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Kansas V-Plan Project Update

ITC Great Plains is happy to report we are making steady progress on construction of the Kansas V-Plan electric transmission line project.

All of the steel monopoles have been erected in Barber County and nearly all of the conductors (wires) have been strung onto the poles. Line work is now focusing on Kiowa County where foundation crews are working their way west and poles began going up in late October. Back in Barber County, cleanup and restoration work is getting underway now that construction is nearly completed.

Substation work is moving along as well. The Thistle substation east of Medicine Lodge is nearly complete, and the line connecting Thistle with ITC's existing Flat Ridge substation is finished. Farther west, work has started on the Clark County substation near Minneola, and expansion of the Spearville substation is underway. Line work will begin in Ford County after the first of the year.

Everything remains on track for the V-Plan to enter service late next year. ■



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Did You Know?

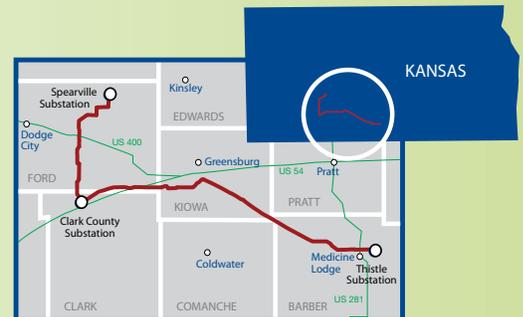
- Miles of line in Barber County: 34
- Poles in Barber County: 196
- Miles of line in Kiowa County: 33
- Poles in Kiowa County: 203
- Pole height: 120 to 160 feet
- Pole diameter at base: 5 - 8 feet
- Foundations: Reinforced concrete
- Foundation depth: 25 - 50 feet
- Total of 708 Poles
- Over 21,240 yards of concrete

A Message from the President

I'd like to express my thanks to all the landowners as well as local officials, area subcontractors and suppliers along the V-Plan route who play important roles in making this needed transmission line project a reality. The project is progressing quite rapidly and we thank everyone for all their support and assistance! We realize that construction work and large vehicle traffic can be an inconvenience, and thus we greatly appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as our crews make their way westward. Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns about the project, we encourage you to contact our Greensburg field office at (620) 723-3133 to speak with the land agent assigned to you.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at ITC, we wish you and your family a joyous and safe holiday season!

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ITC: Committed to the Community

ITC strives to be a good neighbor and support the local communities where we operate. This commitment is a cornerstone of our business and part of our mission to be a best-in-class transmission provider.

Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition Tour

ITC Great Plains joined with the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition (KGLC) as a sponsor to host the National Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative on a tour of grazing lands in the Red Hills area. The group toured several ranches to see how they are being managed to incorporate wildlife and landscape values into their livestock operations. The KGLC tour departed Wichita traveling to Barber County with more than 95 community leaders and residents in attendance.

While highlighting V-Plan assets, the tour also gave ITC the opportunity to discuss ways it continues its commitment to the community, to the environmental and natural habitat, and to being a good neighbor.



Protecting Local Roadways

ITC strives to be a responsible steward of community resources and the environment with each project we undertake. We work closely with communities to ensure we leave their roads in as good, or better, condition as when we arrived.

ITC has entered into road maintenance agreements with Barber, Kiowa and Ford counties. The process included contracting an engineering firm to evaluate county roads before the project started, then reevaluate them after construction is complete. One result of this approach is that ITC discovered that some bridges had incorrect weight limits posted. ITC alerted local officials and supplied new technical data on bridges and roads to local authorities.

Safety First

ITC recently conducted a Safety Summit in Greensburg to educate more than 150 employees and subcontractors from around the state on the importance of ITC's safety program. Attendees included substation and line contractors, subcontractors, local suppliers and local excavation contractors. The well-attended Safety Summit further demonstrated ITC's presence in the area and the positive economic impact ITC is having on the region.



Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame

ITC is a very proud sponsor of the annual statewide event that recognizes cowboys and cowgirls for their significant contributions to the western heritage lifestyle, past or present, and to the preservation of cowboy culture in Kansas. ITC was honored to emcee the evening and recognized inductees from five separate categories of Working Cowboy, Rancher/Cattleman, Cowboy Historian, Cowboy Entertainer/Artist and Rodeo Cowboy.



Supporting Education

ITC Great Plains President Kristine Schmidt recently presented Dodge City Community College (DCCC) and Pratt County Community College (PCCC) with scholarship checks to enhance the schools' linemen programs.



At DCCC, Kristine presented the scholarship to the DCCC President. Students, faculty members, school leadership, and Ford County Commissioner Gillium were thankful for ITC's continued presence at the college.



At PCCC, Kristine presented scholarships to two students who have excelled in the college's lineman program. More than 30 faculty, staff and students attended the presentation and honored these stand-out students.

Kansas Legislators' Ford County Transmission Tour

ITC Great Plains recently hosted state legislators on a tour of transmission projects in the Spearville area. State lawmakers heard about the importance of high voltage transmission as well as information on substations and wind generation. Spearville is the meeting point of the V-Plan and the KETA project, a line

from Spearville to the Nebraska border which ITC completed at the end of 2012.



Informing Emergency Responders

Recently ITC conducted a briefing session for emergency response personnel from throughout Ford County. ITC Local Government & Community Affairs representative Eric Ivey from the Dodge City office explained procedures for responding to incidents at ITC transmission facilities.



We're Growing!

We are happy to welcome a few new employees to ITC Great Plains. Eric Ivey joined us this summer and works in the Local Government & Community Affairs department out of the Dodge City office. Please also welcome Holly Fisher who works in the Topeka office as a Capital Projects & Maintenance Attorney. Patsy Stegman joined ITC Great Plains this past fall as a Senior Administrative Assistant, also in the Topeka Office.

This summer ITC Great Plains announced plans to establish a regional business development and operations office in Oklahoma City. ITC Great Plains President Kristine Schmidt will oversee the Oklahoma City regional office while maintaining her presence at the company's regional office in Topeka, Kan. The Oklahoma City office is the third regional location for ITC Great Plains, joining Topeka and Dodge City. Chris Winland, Manager of Regulatory Strategy, recently joined ITC Great Plains and will split his time between Oklahoma City and Topeka, while making his primary office in Oklahoma City. ■



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Return Service Requested

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FAST FACTS

Line length: Approximately 122 miles
Line route: Spearville south to Clark County substation;
east to Thistle substation (east of Medicine Lodge)
Voltage: 345,000 volts (345kV)
Right-of-way width: 200 feet
Structure type: Steel monopole, double-circuit
Structure height: 100 – 160 feet
Distance between structures: 800 – 1,100 feet
Structures per mile: Typically six
Substations: Clark County, Thistle

KEY DATES & TIMELINE:

June 2010 – Southwest Power Pool issues Notice to Construct
November 2010 – Preliminary routing established
January 17-19 2011 – Public Open Houses in Dodge City, Medicine Lodge and Greensburg
March 14, 2011 – Route application filed with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)
April 20, 2011 – KCC public hearing in Greensburg
June 27, 2011 – KCC public hearing in Dodge City
July 12, 2011 – KCC issues order approving route application with modifications
Summer 2011 – Right-of-way acquisition begins
November 2012 – Construction begins
Late 2014 – V-Plan enters service

ABOUT THE KANSAS V-PLAN PROJECT:

The Kansas V-Plan is a high-voltage transmission line designed to connect eastern and western Kansas to improve electric reliability and enable energy developers to tap into the transmission grid, further establishing a competitive energy market in the state. This will contribute to a stronger transmission grid that will benefit the entire region. Kansans will enjoy a robust grid that will increase reliability. ■

