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## PSC Issues Final Environmental Impact Statement for Rockdale to West Middleton Transmission Line

*Public hearings to be held March 24 and 25 in Madison*

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have issued a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed 345 Kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Rockdale to West Middleton. The EIS is a thorough review and analysis of the proposed project, including the need for the project, the alternatives considered, its cost and short- and long-term potential impacts of constructing the line along the proposed routes.

In 2007, American Transmission Company (ATC) filed an application with the PSC for permission to build between 32 and 55 miles of new 345 kV transmission line from the west side of Middleton to the eastern side of Dane County. The application also includes proposed substations and related facilities along four different overhead route options, including one along the Beltline in the City of Madison. The cost, engineering design and environmental impacts of some underground route segments were also included in the application and analyzed in the EIS, although ATC is not proposing to construct any portion of the line underground.

Hearings to take testimony from the public regarding the proposed project are scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25, 2009 beginning at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on both days at the PSC, located at 610 North Whitney Way in Madison. The hearing to take testimony from technical witnesses is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31 and is also being held at the PSC.

The PSC has the authority to approve, deny or modify any proposed electric construction project. To ensure a full and complete record, the PSC follows a process outlined by state law for every case. Part of this process is to perform a thorough environmental review and to gather input from the public.

To review the final report, visit the PSC's website at <http://psc.wi.gov> and click on the Electronic Regulatory Filing System (ERF) button and enter docket number 137-CE-147.

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