



MAY 2012

Hugo-Valliant

345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Dear Friends,

We're very happy to report that construction of the 18-mile Hugo to Valliant transmission line and substation project is complete! It will go into service this summer, helping to reduce system congestion and inefficiency, meet increasing service requests for transmission and help provide southeastern Oklahoma and demand centers throughout the state with reliable and affordable power from a broader range of generation resources.

At ITC, one of our guiding principles is to be a good neighbor and support the local communities where we operate. This commitment is a cornerstone of our business, and it's part of our mission to be a best-in-class transmission provider. Just as our Hugo to Valliant project marks our long-term commitment to the Oklahoma's infrastructure, we look for ways to become longstanding partners in the communities where we provide service. As we prepare for the project to go into service, we've had a couple of unique opportunities to support education and tourism in the project area. You can learn more about what we're doing inside this newsletter.

On behalf of ITC Great Plains, I'd like to express our continued appreciation for the support and cooperation from everyone in McCurtain and Choctaw counties as we progressed from our initial introduction to the community almost three years ago to officially putting the project into service within the next few weeks. Thank you all for making ITC so welcome.

Sincerely,

Carl A. Huslig

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ITC Great Plains Business Lead



Crews secure windows and siding back into place on Forest Grove's new administration building donated by ITC.



ITC's Vice President of Regulatory and External Affairs, Simon Whitelocke, presents \$10,000 check to Choctaw County representatives.



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A New Administration Building for Forest Grove Public Schools

On May 8, civic leaders and local community members joined ITC Vice President of Regulatory and External Affairs Simon Whitelocke, other ITC representatives and Forest Grove Public School students, teachers and school leaders for a dedication ceremony. The group dedicated the Forest Grove Public School's new administration building, donated by ITC.

The building was previously a private residence located near the spot where the Hugo-to-Valliant transmission line enters the Valliant substation. Because the house was so close to the line location, ITC purchased the relatively new house from the owner and used it as a field office during construction of the transmission line.

After learning about the growing number of Forest Grove Public School students and the need for additional classroom space, ITC decided to donate the house to the school, and funded the cost of moving the house. It will be used for administration offices, freeing up the former office spaces for classroom use.

Moving the house to the school grounds required several days of preparation work including removing the porches, siding, windows and doors. Steel beams were inserted through the lower walls, reinforcements were installed and the house was raised using hydraulic jacks. Dennis White Movers of Broken Bow towed it to the school grounds on April 28. It has now been placed on the foundation and the windows and siding have been re-installed. Interior work will be completed over the summer. To view a video of the house move and dedication ceremony go to goo.gl/AQFqx. ■



Forest Grove students recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the dedication ceremony.



"ITC's donation to our school means so much to our students and faculty, you can't begin to understand," said Julia Harjo, eighth grade class president.



"This is a big deal for us, there's no way we could do this. It takes a tremendous amount of money," commented John Smith, Forest Grove Superintendent.

ITC Presents Choctaw County with \$10,000 for Tourism

For the past several years local Choctaw County civic and tourism organizations have been working together to promote southeastern Oklahoma as a tourist destination. The area has several historical sites, and a two day bus tour was developed to see the Historic Frisco Depot, The Endangered Ark Elephant Sanctuary, Mt. Olivet Cemetery and the Historic Fort Towson & Old Doaksville Historic Sites.

Fort Towson and Doaksville are located less than a mile apart but are separated by Gates Creek. Currently, the bus tour requires visitors to unload at the Doaksville site, reload on to the bus and drive four miles to unload again for the Fort Towson tour. To make the tour more efficient and comfortable for the bus tourists, the tourism group is working to install a bridge and use a tram to transport visitors between the two sites. The bridge will enhance the tour and provide an alternative to walking for those less mobile.

On May 8, ITC presented a check for \$10,000 to help relocate an existing bridge in the area to help open an alternate route for tourism use. ITC Vice President of Regulatory and External Affairs Simon Whitelocke, other ITC representatives and civic leaders joined the Choctaw County tourism and civic organizations for the check presentation. A high point of the celebration was the ceremonial firing of a vintage cannon. After the first firing by fort volunteers in period costumes, ITC's Whitelocke was offered the opportunity to fire another round. Firing the cannon is considered a special privilege at the fort, so ITC was very thankful to be invited to fire a round. It was very loud! ■



Celebrating the Wagon Bridge event. Left to right: Donna Zalewski, ITC Director of Local Government and Community Affairs; David Hinkle, Economic Development Director, Choctaw County Industrial Authority and President, Hugo Chamber of Commerce; Kim Goodnight, Area Manager of Community Affairs, ITC Great Plains; and Walter White, Hugo Chamber of Commerce Director of Tourism.





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Return Service Requested

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FAST FACTS:

Line Length: 18 miles, Hugo to Valliant
Line Route: Choctaw and McCurtain counties
Voltage: 345,000 (345 kV)
Right of way width: 150 feet
Structure type: Steel monopole, single circuit
Structure height: 150 feet
Towers per mile: 6
Substations: New substation near Hugo power plant; existing substation southeast of Valliant

KEY DATES & TIMELINE:

December 7 & 8, 2009 – ITC hosted Community Open Houses
February 2010 – Final route selected
March - September 2010 – Right-of-way easement negotiations
September - December 2010 – Final line design
May 2011 - March 2012 – Tower line preparation and construction
June 2011 - March 2012 – Hugo substation construction
Second quarter 2012 – Line and substation energized

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