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PSC to Hold Public Meetings on Proposed Transmission Lines in Central and Northeastern WI

MADISON – The Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold public meetings regarding American Transmission Company's (ATC) applications to construct, own and operate proposed transmission facilities in Marathon, Shawano, Oconto, Waupaca and Outagamie counties.

Interested persons should attend the public meetings and provide comments on ATC's applications. The PSC and DNR will work together in evaluating the proposed project and developing a draft Environmental Impact Statement. When the draft Environmental Impact Statement is issued, citizens will have an opportunity to review it and provide comments.

ATC is asking for permission to build two 345-kilovolt power lines in order to meet growing demands of electricity and to increase reliability for customers. ATC has provided two route options for each of the two proposed lines, Gardner Park to Central Wisconsin and Morgan – Werner West. The proposed projects' estimated costs are \$94 and \$98 million respectively.

One of the Gardner Park to Central Wisconsin options is a 52-mile route following an existing transmission line between the Wausau area and the Badger Substation in the town of Belle Plaine. The second option is a 61-mile route following Highway 29 for 50 miles and an existing transmission line. Each option would terminate at a new Central Wisconsin Switching Station in the Shawano and Clintonville area.

One of the Morgan – Werner West options is a 51-mile route, using a combination of existing transmission, pipeline, highway and abandoned railroad corridors. Approximately eight miles of new corridor would need to be constructed. The second option is a 52-mile route, using primarily transmission and highway corridors. Approximately 17 miles of new right-of-way would need to be constructed. Both options would serve the new Central Wisconsin Switching Station.

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The following meetings will be held in an open house format to provide an opportunity for anyone with comments or questions to talk directly with PSC and DNR staff experts.

Tuesday, August 9

1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Wittenberg Community Center
208 West Vinal Street
Wittenberg, WI

Wednesday, August 10

1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Shawano County Courthouse
311 North Main Street
Shawano, WI

Tuesday, August 16

1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Clintonville Community Center
30 South Main Street
Clintonville, WI

Wednesday, August 17

1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Rothschild Village Hall
211 Grand Avenue
Rothschild, WI

All locations are accessible to people in wheelchairs. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate should contact Ken Rineer, Docket Coordinator, at (608) 267-1201.

If you cannot attend the public meetings, but would like to provide comments, you can do so on the PSC's website at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Click on the Public Comments button and click on the case title.

Documents associated with ATC's applications can be viewed on our Electronic Regulatory Filing System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Type case numbers 137-CE-122 and 137-CE-123 in the boxes provided on the PSC homepage, or click on the Electronic Regulatory Filing System button.

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