



# TIMELINE

- January – March 2006** Install new right-of-way (2 miles) and remove existing lines from Portage to French Creek.
- March – June 2006** Install new right-of-way (4.5 miles) and remove existing lines from French Creek to Endeavor
- June – November 2006** Upgrade structures and lines from Endeavor to the Montello substation
- December 2006** Lines are expected to be in service.

## Who we are



Everything we do at ATC is designed to ensure the reliable operation of the electric transmission system. ATC owns, plans, constructs, operates, maintains transmission facilities portions of Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois.

### Questions?

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**ATC to host open house** Jan. 17, 3-6 pm — Endeavor Fire Station



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# Portage to Montello Electric Reliability Project

An update on a project to improve local reliability in Marquette and Columbia counties.

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# UPDATE

# ATC prepares for Portage-Montello transmission work

## Three phases of construction planned

American Transmission Co. is preparing to build and upgrade 69-kilovolt electric transmission facilities from the Portage substation to the Montello substation.

Construction of approximately 6.5 miles of new right-of-way will begin next month. Hooper Corporation is the construction contractor.

Construction of this project will occur in three separate phases. The first phase consists of two miles of new right-of-way just outside of Portage. Once this line is completed, Hooper Corporation will remove the old line and upgrade the structures from wood poles to single steel poles. This phase begins in Portage and continues toward French Creek. French Creek will be preserved by the Department of Natural Resources.

The second phase runs from French Creek to just east of Moundville. Approximately 4.5 miles of new right-of-way will be constructed, old lines will be removed, and existing transmission lines will be upgraded.

The third and final phase runs from just east of Moundville to the Montello substation. Driven by the need to perform maintenance in this area, Hooper will upgrade the wood poles to a combination of single steel poles and wood laminated

poles. Tree clearing along the project area is complete, and construction will begin in June 2006.

This project will help address growth and meet residential demands for electricity; upgrade structures which date back approximately 50 years; and clear and maintain areas along the line to

avoid future outages due to line interference.

"This project is primarily maintenance-driven," says Bill Moreno, ATC project manager. "To upgrade the structures and rebuild some of the lines, we had to do some tree clearing, which in the end will avoid future outages from tree interference."

### Construction preparation begins

Depth of the foundations for poles, pole locations and heights, and the thickness of the wires are still being determined. Construction crews will use drilling rigs and boring equipment along the route and then erect poles at heights between 70 and 80 feet.

"Since our tree clearing is completed, people will be able to get a closer look at our work," said Moreno. The new and improved lines will be in service in December 2006.

#### ATC to host open houses during construction process

ATC will continue its inclusive, direct contact philosophy with the public on new transmission line projects with an open house scheduled for 2006.

"We're pleased with the helpful input we've received from the public," said Kurt Hendrickson, ATC local relations representative. "We want to continue to update the potentially affected residents of Marquette and Columbia counties along the project route."

In an effort to keep landowners informed of the construction process, ATC will hold an open house on Jan. 17 from 3-6 pm at the Endeavor Fire Station. People along the route are encouraged to stop in, view a map of the approved route, and ask ATC staff about the construction process. A representative from the construction contractor will also be available.

