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COVID-19 field work update: Cardinal-Hickory Creek

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As energy providers in the Upper Midwest, ATC, ITC Midwest and Dairyland Power Cooperative are committed to keeping your lights on. Electric utilities and their workers are critical energy workforce and considered essential by the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, as cited within the “Safer at Home” Executive Order issued by Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers on March 24, 2020.

During this pandemic, all three of the utility owners of the Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project are assessing their respective work plans. ATC is continuing oversight of the project in Wisconsin’s Iowa and Dane counties. ITC Midwest is continuing oversight of the project in Grant County, Wisconsin and Clayton and Dubuque counties in Iowa, with each region posing geographically different criteria for construction. Achieving the in-service date by 2023 is important because the project will benefit local communities and the region through improved electricity reliability, relieving congestion on the transmission system, and providing greater access to lower cost power and renewable energy.

The safety of our employees, contractors, landowners and the public during this time is paramount. To address concerns related to COVID-19, ATC and ITC Midwest have instructed our contractors and field workers performing activities on the Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project in Wisconsin to cease face-to-face interactions with landowners, beginning March 16, 2020.

As of April 3, ITC Midwest has also made the business decision to temporarily cease all field activities for two months in Grant County, Wisconsin, and will not be initiating communication with landowners. At the end of May, ITC Midwest will evaluate the COVID-19 situation and make a determination as to whether the suspension should continue. Work on the Iowa portion of the Cardinal-Hickory Creek project is at a different point in the process, where ITC Midwest and Dairyland Power Cooperative are currently awaiting a decision from the Iowa Utilities Board on that state’s project approval.

ATC remains committed to safely conducting all field-related activities and will continue performing upcoming field work in Wisconsin’s Iowa and Dane counties for the foreseeable future. To achieve the 2023 in-service date, ATC is maintaining the scheduled project work to help minimize any additional construction costs or potential environmental impacts. For your safety, ATC’s field contractors who must conduct their jobs on landowner property will continue to communicate with landowners through phone calls, email and mail only. All ATC field workers and contractors have been provided specific COVID-19 safety instructions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. For their safety and yours, please remain a safe distance away from any onsite field crews. Thank you and we hope you remain well.

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