



Venus-Metonga Electric Reliability Project

An update on a project to improve
local reliability in Oneida and Forest counties.

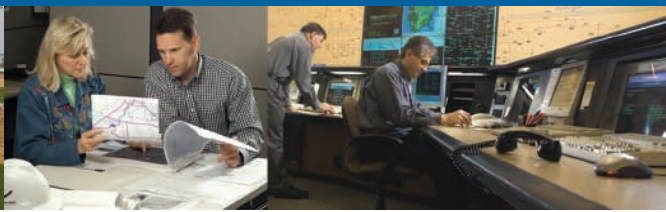
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UPDATE

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PSC approval paves the way for Venus-Metonga transmission line construction

Substation construction to begin in June; transmission line in November

American Transmission Co. received authorization last month from the Public Service Commission to build 13 miles of new 115 kV electric transmission line between the Venus substation in the Town of Monico and a new Wisconsin Public Service Corp. substation (to be named the Metonga substation) in Crandon. In order to deliver electricity to this new substation, ATC has been ordered to build a new transmission line to connect these new substations.

Need for the project

Currently, the Crandon area is served by 25 kilovolt distribution

facilities from the Venus substation, and Laona is served by a distribution substation in the Town of Goodman.

WPS's distribution system in the Crandon area is experiencing an increase in demand, as much as 5 percent per year. The increased demand is causing voltage problems, and further area growth will create loading problems on certain components in the near future. The new Metonga substation will resolve these issues, as well as serve and improve reliability to customers in the Laona area.

Following state law throughout the process

In preparation for this project, following Wisconsin state law (Act 89), ATC staff spent the summer and fall of 2004 gathering data and identifying opportunities to co-locate the new line with existing utility, transportation and recreation corridors. Act 89 encourages co-location with existing utilities when identifying potential routes. The following prioritization was established in Wisconsin Act 89:

Primary opportunities

- Existing utility corridors, such as those for transmission and distribution lines and pipelines

Secondary opportunities

- Transportation corridors, such as those for highways and railroads

Tertiary opportunities

- Recreational trails

New corridors

- Establish new corridors using section lines and/or property boundaries

Other information considered includes land use, planning data, wetland delineation and environmental data.

For more information on Wisconsin Act 89, visit the Wisconsin state legislature's web site at www.legis.state.wi.us.

Public involvement

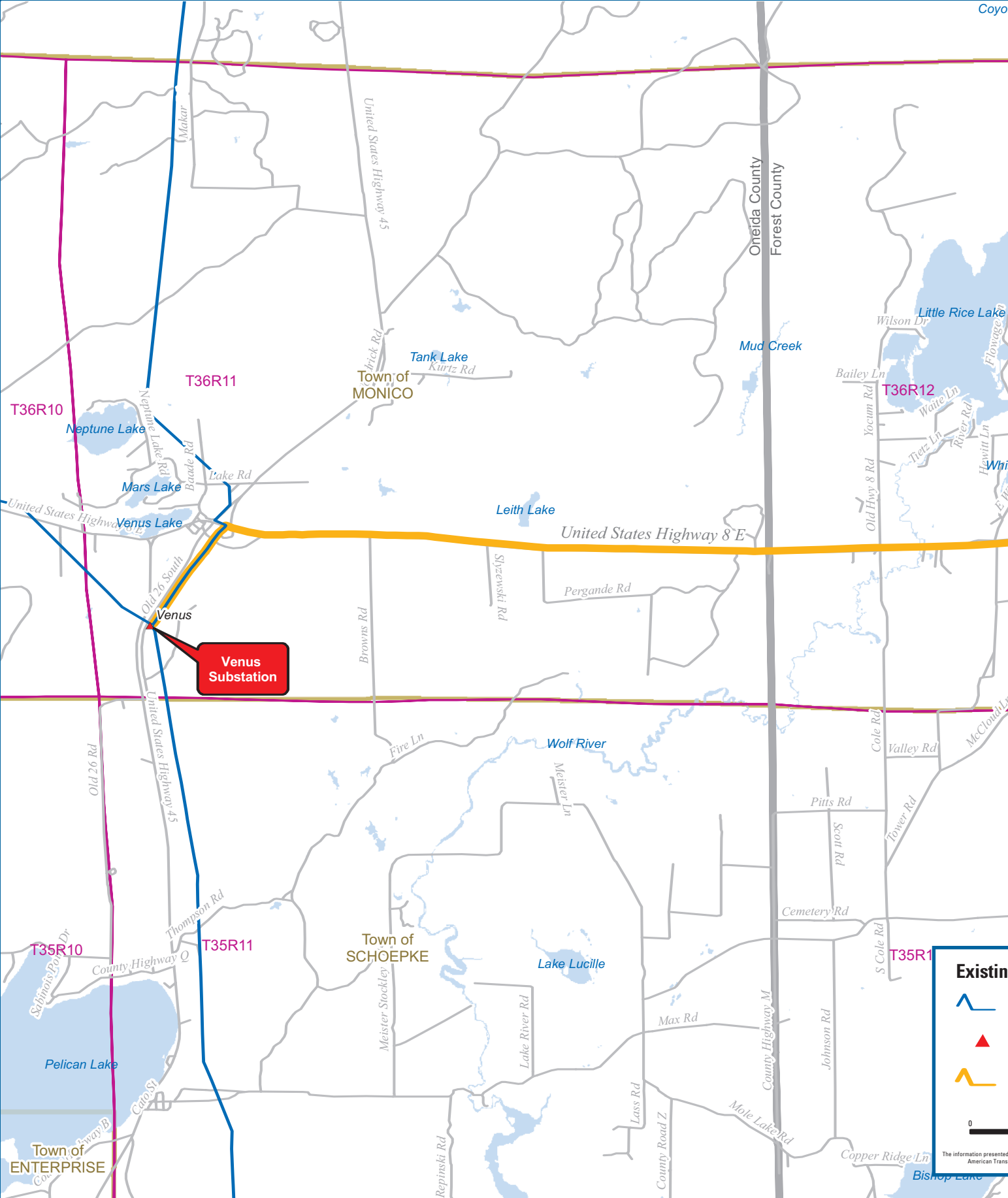


Todd Miller, Pete Prast and Michelle Stokes from ATC talk with interested parties attending an open house last year.

Public input is an important part of the transmission line process. ATC makes every effort to gather as much local input and feedback at the outset in order to design projects that minimize impacts to landowners and communities. This local area information helps ATC design projects that are acceptable to those most affected by our plans. Information is gathered through personal visits, public meetings and informational open houses. ATC made sure to incorporate written public comments in its regulatory filing seeking approval to build the project.

"Local input has been extremely helpful in selecting routes for the new transmission lines," explains Lee Meyerhofer, ATC local relations representative. "We are pleased with the number of people who attended our open houses and encourage landowners to stay involved in the project."

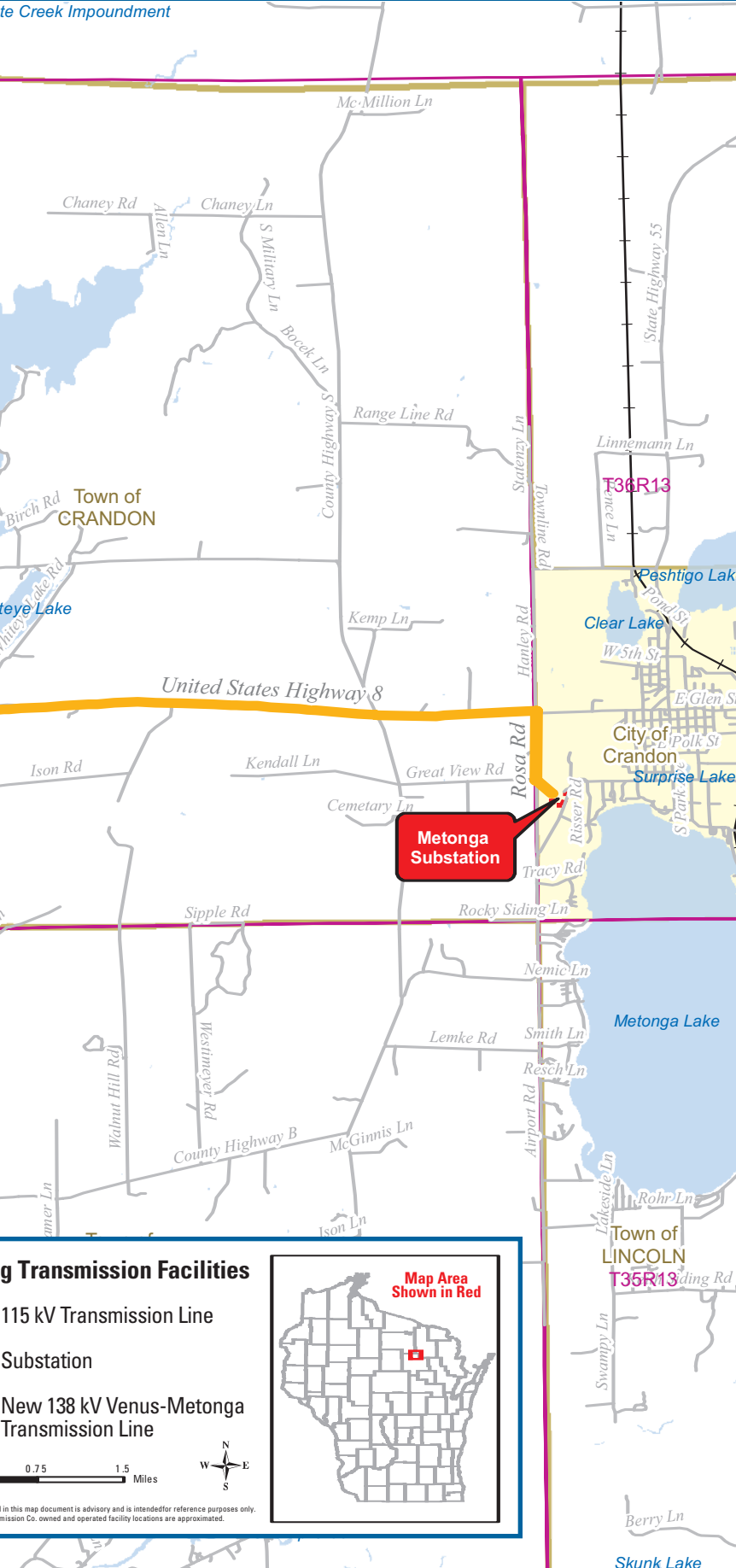
Construction is scheduled to begin later this year, after easement acquisition and final engineering are completed. Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc., Tomahawk, will carry out the associated real estate activities on behalf of ATC.



UTILITY PROJECT AREA

Stations

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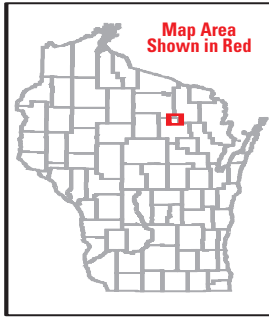


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115 kV Transmission Line

Substation

New 138 kV Venus-Metonga Transmission Line



This map document is advisory and is intended for reference purposes only. ATC, American Transmission Company, owned and operated facility locations are approximated.

TIMELINE

Public outreach	Ongoing
Environmental analysis	2004/2005
Application filing date	August 2005
Received decision from PSC	March 2006
Landowner Contacts/Easement Acquisition	Summer 2006
Construction start (substation)	Early Fall 2006
Construction start (transmission line)	Late 2006
In-service	June 2007

In October 2005, ATC became the first utility – and among only five organizations – to be accepted into Wisconsin’s new Green Tier program. Administered by the Wisconsin DNR, Green Tier recognizes businesses and organizations that demonstrate superior environmental performance and continual improvement. For more information on ATC’s involvement with Green Tier, visit our Web site at www.atcllc.com, or e-mail us at greenlines@atcllc.com.



Who we are

Everything we do at ATC is designed to ensure the reliable operation of the electric transmission system. ATC is a transmission-only utility that owns, operates, builds and maintains transmission facilities in portions of Wisconsin, Upper Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois.

Questions or comments?

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