# Local Relations Update November 16, 2006

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## **Our 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.)



## The Transmission System Today

- 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
- Advertising as necessary
- Updates since August 23, 2006 meeting



## Major 345 kV Projects

- Rockdale West Middleton (Dane County)
  - County wide referendum requesting "independent study" passed with 76% of vote
  - Final routes, open houses and CPCN filing in spring 2007
- Rockdale Paddock (Dane & Rock)
  - Access project preferred is existing 345 kV (W4) line corridor
  - Project open house scheduled for December 12-13
  - CPCN filing in spring 2007.



## Major 345 kV Projects (cont'd)

- Arrowhead-Weston
  - Ongoing individual local government contacts during construction (with WPS) – focus on final spreads in Rusk, Sawyer, Washburn and Douglas counties
- Gardner Park Central Wisconsin & Morgan - Werner West
  - CPCN Order approved in July 2006.
  - Real estate negotiations ongoing
  - Pre-construction open house scheduled on December 5



#### Major 138 kV Projects

- Fitchburg (Oak Ridge) Verona:
  - "Final" open house held in September
  - CPCN filing by year-end 2006.
- N. Madison Huiskamp (Waunakee):
  - PSCW deadline extended into mid-2007
  - More than 90 intervenors at PSCW
  - Hearings scheduled



### Major 138 kV Projects (cont'd)

- Cranberry Conover Iron River Plains:
  - PSCW action imminent
  - CPCN Order expected at November 20, 2006 PSCW meeting
- Jefferson County:
  - CPCN Order issued on August 9, 2006 -- alternate route selected on northern half
  - Judicial review requested by Jefferson County and the Madison Audubon Society



## Major 138 kV Projects (cont'd)

- Venus Metonga (Oneida & Forest):
  - Real estate negotiations continuing
  - Pre-Construction open house on December 6 in Crandon
- Femrite Sprecher (Dane):
  - Underground work complete
  - Above ground T-line work underway
- East Beaver Dam (Dodge):
  - Complete!



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### QUESTIONS?

