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**Arrowhead-Weston construction scheduled  
to begin in Wisconsin in spring**  
*ATC receives construction permits from DNR*

WAUKESHA, Wis. – American Transmission Co. yesterday received the Chapter 30 permit and Wetland Water Quality Certification from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, which are needed to construct the Arrowhead-Weston transmission project.

“Receipt of the DNR permits is one more step toward ensuring that the millions of people in Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest will have the reliable and secure supply of electricity provided by the Arrowhead-Weston project,” said Mark Williamson, ATC vice president of major projects. “We look forward to beginning transmission line construction in Marathon and Clark counties next spring.”

The permits address the crossing of waterways, placement of poles in wetlands, discharge of fill material into wetlands, site erosion control, storm water management plans, as well as other specific matters. “As is our practice, we will take care to protect and preserve the environment as we construct the project,” said Williamson. The project will require 105 temporary bridges and 317 structures in wetlands.

“While we will be constructing in wetlands, our goal is to utilize construction measures that minimize impacts to wetlands and to the environment as a whole. In total, we will displace less than one-half of an acre of land with the construction in wetlands.”

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The Arrowhead-Weston transmission project originally was approved by the Public Service Commission in October 2001 and re-approved in December 2003 at a revised cost. In its Strategic Energy Assessment Final Report issued in September, the Commission stated: “Due to concerns over electric system reliability, the Commission reauthorized construction of the 210-mile, \$420 million Arrowhead-Weston transmission line in 2003.”

ATC has negotiated easements with more than 160 private landowners for the use of their land. Marathon County signed easements for the use of its land in September, the Mosinee Town Board rescinded its resolution opposing the project at a meeting last week and the National Park Service, in its FEIS, has selected an overhead crossing of the Namekagon River as its preferred crossing alternative.

“We are responsible for addressing Wisconsin’s electric transmission infrastructure needs and will do so as quickly and cost efficiently as possible. Most of the construction of the Arrowhead-Weston project in Minnesota is complete. We plan to complete construction of the entire project in mid-2008,” said Williamson.

*ATC owns and operates transmission facilities in portions of Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. It provides non-discriminatory service to all customers, supporting effective competition in energy markets without favoring any market participant. A member of the Midwest ISO regional transmission organization, ATC has approximately 8,900 miles of transmission lines with a total investment of approximately \$1 billion in transmission assets. Visit our Web sites at [www.atcllc.com](http://www.atcllc.com) and [www.arrowhead-weston.com](http://www.arrowhead-weston.com) for more information.*

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