CHANDLER-18TH ROAD ELECTRIC RELIABILITY PROJECT

OVERVIEW

American Transmission Co. is proposing to add to and improve electric transmission facilities in the Escanaba area.

NEED FOR THE PROJECT

Electric transmission facilities in the Escanaba area are frequently overloaded and subject to low voltages. Existing lines are so critical to maintaining service to customers that it is difficult to take components out of service for maintenance.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

ATC is proposing to build a new six-mile, double-circuit 138-kilovolt line and substation. The line would run from the current Chandler Substation on County Road D11 to a new substation called 18th Road.

ROUTING AND SITING PROCESS

Public input is an important part of the transmission line siting process. ATC makes every effort to gather as much local input and feedback to design projects that minimize impacts to landowners and communities. Local information is gathered at open houses, through personal and site visits, and public meetings. Existing corridors, usually utility lines or transportation corridors, are typically examined for co-location opportunities to minimize impacts to people and the environment. Michigan law requires a regulatory filing for major transmission line projects; this project does not meet that legal definition. Any necessary permits will be obtained at the local level.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

ATC's environmental commitment is built upon its core values – service to our customers, honesty, social responsibility, stakeholder inclusion, financial and environmental sustainability, and respect for its employees and customers. ATC supports sustainable environmental policies and actions by balancing stewardship with financial considerations, engineering and maintenance requirements, and social impacts.

SCHEDULE

Public open house #1 – kickoff	June 2011
Public open house #2 – review potential transmission line routes Fall 2011	
Public open house #3 – final route	First quarter 2012
Obtain local permits	As necessary
Negotiate/obtain easements	Summer 2012 into 2013
Construction start	July 2013
In-service date	June 2014



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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