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In my experience the effortless casting that is valuable during long days of repeated casting is only achieved when using a spey style line or something similar. Essentially an overweight, short head, WF line. A switch rod with a standard line is just a long single hand rod. The line is an essential factor in the technique. You can fudge it with a standard line and may do OK, but if you want the effortless casting you need a specialty line, IMO. The difference is like night and day. For what it's worth, it is easier to cast overhead with a spey line then it is to execute a spey cast with a regular fly line.

BTW, Many switch rods are rated for the line needed for standard overhead casting and generally work best with a heavier line when spey casting.

Kev