# THE SPOON RIVER REVIEW

The Spoon River Transmission Project Newsletter

Final Issue - March 2018

### The Spoon River Transmission Project is complete!

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) is pleased to announce we have completed and energized the Spoon River Transmission Project, a 44-mile, 345-kV transmission line between Galesburg and Peoria. The project team finished ahead of schedule and maintained safety for our crews and communities during construction.

The Spoon River Transmission Project is directly aligned with our strategic goals of providing customers with reliable, efficient and environmentally responsible energy. It improves energy reliability, increases transmission capacity and allows for greater access to lower-cost energy, including renewable sources such as wind.

Over the past several years, we have worked hard to engage the public and local leaders prior to construction during a series of open houses and meetings to help determine the best route for the transmission line in your community. We listened to you and have gained knowledge through your valuable insight.

Our goal was to keep all those interested involved and maintain communication every step of the way. The Spoon River Transmission Project is successful due to the continued support, collaboration and engagement of the communities, landowners and our contract partners. We are grateful and would like to extend our appreciation for the cooperation in planning, designing and construction of the project. Thank you for helping us to Power the Quality of Life.



Knox County open house participants learning about the project

Open house attendees providing feedback for the project team in Peoria County

Christine Brinkmann, Ameren Construction Supervisor and Matt Hennenfent, Knox County 4th generation farmer

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#### **Thank You!**

The Spoon River Transmission Project Team appreciates the continued support from leaders and community members in Knox and Peoria County. Ongoing collaborative communication allowed Ameren to construct this important energy reliability project that addressed the communities and company's needs.



**Project Duration** 18 Months

> **Foundations Poured** 272 Foundations

Miles in Length 44 Miles

> **Cubic Yards of Concrete** 20,000+ Cubic Yds.

**In-Service Date** February 2018

**Feet of Conductor** 1.4 Million Feet

> **Pounds of Steel Installed** 6.3 Million Pounds

**Project Cost** \$82.5M

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# PROJECT TIMELINE

2011

Public Meetings -**Routing Process** 

2015 Environmental field surveys begin (biological, wetland, and archaeological)

ROW areas cleared

2017

January

Construction equipment and materials

Survey structure locations

June/July

2017

Set and

June to October

2017

assemble structures

October 2017

Line energized

**February** 

2018

Project approved by Midcontinent Independent System Operator

ICC Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

September

2014 March, April, June

2016 March, April, June October 2016 to

March

2017

arrive on site and construction begins

**February** to August 2017 and October

2017

Pour

foundations

to **February** 2018

Conductors

and wire

stringing

Restoration - Spring 2018

## Meet Our Team

Ameren had several partners to make this project a success.





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