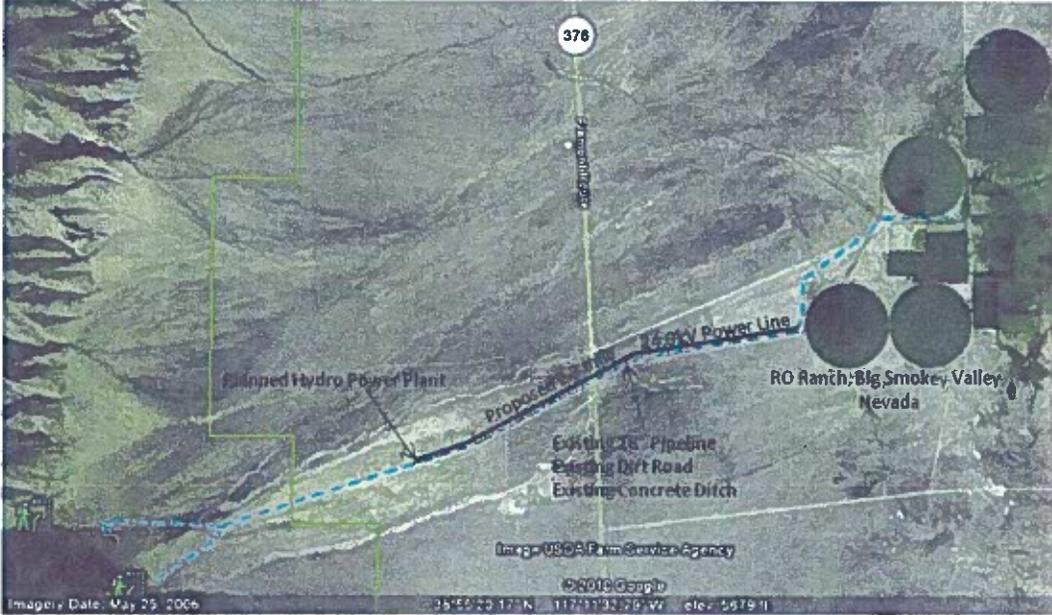

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RO Ranch Proposed Hydro Plant Location and Power Line Pictures (Current Status)

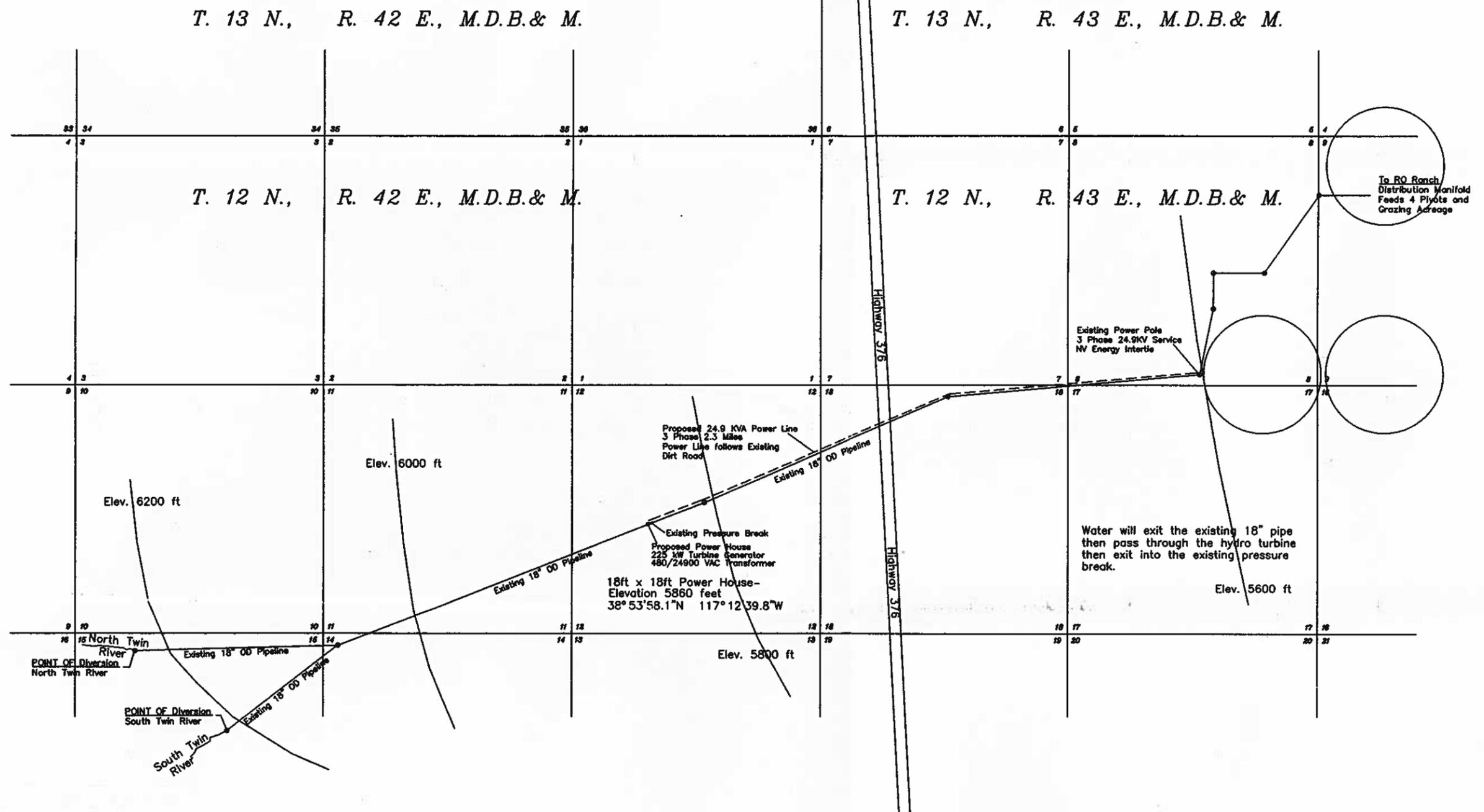


Location of Hydro Turbine Generator – up gradient from Pressure Break. Pressure Break shown below:



The tie-in Power Pole is directly above the Pressure Break vent pipe (Center Pivot is to the right):





RO Ranch Hydro Project
Plot Plan

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CUSTOMER APPROVALS:
 APPROVED WITH COMMENT
 APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION
 APPROVED AS BUILT

 SIGNATURE
DESIGN CERTIFICATION:
 PROJECT ENGINEER: Everett Jesse COMPLETED: 11 Apr 2010
 DRAWN BY: Everett Jesse
 CHECKED BY:

Nevada Controls, LLC
 SYSTEM INTEGRATION AND CONTROLS
 CUSTOMER: Truckee River Ranch LLC

PROJECT: 225 KW
 Hydro Generation Plant
 RO Ranch Project

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