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Commissioners' Statements On Arrowhead-Weston Open Meeting Today

Following are statements from Commissioners regarding the verbal decisions made at the Open Meeting today.

Chairperson Burnie Bridge:

“Decisions to construct high voltage electric transmission lines, especially projects of the magnitude of the Arrowhead-Weston proposal, are always difficult. To meet Wisconsin’s growing demand for electricity, it is imperative for us to move forward on the construction of a high voltage transmission line connecting our state from East to West.

Over two years ago, the Commission decided on the Arrowhead-Weston route. Our goal in reopening the case was to review the increased costs of the project. After careful review, including an independent audit, the Commission found the increases to be reasonable and the need for the transmission line to be more apparent than ever to ensure reliability for Wisconsin’s residents, businesses and industries.”

Commissioner Ave Bie:

“Two years ago, we found the Arrowhead-Weston line was in the public interest and necessary for increased security and reliability in the region. The record before us today demonstrates that the security and adequacy problems on the system still exist and that reinforcements are urgently needed. This project is still a reasonable choice and an appropriate step in solving our security and adequacy issues.”

Commissioner Robert Garvin:

“The Commission’s decision today reflects our commitment to addressing long-standing security problems on Wisconsin’s weak transmission system. The Arrowhead-Weston line will greatly improve one of the nation’s most congested interfaces and greater reliability for customers.”