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**PRAIRIE WIND TRANSMISSION SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSES
FOR PROPOSED HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSMISSION LINE**

Landowners encouraged to provide feedback regarding possible route options.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 29, 2010 — Prairie Wind Transmission, a joint venture between Westar Energy and Electric Transmission America, is inviting landowners to a series of open houses to learn more about the routing of a new, high-capacity transmission line from Wichita to Medicine Lodge to the Kansas-Oklahoma border – part of a project commonly referred to as the Y-plan.

Under the Y-plan, Oklahoma Gas and Electric will continue the line from the Kansas-Oklahoma border to Woodward, Okla. ITC Great Plains will construct the line from Medicine Lodge to a Clark County substation and then to Spearville.

Prairie Wind will host five open houses to share information and receive comments regarding the company’s plans to build the high-capacity transmission line.

“These open houses are a great way for us to open dialogue and begin building

relationships with landowners,” said Kelly Harrison, president, Prairie Wind Transmission. “The information we receive from landowners at these open houses is invaluable. It’s a much smoother process when we can work together.”

The open houses are informal and designed for residents to come and go at their convenience. They are scheduled from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. as follows:

- Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, Heritage Center, 1056 SE Isabel Rd., Medicine Lodge
- Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010, Kiowa Community Building, 119 S 5th St., Kiowa
- Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, Garden Plain High School, 720 N Sedgwick St.,
Garden Plain
- Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, Chaparral High School, 467 N State Road 14, Anthony
- Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, Kingman High School, 260 W Kansas Ave., Kingman

Landowners will be asked to fill out a questionnaire at the open house. The consulting firm, Burns & McDonnell, will score the questionnaires and use the data to help determine a preferred route for the transmission line. Prairie Wind anticipates requesting route approval from the Kansas Corporation Commission in early 2011.

This project will help promote further growth of wind energy in western Kansas by providing a transmission super highway for moving energy east.

For more information about Prairie Wind Transmission, please visit the website at <http://www.prairiewindtransmission.com/>.

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