

CLEAR LAKE-WOODMIN TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

OVERVIEW

American Transmission Co. is proposing to build a seven-mile power line between the Clear Lake Substation on Highway 47 near Mid Lake Road in the Town of Woodruff, Wis. to a proposed new substation along Highway 47 near Arnett Road west of Woodruff. While built to 138-kilovolt standards, the line will operate at 115 kilovolts.

NEED FOR THE PROJECT

The Wisconsin Public Service Corp. distribution system that serves electricity customers in the area is located at the northwestern end of the portion of the ATC transmission system known as the "Rhineland Loop." Demand for electricity in the Minocqua-Woodruff area has been increasing at about three to four percent each year, and the distribution system needs additional transmission support to maintain local reliability. ATC is proposing to extend the transmission system with a new line from the Clear Lake Substation to a proposed new distribution substation to be built by Wisconsin Public Service.

FACILITY SITING PROCESS

When building new power lines, Wisconsin law encourages co-location with existing facilities. The process begins by identifying a broad study area between the two end points of the transmission line. After a study area is defined, we look for existing corridors for potential co-location. Those corridors are prioritized in the following manner:

Primary opportunities – utility corridors:

- Existing transmission lines
- Pipelines

Secondary opportunities – transportation corridors:

- Highways
- Railroads

Tertiary opportunities:

- Recreational trails

New corridors – "greenfield" development:

- Establish new corridors using section lines and/or property boundaries when possible

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REGULATORY REVIEW

Local officials and residents will be invited to help identify possible corridors and potential routes for the new transmission line through a series of open houses sponsored by ATC. Representatives will be on hand to discuss routing, siting, construction practices and real estate acquisition, among other topics.

This project will require approval by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. The regulatory application is a detailed document containing a discussion of the human and natural environment in the area. It also is required to identify at least two routes for the transmission line. When the PSCW determines that the application is complete, a formal regulatory review, with public meetings and hearings, begins. The multi-disciplinary agency review takes about six months to a year. Permits also are needed from the Department of Natural Resources.

SCHEDULE

Identify potential routes with public involvement	Fall 2008-Fall 2009
Environmental analysis	Summer and Fall 2009
File regulatory application.....	Spring 2010
Regulatory review and public comment	2010-Early 2011
Anticipated decision from PSCW.....	Spring 2011
Construction start.....	December 2011
In-service	Summer 2012

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

American Transmission Co.'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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