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PSC Approves Walworth County Transmission Project
**New Review Process Allowed Community Input
Early in Route Selection**

MADISON - Today, the Public Service Commission (PSC) approved American Transmission Company's (ATC) application to construct new transmission lines in the Delavan-Darien area, selecting a route that accommodated community concerns.

"This is a clear example of how the PSC review process worked to include early input from the community in determining the best possible route for the new transmission line," said PSC Chairperson Dan Ebert. "Through our new process, we provided reliability improvements to the transmission system while also addressing the community's concerns to preserve neighborhoods and private property."

In the PSC's new pre-application process, citizens of Delavan came forward with concerns. PSC staff and ATC were able to work with the community in the pre-application process to move the route to the south of the thriving community.

"By the time this case worked its way to us for a decision, there were few issues and no opposition parties. The community, ATC and PSC staff worked to resolve concerns early and did not lose sight of the common benefit of reliability improvements. The process should serve as a model for future projects," Commissioner Mark Meyer said.

In a verbal decision today, the Commission approved \$7.6 million for ATC to build approximately 5.2 miles of new 138 kilovolt transmission line from the new Southwest Delavan Substation to the existing Bristol Substation in northeast Delavan. The Commission approved the southern route that generally follows Interstate 43 between the Wisconsin Southern rail line and Mound Road.

The Commission will issue a written order to finalize today's decision at a later date.

The documents associated with ATC's application can be viewed on our Electronic Regulatory Filing System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Type case number 137-CE-136 in the boxes provided on the PSC homepage, or click on Electronic Regulatory Filing System button.

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