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The project was to remove the existing bottom ash hoppers and install a submerged chain conveyor system for Nebraska Public Power District's Gerald Gentleman Station coal fired electrical generating plant in Sutherland, Nebraska. Missouri Valley Inc., a general and mechanical contractor located in Amarillo, TX, was awarded the contract. The time span of the project, start to finish, was just eight weeks.

Craig Cristy, Project Manager for Missouri Valley, described the type of crane he needed for this project. "We required a 15-ton crane that was highly maneuverable in the tight confines of this power plant. It had to have low overall height, narrow width, 15 ton capacity on outrigger lifting, good pick and carry capacity and, of course, it also had to be very reliable." When Missouri Valley loaded their equipment trailers for Sutherland they got just what they needed. One trailer was loaded with a Broderon RT-300 Rough Terrain Crane rented from Greg McGibboney, a salesman for Associated Supply Co. located in Amarillo, TX.

The RT-300 was utilized in every phase of the project. It was used in the demolition of existing ash hoppers, the on ground assembly of the new conveyors and finally, the installation of the conveyor system. Craig Cristy said, "We've been making picks up to 25,000 pounds and the Broderon RT-300 has been an excellent crane for this application."

Cristy also stated that he'll be back in Sutherland next year performing the same modifications to Nebraska Public Powers' second unit. "I'll load another Broderon RT-300 on the equipment trailer for that job, too."

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