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Dear Friends,

In keeping with ITC *Transmission's* commitment to communication with landowners and the community, we're bringing you a new progress report on the Thumb Loop transmission line project.

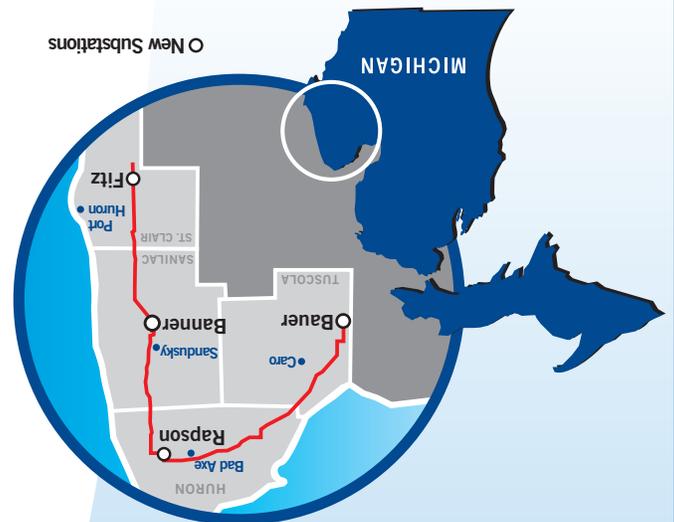
The 62-mile Phase 1 section in Tuscola and Huron Counties is just a few months away from completion – it's expected to enter service in the fourth quarter of this year. Also, foundation work is underway on Phase 2 at the southeastern end of the project in St. Clair County. This 20-mile stretch from the existing Greenwood substation south to the new Fitz substation is expected to be in service in the second quarter of 2014. More construction details are on the back page of this newsletter.

Early next year, activity is scheduled to begin on Phase 3, the middle section of the project, in Sanilac and eastern Huron counties. The entire Thumb Loop project is scheduled to be complete and in service in 2015.

The Thumb Loop will strengthen the transmission grid in the Thumb area of Michigan and also will serve as a backbone for the interconnection of new generation sources in the area, including wind. The 345 kV double-circuit line will increase transmission system capacity and reliability, enable the delivery of lower cost generation and provide more efficient transmission of energy.

We're thankful for the ongoing support we're receiving from landowners, local officials and wind energy developers to keep this complex multi-year project on schedule. This progress would not be possible without all parties working together. We appreciate everyone's spirit of cooperation. ■

Sincerely,
The Thumb Loop Project Team



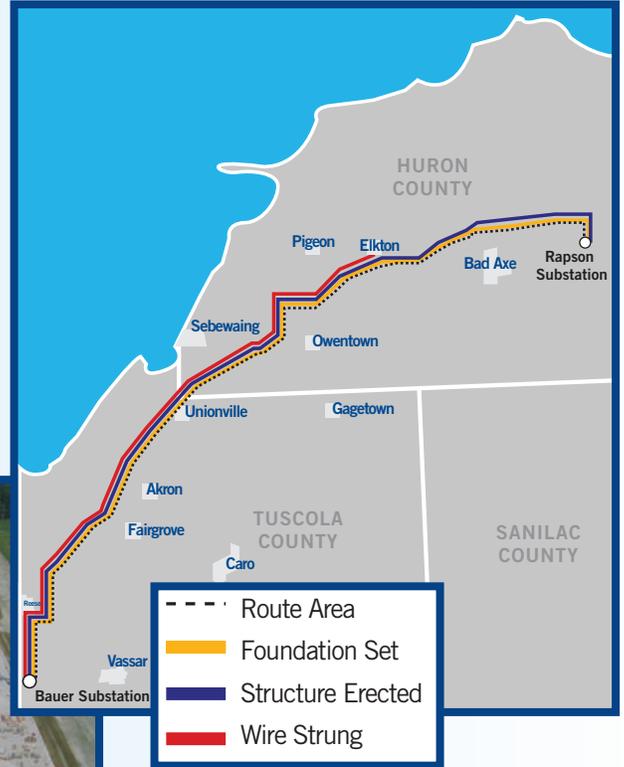
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Construction Update

Phase 1 of the Thumb Loop project, the 62-mile segment from the Bauer substation in Tuscola County to the Rapson substation in Huron County, is anticipated to finish in a few months. All foundations have been drilled and poured. Crews from M. J. Electric of Iron Mountain, Michigan, have erected all the structures – 353 steel monopoles and 10 steel lattice towers. They're now stringing the conductors (wires), with more than 40 miles completed so far.

Construction work is wrapping up on the Rapson substation east of Bad Axe in Sigel township.



Crews are drilling holes and pouring concrete for foundations on Phase 2 at the southeastern end of the project in St. Clair County. The process of erecting poles is scheduled to begin toward the end of August, and work on the new Fitz substation in Wales Township is scheduled to begin in September. This 20-mile stretch between the existing Greenwood substation and the Fitz substation is expected to be completed and in service in the second quarter of 2014. The final phase of the Thumb Loop project is scheduled for completion in 2015.

Thumb Loop Update at the Michigan Association of Counties District Meeting



ITC presented an update on Thumb Loop progress to a regional meeting of the Michigan Association of Counties. County commissioners and other local officials from Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, St. Clair and Lapeer counties attended the MAC 7th District Meeting at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe.



Following the MAC meeting, ITC hosted a bus tour of project area for a first-hand look at line construction and work at the Rapson substation in Sigel Township.