

CASE STUDY

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BNSF Logistics Transports 850,000-Pound Transformer

Company Profile

Transformer manufacturer.

Business Challenge

The client needed to move an 850,000-pound transformer that was 28' long by 13' wide by 19' high. Because the product was too large to move by rail, the customer needed another way to move the transformer that would keep them under budget and on time.

Solution

Rail was not an option due to size and clearance issues. BNSF Logistics crafted a solution that required building a landing ramp on a local river so a barge could be utilized to move the transformer.

Process/Procedure

Multiple town hall meetings were held to gain local approval on the creation of a new landing ramp. To get the transformer to the landing ramp, BNSF Logistics needed over-the-road (OTR) transportation equipment that could handle oversized loads. Using jumper bridges, the transformer was rolled off the barge onto a dual land trans system, and then placed on foundation at the job site. Traffic control, police, and private escorts were all utilized to get the transformer to the barge, and from the barge to the final destination.

Benefits Achieved

- This solution met all shipment requirements
- The transformer arrived safely at its destination on time and on budget