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American Transmission Co. honored with EEI Edison Award

Company recognized for 220-mile Arrowhead-Weston transmission line

PEWAUKEE, Wis. – The Edison Electric Institute, the association of U.S. shareholder-owned electric companies, today awarded the industry’s highest honor, the Edison Award, to American Transmission Co. in recognition of its extraordinary work in completing the 220-mile Arrowhead-Weston transmission line ahead of schedule and within the approved budget.

“When construction of the Arrowhead-Weston line began in 2005, it was the largest transmission line project underway in the country,” said José Delgado, executive chairman of ATC. “The project initially faced considerable opposition, but we gradually earned the public’s trust to construct this vital piece of infrastructure.”

Construction on the project was completed – safely – seven months early and the line was put into service in January 2008, four months ahead of schedule. The project cost was \$439 million, which was within the 5 percent contingency set by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. “Construction also was performed in an environmentally responsible manner,” Delgado said. “And we continue to monitor environmentally sensitive areas.”

In addition to providing increased reliability to the electric grid locally and regionally, the new line provides access to lower-cost electricity and improved capability to deliver it to customers. “We estimate savings of more than \$5 million to electricity customers after the line’s first year of service,” Delgado said.

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Note to editors: Additional information about the Arrowhead-Weston project is summarized in a Benefits Report available on: www.atcllc.com

ATC owns, operates, builds and maintains the high-voltage electric transmission system serving portions of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois. Formed in 2001 as the nation’s first multi-state transmission-only utility, ATC has invested \$2 billion to improve the adequacy and reliability of its infrastructure. ATC now is a \$2.5 billion company with 9,350 miles of transmission lines and 510 substations. The company is a member of the Midwest ISO regional transmission organization, and provides nondiscriminatory service to all customers, supporting effective competition in energy markets without favoring any market participant. For more information, visit our Web site at www.atcllc.com.