# Local Relations Update

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# ATC's Outreach Approach

- Understand impacts: What? Who?
- Articulate project need
- Develop strategies to engage the public
- Build community relationships
- Address local issues (if possible)
- Execute



#### Tools of the Trade

- "Getting poles and wires elected . . . ."
- Direct mail
- Limited, targeted advertising (mostly radio)
- Community Leader Briefings and Open Houses
  - Invitations and phone calls
  - Video
  - Staffed by ATC (and LDC) Experts
  - Pre-CPCN and Pre-construction
- Project Updates (newsletters, WWW, etc.)





#### **Current Activities & Tactics**

- Continued public and stakeholder contacts on all major projects:
  - Newsletters and other direct mail
  - Public open houses
  - Hands-on one-on-one contact with local officials
- Selective corporate sponsorships at local level
- Modest advertising
- Updates since May 23, 2006 meeting





#### Major 345 kV Projects

- Rockdale West Middleton (Dane County)
  - Public open houses held in late June
  - Final routes and open houses in December 2006.
    CPCN filing in 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2007
- Rockdale Paddock (Dane & Rock)
  - Access project
  - Target route is existing 345 kV (W4) line corridor for double & triple circuit on new poles
  - CPCN filing in 1st Qtr 2007.





# Major 345 kV Projects (cont'd)

- Arrowhead-Weston
  - Ongoing individual local government contacts during construction (with WPS)
- Gardner Park Central Wisconsin & Morgan - Werner West
  - CPCN Order approved July 2006.
  - Pre-construction public outreach underway (heavy on real estate message)





#### Major 138 kV Projects

- Fitchburg (Oak Ridge) Verona:
  - Open houses held in late June; "Final" open house scheduled for September 14
  - CPCN filing in 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2006.
- N. Madison Huiskamp (Waunakee):
  - CPCN "complete" in July
  - CPCN hearing expected in November and Order by late 2006





## Major 138 kV Projects (cont'd)

- Cranberry Conover Iron River Plains:
  - PSCW hearings held in June (Eagle River and Florence); EA issued in August
  - CPCN Order expected by end of September
- Jefferson County:
  - CPCN Order issued on August 9, 2006





## Major 138 kV Projects (cont'd)

- Venus Metonga (Oneida & Forest):
  - Real estate work ongoing; some additional pre- construction outreach likely
- Femrite Sprecher (Dane):
  - Underground work ongoing; above ground T-line work to begin this fall along I-90
- East Beaver Dam (Dodge):
  - Under construction (along STH 151)





# Challenges on 69k V Projects

- Fall below the PSCW filing thresholds for new ROW or total costs
- Require extensive public outreach, but without the CPCN regulatory certainty
- Can require local government approvals (like conditional use permits)
- Recent examples:
  - Columbia Wyocena Rio
  - Y119 Rebuild (Oregon Verona)

