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Spearville-Axtell (KETA)

345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Dear Friends,

As we anticipated in the April edition of our newsletter, Phase I of the Spearville-Axtell (KETA) high-voltage transmission project is now officially in service. Final testing was wrapped up early in June, and the 89-mile segment from Spearville to the Post Rock substation northwest of Hays is now transmitting energy as part of the regional high-voltage grid. This means additional transmission capacity is now available between Hays and Dodge City, which are two of the major demand centers in western Kansas.

You may have attended our open house events in La Crosse and Spearville in December 2008 when this project was in the planning stage. On behalf of ITC Great Plains, we'd like to express our continued appreciation for the support and cooperation from everyone in Ford, Hodgeman, Edwards, Pawnee, Rush and Ellis counties as we progressed from the planning stage and the introduction to the community to now putting Phase I into service.

In the meantime, construction on Phase II, the 85-mile segment from Post Rock to the Nebraska border, is on schedule with the goal of completing line construction before the end of the year. You can find a construction update on the back page of this newsletter.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the Spearville-Axtell project you can contact us toll-free (877) ITC-ITC9 or SKAfeedback@itctransco.com. You also can find information on our website at www.itcgreatplains.com.

Sincerely,

The KETA Project Team



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Return Service Requested

Construction Update

The map to the right shows the construction progress on Spearville-Axtell Phase II as crews work their way north from the Hays area. Nearly all of the foundations for the transmission structures have been prepared. Crews have erected all of the steel monopoles through Ellis, Rooks and Osborne counties, and the conductors (wires) are being strung in Osborne County. ITC is building the line to the Nebraska border and the Nebraska Public Power District is building the final segment from the state line to Axtell, Neb. All line construction is expected to be completed by the end of this year. ■



ITC contractor works to string wire on a new monopole.



Above: Map showing the progress of Phase II

Left: ITC contract crew members worked to erect steel monopoles and string wire for Phase II of the project

Safety Reminder

Safety is ITC's top priority during construction of all projects. Construction areas see frequent truck traffic, so we ask everyone to be careful and alert for unexpected large vehicles on county roads in the area. Also, we ask that the public remain clear of construction zones so that everyone remains safe. ■

FAST FACTS:

- Line length: 174 miles, Spearville to Nebraska border
- Line route: Ford, Hodgeman, Edwards, Pawnee, Rush, Ellis, Rooks, Osborne and Smith counties
- Voltage: 345,000 (345 kV)
- Right-of-way width: 150 feet
- Structure type: Steel monopole, single-circuit
- Structure height: 100 - 150 feet
- Span between structure: 800 - 1,000 feet
- Structures per mile: Average of six
- Substations: Spearville, Post Rock (near Hays)

ITC Great Plains

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