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Williamson announces retirement from ATC, plans consulting career *Will continue active role in Dane County transmission projects*

PEWAUKEE, Wis. – Mark Williamson, vice president of Major Projects, has announced he will retire from American Transmission Co. on Jan. 1, 2008, and go into the consulting industry as a partner with the Madison communications firm Putnam Roby (www.putnamrobby.com). He will continue his affiliation with ATC in a consulting role and remain active with the company's proposed projects in Dane County.

Williamson has been associated with ATC since its inception in 2001. He initially served on ATC's board of directors representing Madison Gas & Electric. During his 16-year career at MGE, Williamson last served as executive vice president and chief strategic officer. In June 2002, Williamson joined ATC as vice president of Major Projects overseeing external relations and the public participation process that includes local relations, environmental, real estate and state regulatory functions. For ATC, he has managed external relations for major transmission infrastructure projects including the 220-mile Arrowhead-Weston transmission line, the 100-mile Gardner Park-Central Wisconsin-Morgan-Werner West project, and the 85-mile Cranberry-Conover-Plains project – all currently under construction. He also has led the public participation process for the proposed transmission line projects in and around Dane County.

"It's not an easy job to gain acceptance for new transmission lines, but Mark has developed a very successful program for communicating and working with those impacted by our work," said José Delgado, ATC president and chief executive officer. "His leadership in the company's proactive communications with landowners, local officials and especially those opposing our work has been the reason we've been able to get these critical projects under way in time to maintain the reliability of the electric grid serving people and businesses in communities throughout Wisconsin and Michigan. I have admired and appreciated his ability to address this most significant obstacle to the construction of transmission in this country."

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Williamson said, "I have enjoyed the challenge, and I look forward to continuing to help ATC with the proposed transmission line projects in Dane County in my new consulting capacity.

"This new career also gives me the opportunity to help other companies and communities around the country take a similar open approach in raising awareness and gaining acceptance for their important infrastructure projects," Williamson said.

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