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# PSC Plans Public Hearings on Arrowhead Weston Transmission Line

MADISON – The Public Service Commission announced plans for public hearings in the areas of the state impacted by the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line.

The public hearings will be conducted in the seven county area where the transmission line is proposed. The dates and locations will be announced at a later date. The hearings will provide citizens in the areas of the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line an opportunity to comment on the relevant issues in the re-opened case:

- Cost estimates for Arrowhead-Weston and four other extra high voltage transmission line alternatives identified in the 1999 Wisconsin Reliability Assessment Organization report and the Commission record for this case.
- Other cost-effective and technically feasible solutions that would resolve the reliability concerns that were identified in the Arrowhead-Weston case.
- Cost benefit analysis on whether Arrowhead-Weston continues to be a reasonable choice compared with other identified solutions.

The American Transmission Company, Wisconsin Public Service and Minnesota Power have applied to construct a 210-mile 345 kilovolt transmission line linking the Arrowhead substation near Duluth, Minnesota with the Weston substation near Wausau, Wisconsin.

In October 2001, the Commission authorized the construction of the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line. The Commission reopened the case in December 2002 after receiving a revised cost estimate from the applicants.

Technical hearings on the Arrowhead-Weston case will start September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Public Service Commission in Madison. The public hearings will be held after the technical hearings.

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