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ATC announces Barnhart-Branch River transmission project in area
Informational open houses scheduled in Plymouth, New Holstein & Brillion

DE PERE, Wis. – A project to reinforce the high-voltage electric transmission system in eastern Wisconsin will be introduced to local area residents at open houses in February.

American Transmission Co. is proposing to reinforce the 345-kilovolt grid in the region in response to changes being made at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant that include an increase in generating capacity. The 345-kilovolt, or 345-kV, system is the backbone of ATC's network, used to transfer large amounts of electricity across long distances.

"The Barnhart-Branch River project will involve two new substations in Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties," said David Hovde, local relations consultant for ATC. "In addition, we will need to either upgrade and replace some existing transmission lines in the area, or build a new, high-voltage line to connect the new substations. We are in the early stages in developing this project and look forward to talking with local residents and officials about our plans."

Open houses are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Cobblestone Creek Dining & Banquet Hall in Brillion,
- Wednesday, Feb. 23 at Altona Supper Club in New Holstein and
- Thursday, Feb. 24 at Amore in Plymouth.

All open houses will run from 1 to 7 p.m. No formal presentation is planned; interested parties should drop in as their schedule allows.

Note to editors: more information, including a project-area map, is available at our website: atc-projects.com

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