

MONROE COUNTY – COUNCIL CREEK PROJECT FACT SHEET

Overview

American Transmission Co. is rebuilding an existing electric transmission line and adding an additional circuit to the line that connects the Monroe County Substation near Sparta and the Council Creek Substation near Tomah.

The approximately \$36 million project involves replacing the structures and wires of the existing 69-kilovolt transmission line, and adding a 161-kilovolt circuit to the new steel structures. Transmission line work will be completed within the existing right-of-way area. To allow for flexibility on the 69-kilovolt system, ATC also will build the new Timberwolf Substation approximately one mile south of the Council Creek Substation along Highway 131 south of Interstate 90 as part of the project.

Need for project

The existing 69-kilovolt system is approximately 40 years old and is susceptible to overloads and severe low voltages. Rebuilding the 17-mile line and adding the new 161-kilovolt circuit will strengthen the reliability of the electric system that serves the area. In addition, the new line will provide economic savings by increasing the system’s ability to access lower-cost generation and reducing energy losses.

The following area utilities will be involved in or benefit from the project: Dairyland Power Cooperative, Xcel Energy, Alliant Energy and Oakdale Electric Cooperative.

Public participation and regulatory review

ATC will apply for a Certificate of Authority (CA) from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. Documents related to the case may be viewed at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin’s Web site; enter Docket ID 137-CE-158.

Schedule

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| ATC to file regulatory application..... | July 2010 |
| Regulatory review..... | Fall 2010 |
| Anticipated decision from PSC..... | January 2011 |
| Construction start..... | Summer 2012 |
| In service..... | June 2013 |



Environmental commitment

ATC's environmental commitment is built upon its core values – service to our customers, honesty, social responsibility, stakeholder inclusion, financial and environmental sustainability and respect for its employees and customers. ATC supports sustainable environmental policies and actions by balancing stewardship with financial considerations, engineering and maintenance requirements and societal impacts.

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