



Deeds – Ipava

Lee County

Public Information Meeting
Proposed 345,000 volt (345 kV) Transmission Line



FOR THE GREATER GRID



AGENDA

ITC Midwest overview and introduction

Proposed project, routing requirements and route selection

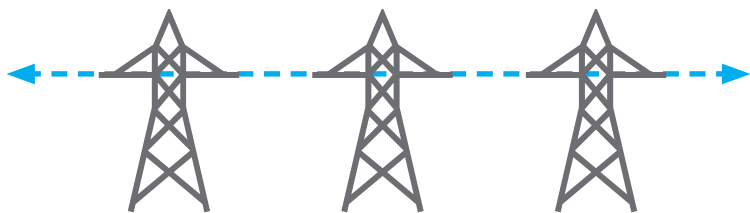
Key project milestones

Transmission line construction and maintenance

Land use easement process

ITC Midwest Profile

6,600 MILES
of transmission lines

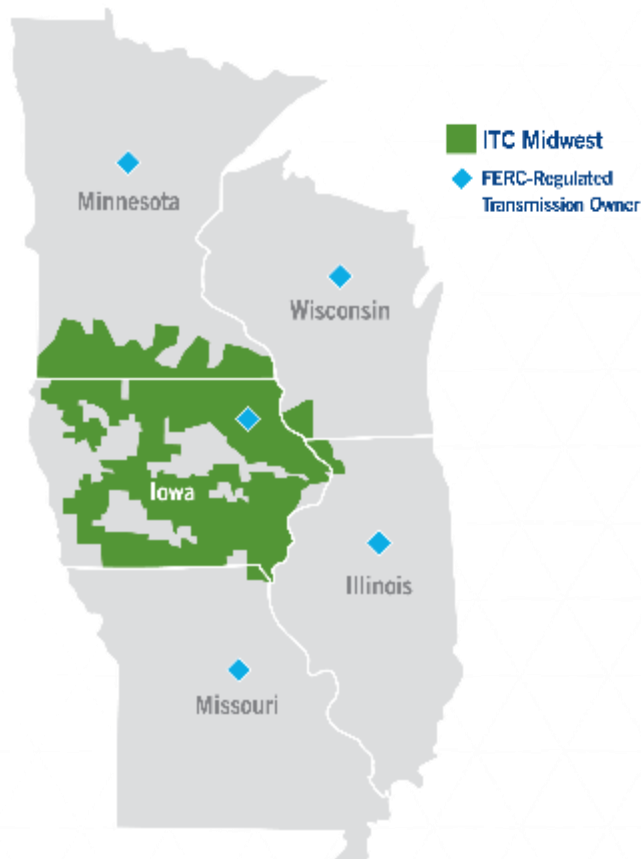


286 stations and
substations



SERVICE TERRITORY

Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri,
Wisconsin



125+ employees, and
225+ field personnel

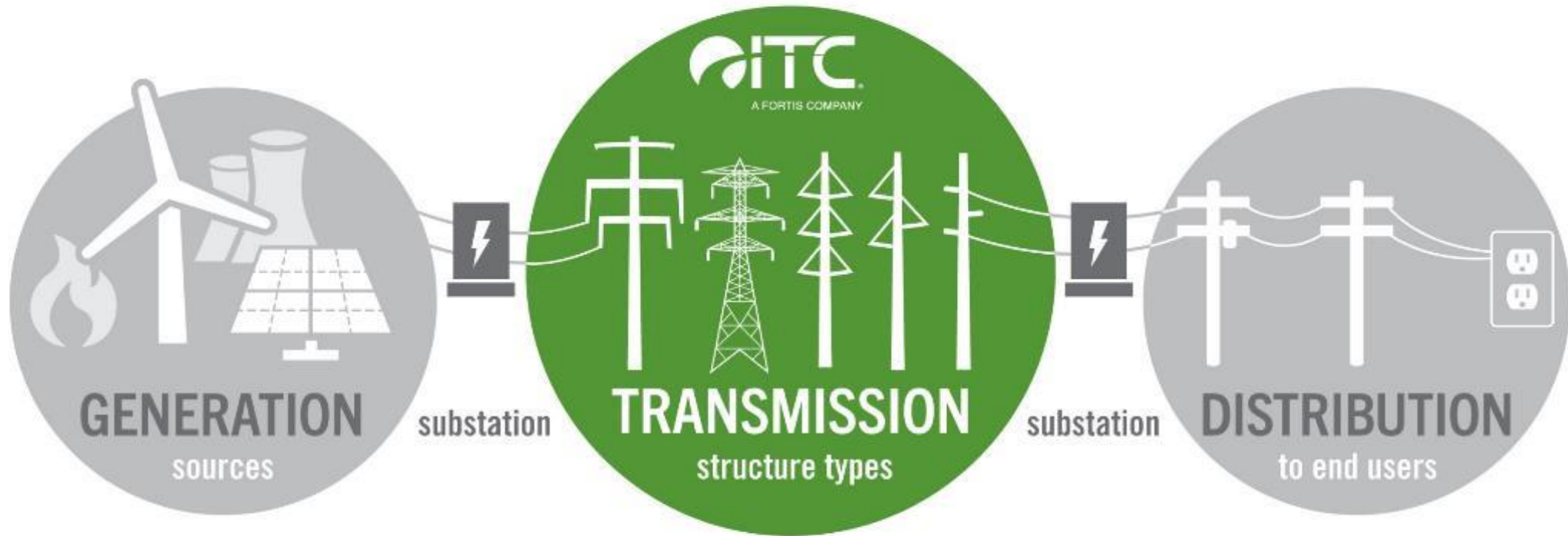


Headquarters:
Cedar Rapids

Major offices & warehouses:

Des Moines, Dubuque, Iowa City and
Perry, Iowa; Albert Lea and Lakefield,
Minnesota

How the Electric System Works



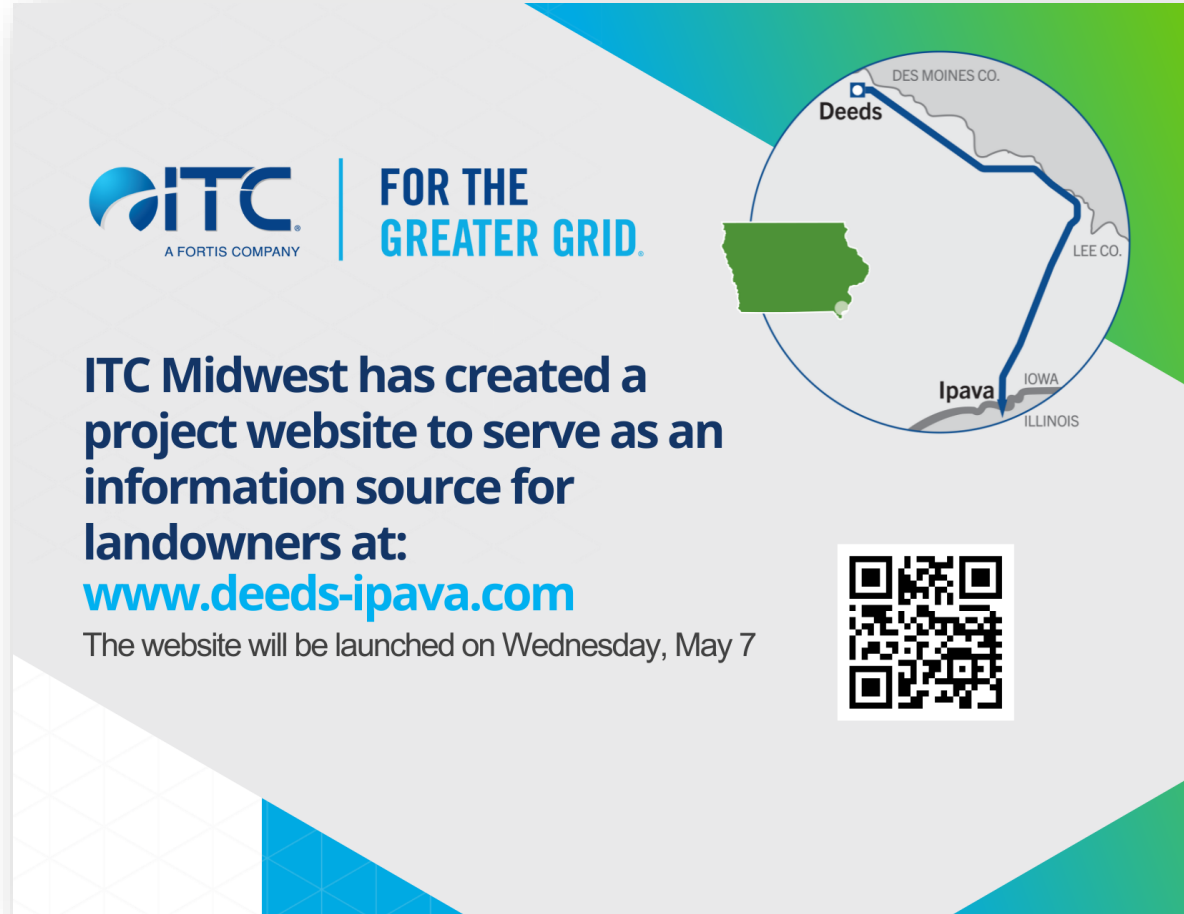
Our Mission

ITC Midwest invests in electric transmission infrastructure to:

- Improve electric reliability
- Reduce electric system congestion
- Increase electric system resiliency



Project Website



The graphic is a promotional poster for the ITC Midwest project website. It features the ITC logo (a stylized blue circle with a white dot) and the text "A FORTIS COMPANY" in small blue letters. To the right of the logo is a vertical line, followed by the text "FOR THE GREATER GRID." in blue. Below this, the text "ITC Midwest has created a project website to serve as an information source for landowners at:" is written in dark blue. Underneath, the website URL "www.deeds-ipava.com" is displayed in blue. At the bottom left, it says "The website will be launched on Wednesday, May 7" in a smaller, grey font. On the right side, there is a circular inset map showing a route between "Deeds" and "Ipava". The map labels "DES MOINES CO.", "LEE CO.", "IOWA", and "ILLINOIS". A green silhouette of Iowa is shown to the left of the map. Below the map is a square QR code.

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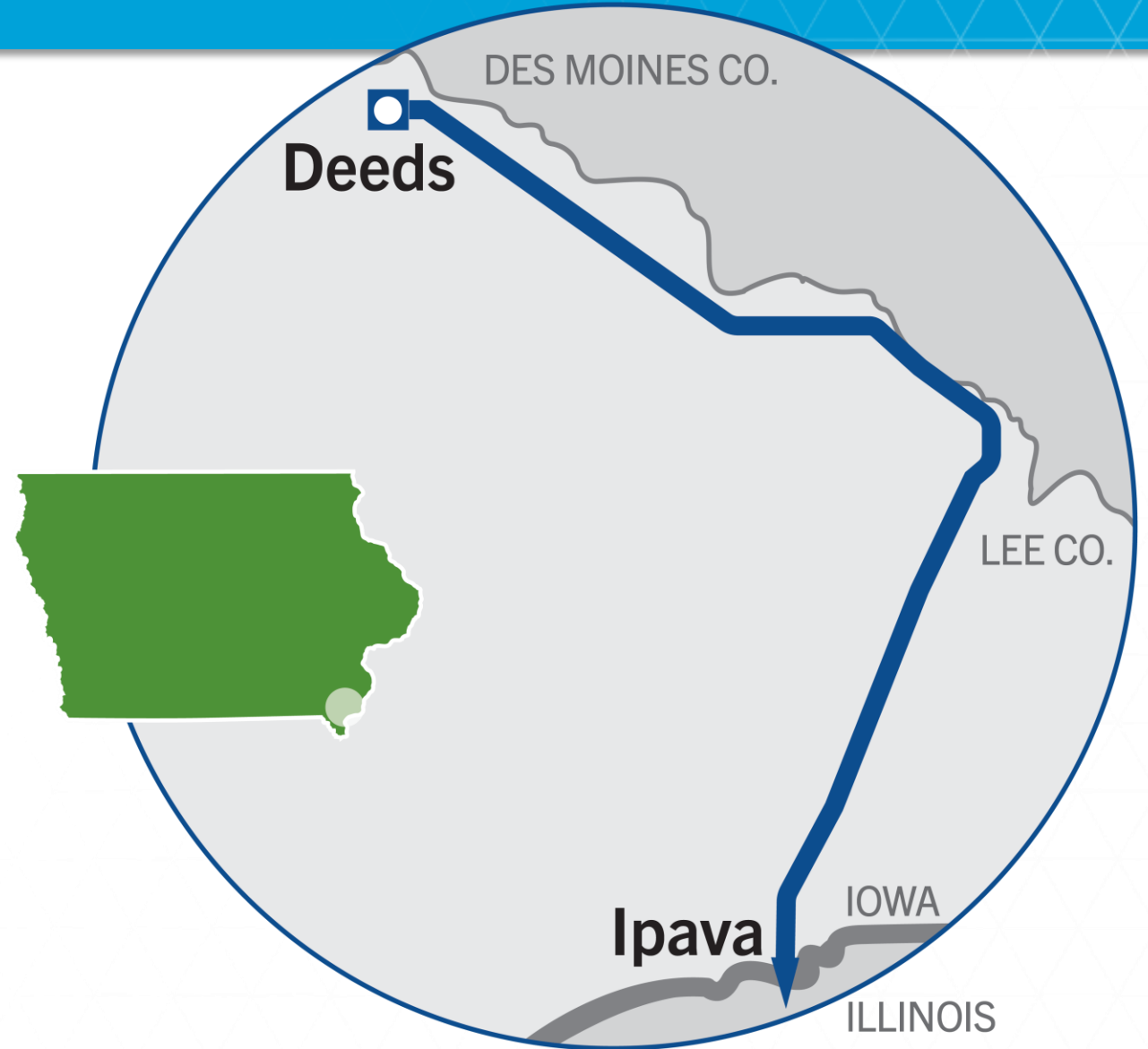
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- Postcards with this information are available at the check-in table.

Proposed Project

- For this project, ITC Midwest proposes building a new 345,000 volt or 345 kV transmission line along a route in Lee County.
- The line will continue a short distance into Illinois where Ameren ownership will begin and continue to the Ipava substation.



Proposed Project

- The proposed portion of the transmission line in Iowa will be owned by ITC Midwest who will have sole responsibility for the construction, operation and maintenance of the project.
- This project was approved by MISO (the grid planning organization for our region), as part of a collaborative plan to build needed high-voltage transmission infrastructure.
- Once constructed, these projects will improve electric reliability, increase system resilience, reduce transmission system congestion and provide broader access to generation sources consistent with ITC Midwest's mission.

Proposed Project Benefits

This transmission line will:

- Increase transmission infrastructure to **improve system reliability**
- Enhance grid resilience to better **withstand extreme weather**
- **Expand access to generation resources** for electric consumers by reducing transmission system congestion
- Improve distribution of **lower-cost energy resources**, including renewables

Why do we need to build this 345 kV line?

- To ensure generation from both local and remote sources can be delivered to meet local and regional electricity demand during all system operating conditions.
- 345 kV transmission lines are designed to efficiently move large amounts of power into and out of areas to facilitate generation deliverability and overall system reliability.
- Additional 345 kV infrastructure improves system resilience and helps ensure that available generation can serve area loads during extreme weather events.

Proposed Project Segment in Lee County

- To ensure reliable electric service, ITC Midwest proposes to build approximately **15 miles** of new 345 kV transmission line in Lee County.

ITC Midwest currently owns and operates nearly 640 miles of 345 kV lines in Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin.



Proposed Project Segment in Lee County

- For the proposed project, a new 345 kV line coming out of ITC Midwest's new Deeds Substation will join the route of an existing 161 kV transmission line for a portion of the route.
- The 345 kV line will be routed southeasterly into Illinois, where the new line will interconnect to a new Ameren-owned 345 kV line which will continue to the Ameren's Ipava substation.

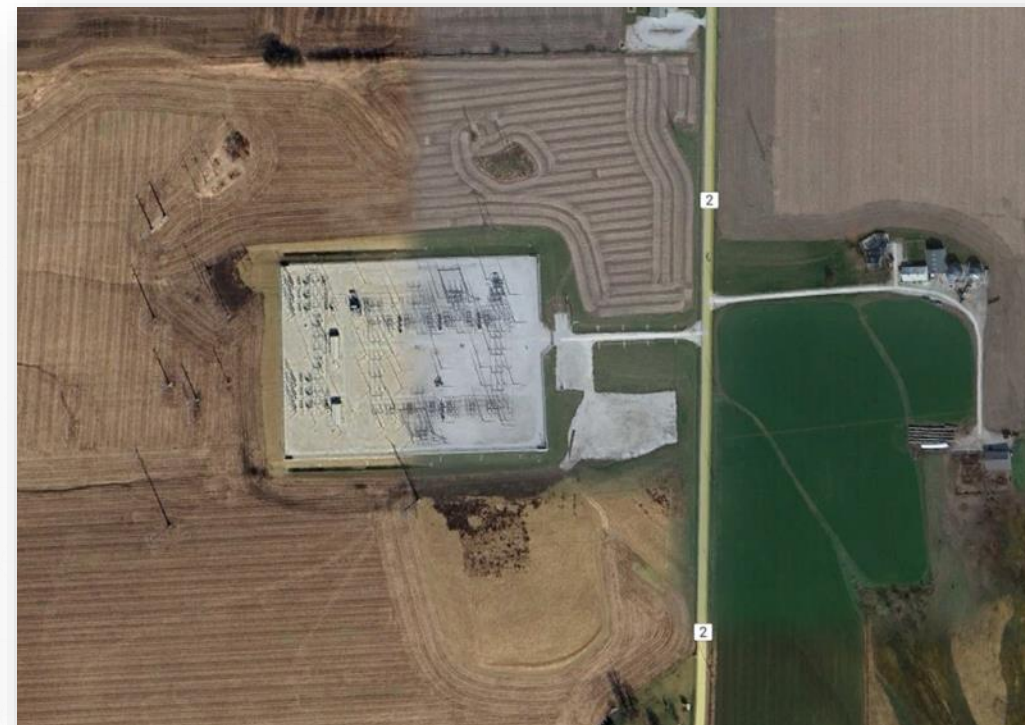


Substation locations

The new 345 kV line will directly connect the ITC Midwest owned Deeds Substation in Lee County to the Ameren owned Ipava Substation in Illinois.



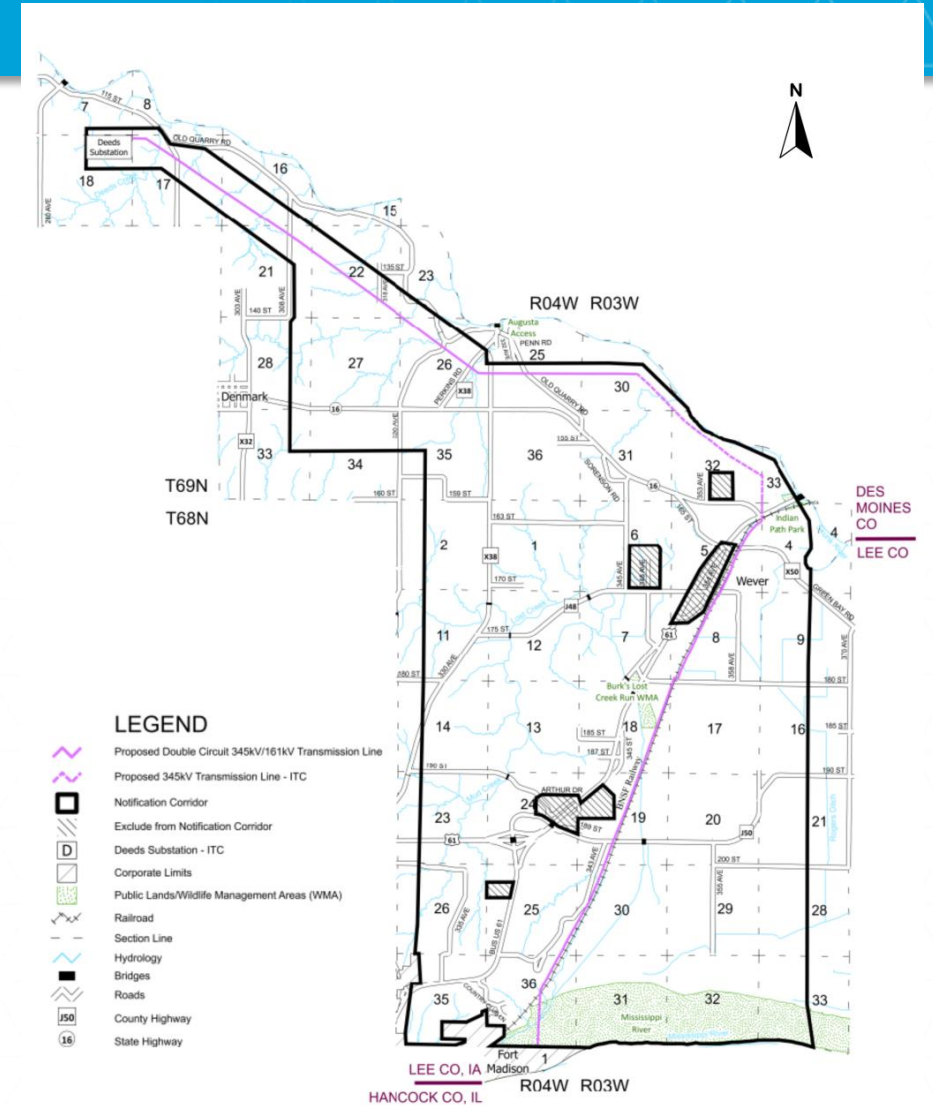
Site of ITC Midwest's new Deeds Substation west of Denmark, Iowa.

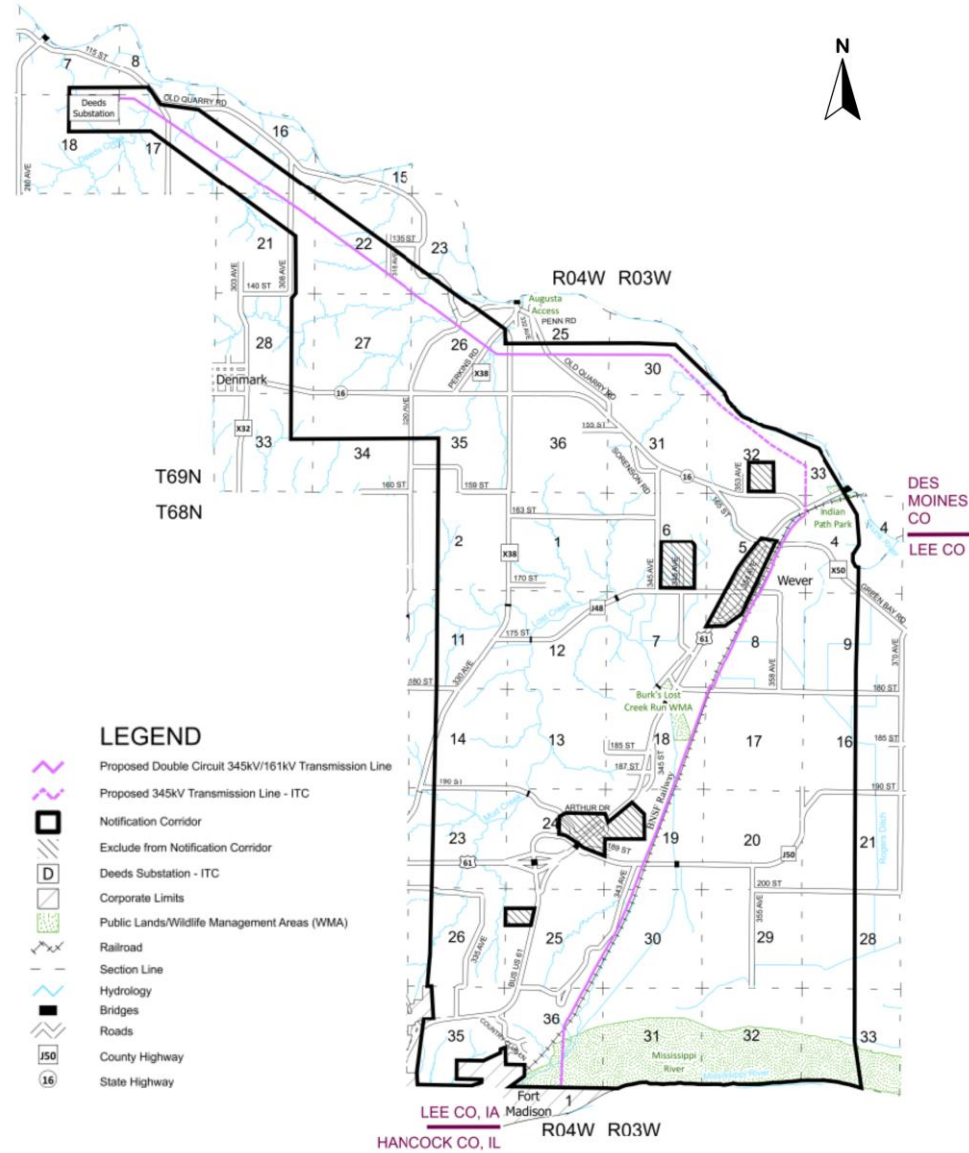


Site of Ameren's Ipava Substation in Illinois.

Selecting the Proposed Line Route

- The proposed route area for the 345 kV transmission line in Lee County follows the magenta line.
- A segment of the project is co-located with other existing and proposed lines.
- Your meeting notice included a map showing the proposed line route with a defined notification corridor.





Selecting the Proposed Line Route

ITC Midwest reviewed several possible line routes, considering the requirements set forth by the Iowa Code:

- Start planning with routes **near or parallel to roads, active railroads, or along division lines of land**
- **Minimize impacts** on current land use
- Consider **location of residences and environmentally sensitive areas**



Selecting the Proposed Line Route

ITC Midwest will work with landowners in the notification corridor to negotiate easements.

While the mailing you received shows a line on a map, the final route is determined significantly through conversations with landowners once the public information meeting is completed.



Selecting the Proposed Line Route

- Again, the final route will be determined after negotiations with landowners.
- ITC Midwest will submit the final route to the Iowa Utilities Commission for approval, which is required before construction can begin.
- According to our proposed schedule:

Easement acquisition complete by:	Second quarter 2026
If approved, construction will begin:	Fourth quarter 2028

What will the Transmission Line look like?

- The conductors, or wires, have the appearance of being twisted which helps prevent outages during icing events in winter weather.
- Poles will typically be 125 to 180 feet tall after installation.
- Poles will be spaced approximately 800 to 1,200 feet apart.



Typical 345 kV Steel Structure

- Transmission conductors (wires) are attached to steel monopoles.
- The poles will be mounted on an engineered foundation.



Typical 345 kV/161 kV Steel Structure

345 kV Transmission Wires

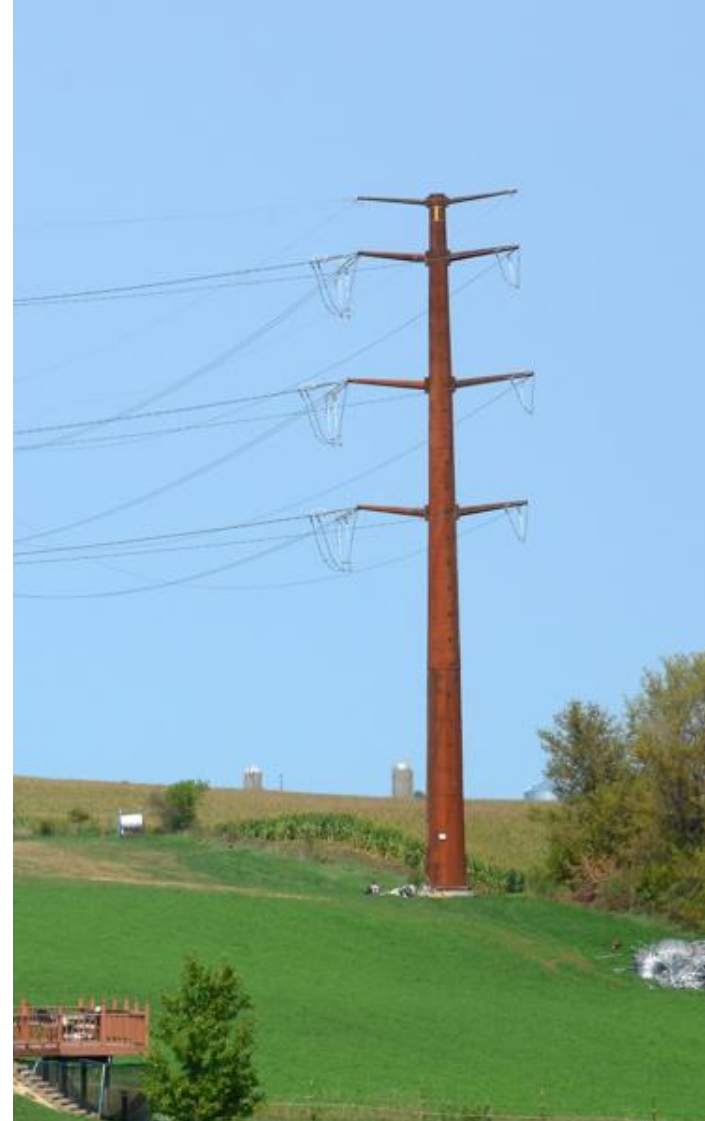
Shield Wire

Mounted to Engineered
Foundation



345 kV Corner Structure

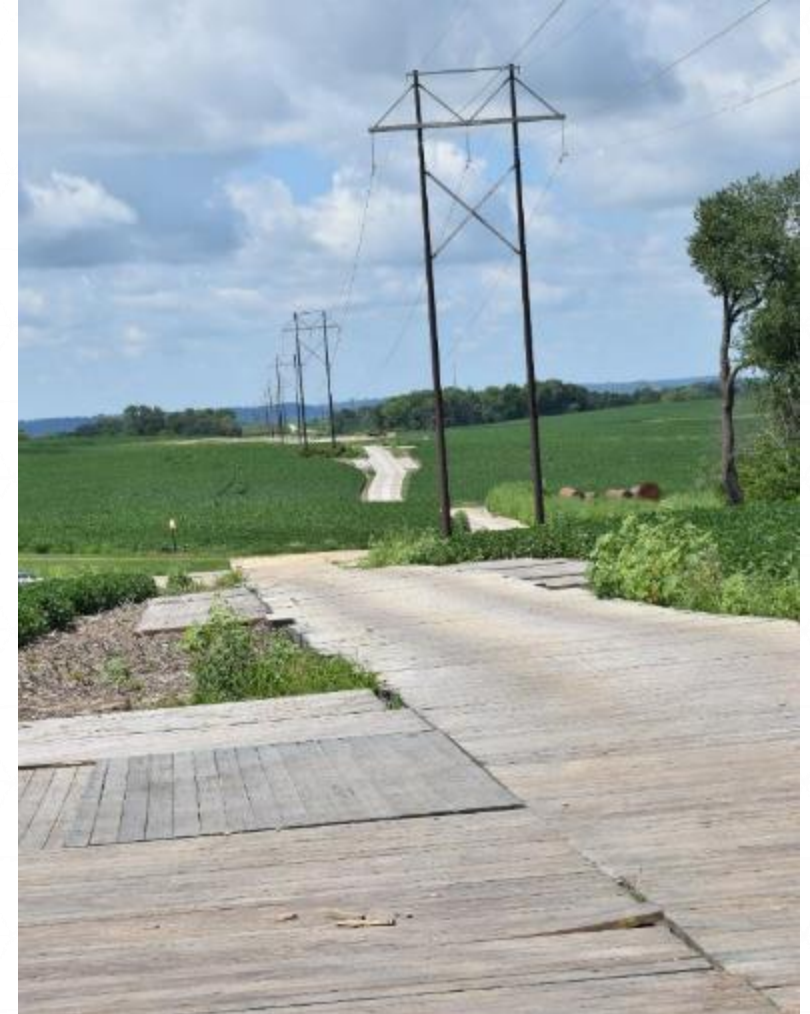
Corner steel structures will be self-supporting. This means they do not require guy wires.



Building a Transmission Line: Matting

Matting may be used in various locations to:

- Reduce soil compaction
- Allow for work to proceed in wet weather
- Minimize environmental impacts



Building a Transmission Line: Foundations

Concrete foundations are frequently used.



Building a Transmission Line: Pole Installation



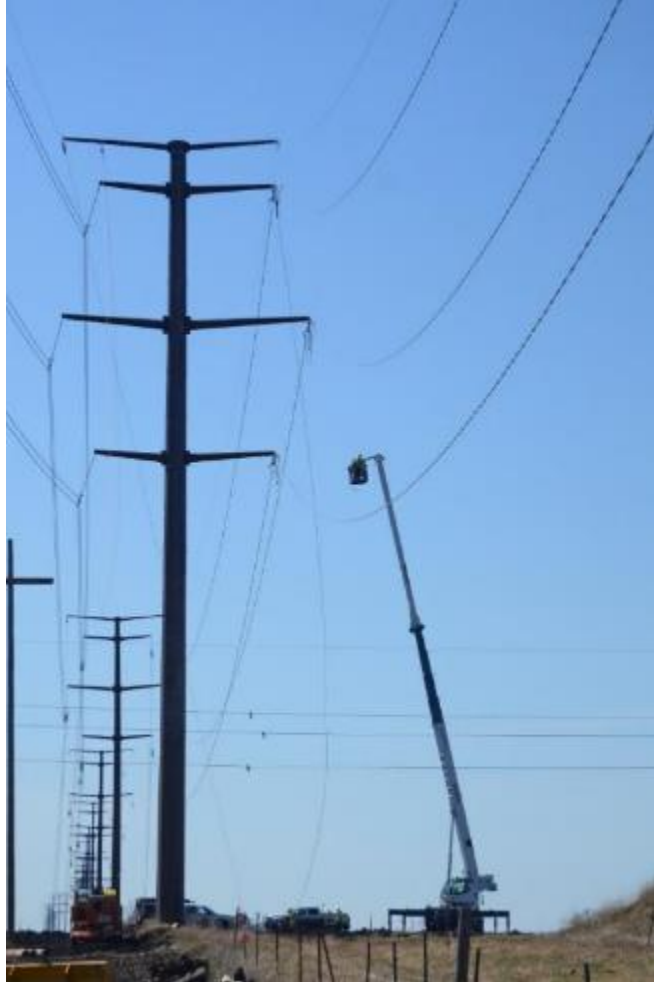
Building a Transmission Line: Stringing Rope

Conductor dollies are used to string the conductor from one pole to the next.

Photo: Single-circuit 345 kV configuration



Building a Transmission Line: Reel Trailer



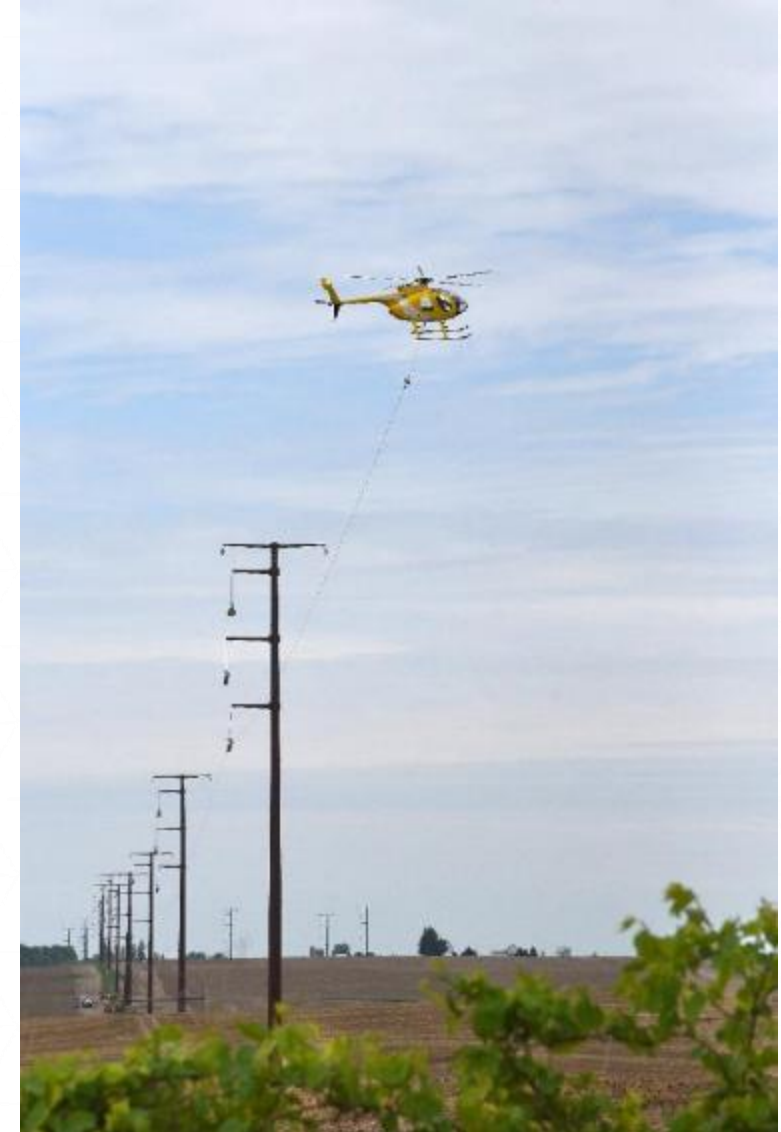
The wires (or conductors) are pulled off of the reels and through the conductor dollies.

The tension of the line is adjusted and the conductors are fastened to the insulators.

Building a Transmission Line: Helicopters



Helicopters are often used to string the wires on transmission lines. This saves time and minimizes environmental impacts.



Designing a Safe and Reliable Transmission Line

- Maintain adequate vertical clearance for driveways and field entrances for farm equipment.
- Maintain clearance from trees that could damage the line.
- Meet or exceed the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code and Iowa Electrical Safety Code.



Proposed Timetable

- **Today:** conduct the public information meeting.
- **After Public Information Meeting:** JCG Land Services, Inc. will meet individually with landowners to negotiate line easements.
- **Within two years:** ITC Midwest will file a franchise petition with the Iowa Utilities Commission.
- **Following the petition:** regulatory review by the Iowa Utilities Commission.
- **By approximately fourth quarter 2028:** anticipate beginning construction, if approved by the Iowa Utilities Commission, with construction anticipated to be complete by fourth quarter 2029.

What are we requesting from you?

An easement

- Purchasing an easement is not the same as transferring complete ownership of your property, which would be called purchasing your property in *fee*.
- Instead of purchasing your property in fee, ITC Midwest may request a type of *easement*, which gives us the right to use your property for certain stated purposes.

You will retain ownership of the land covered by the easement, including many rights such as the right to plant and harvest crops within the easement area.

Types of easements

- Full transmission line easement
- Overhang easement
- Vegetation Management easement

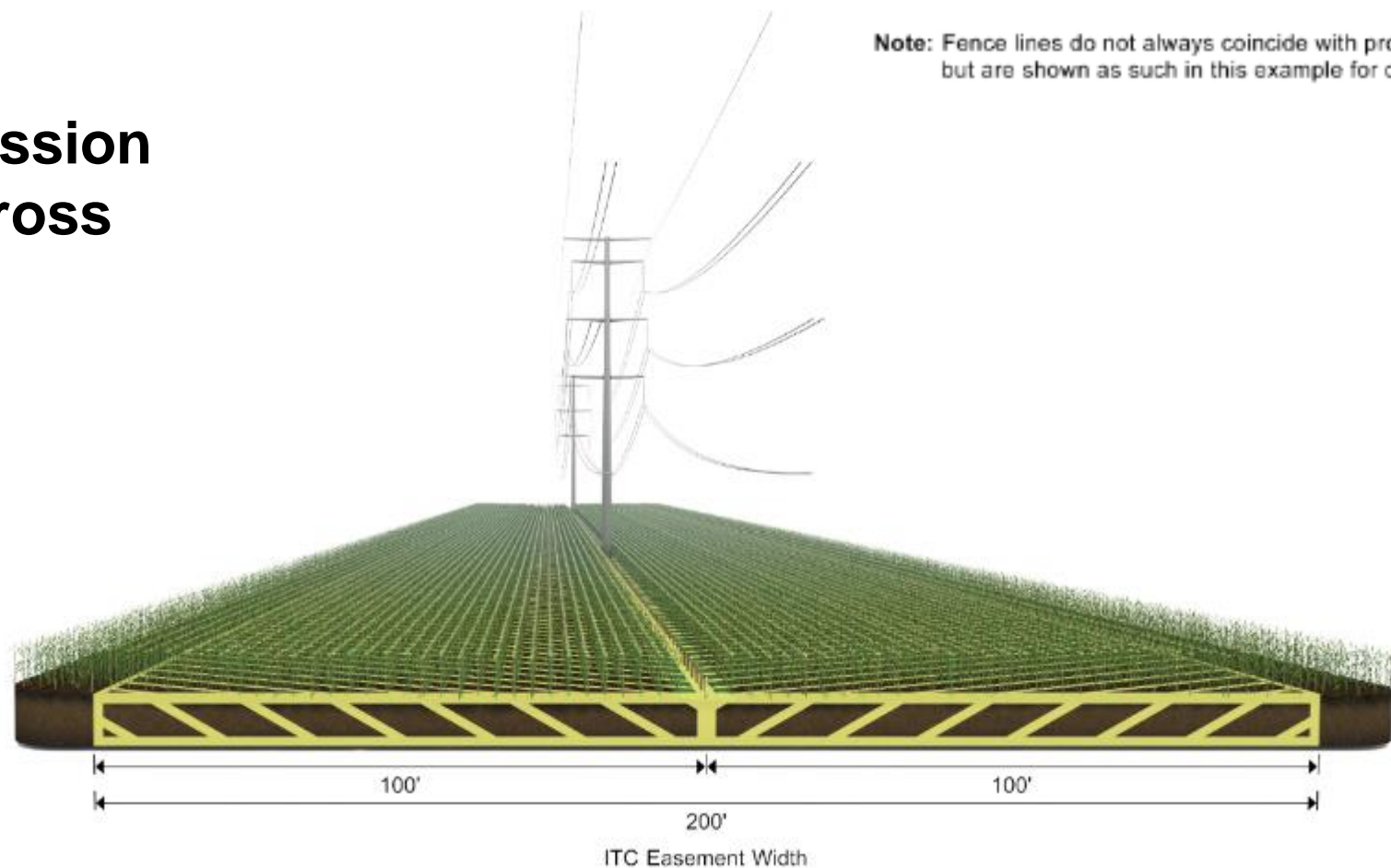
Full Transmission Line Easement

- Poles and conductors (or wires) are placed on private property.
 - 110' of easement on private property when parallel to road right-of-way.
 - 200' of easement when the line travels cross country.
- ITC Midwest would have the right to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate and repair the line.
- Also includes the right to perform vegetation management.



Structures Located on Private Easement

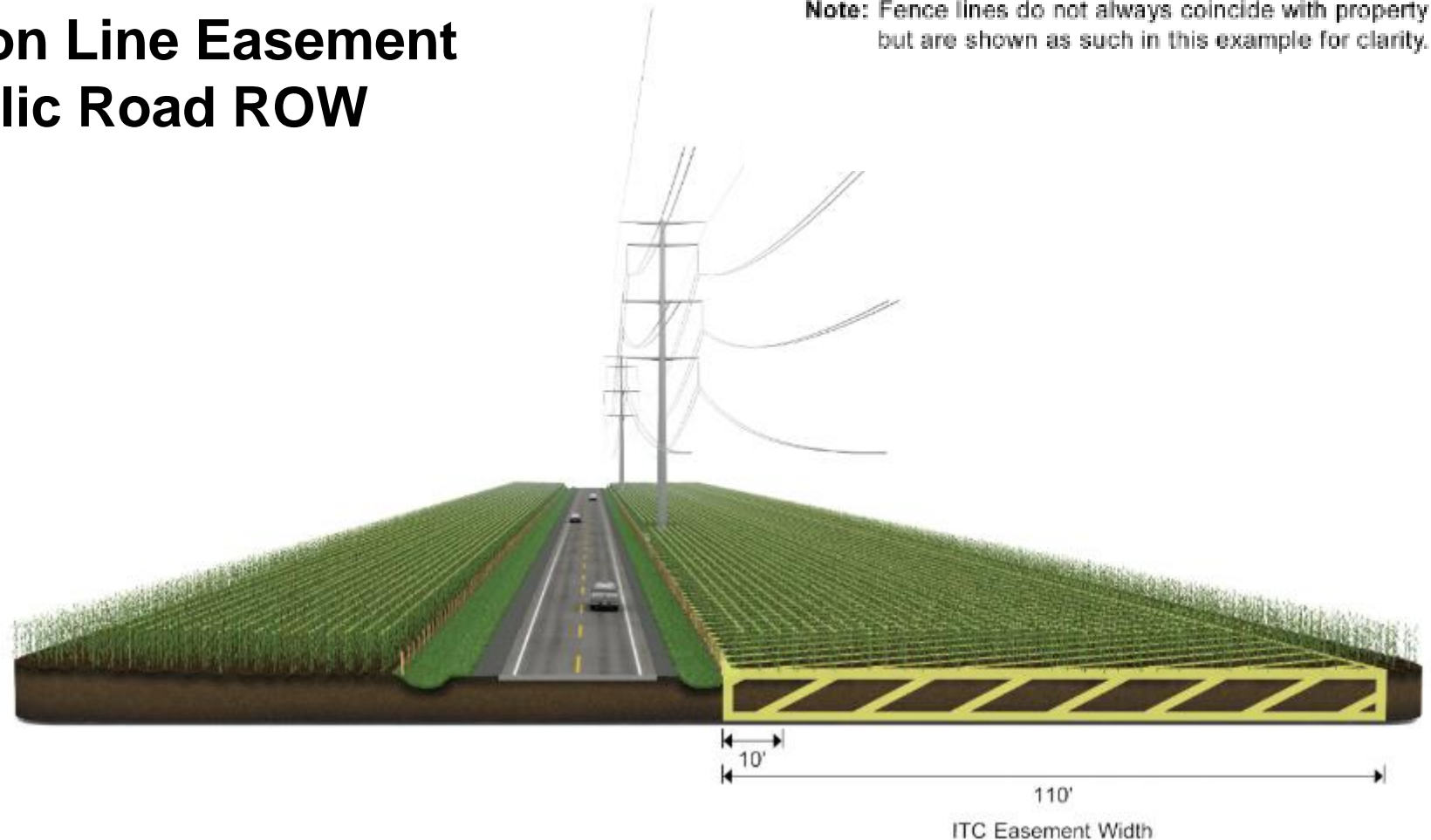
Typical Full Transmission Line Easement - Cross Country



Poles Located Adjacent to Public Right of Way

Typical Transmission Line Easement Adjacent to Public Road ROW

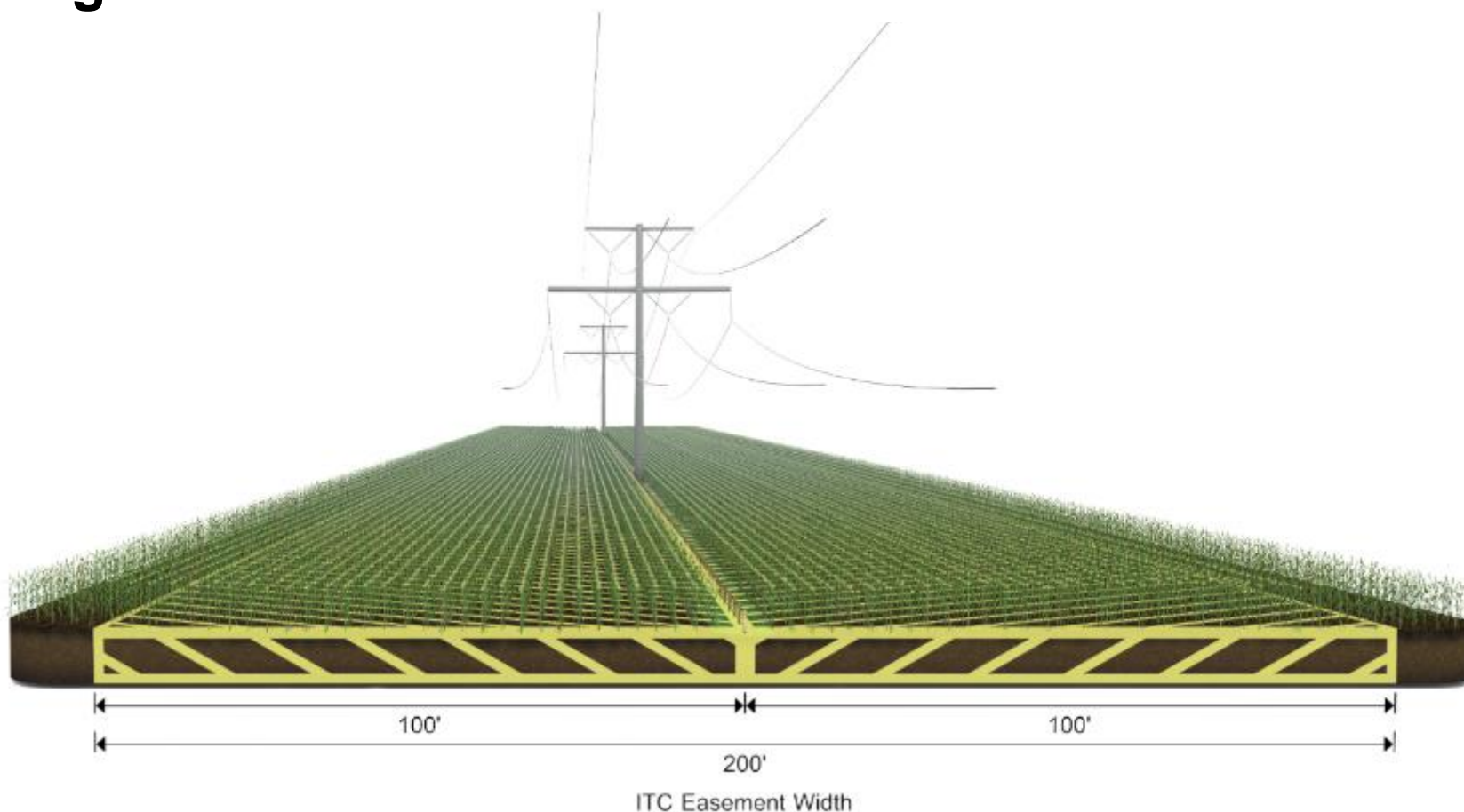
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Double Circuit Low Profile Configuration

Typical 345/161 kV Double Circuit Low Profile Configuration

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Easement Payment

- ITC Midwest is *only* asking to acquire an easement on your property.
- The company bases its compensation on the *fee* (complete ownership) value average as reported by the most current Iowa State University land value survey for Lee County.
- The amount of compensation you will receive for the easement will vary depending on the size of the easement area and the type of easement ITC Midwest acquires.

Easement Payment

- Current ISU fee value for Lee County is \$10,271/acre.
- Full transmission line easements are paid at 100% of the county average *fee* land value.
 - Overhang and vegetation management easements are paid at 50% of the county average *fee* land value.

Not everyone who received a letter will be contacted regarding an easement.

Easement Procedure

- Utility representatives have developed a list of landowners in the corridor area shown on the notification map.
- If an easement is needed on your property, a land agent from JCG Land Services, Inc. will contact you to set up an appointment to discuss the details.
- Easement acquisition expected to be completed by the second quarter 2026.



Additional Compensation

In addition to the easement payment, there are two forms of compensation related to transmission line development:

- Crop Damage
- Property Damage



Crop Damage

- ITC Midwest understands that construction equipment in the right-of-way may damage your crops or property.
- Once construction is completed, ITC Midwest will return your property as near as possible to its pre-construction condition.



Crop Damage

- Restoration work begins once all construction activities have been completed.
- Rights of a landowner or tenant to claim damages are established by Iowa Code Chapter 478, including but not limited to Section § 478.17.
- There is no limit on the amount of proven damages that may be claimed pursuant to statute and paid if proven.



Damage Payments when Crops are in the Field

- Damage settlement is paid in one lump sum, following construction, to cover losses anticipated over a four-year period.
- The settlement price is based on annual yields and current market price.
- If there is an existing crop or where a crop would normally have been planted before construction is complete, the percentage paid for crops damaged by construction:

First Year	100%
Second Year	50%
Third Year	30%
Fourth Year	20%
Total:	200%

The total calculated loss amount is paid in a lump sum once construction is completed.

Damage Payments when No Crops are in the Field

If construction is conducted and completed during a time when no crop was planted or in cultivation, ITC Midwest compensates for actual crop ground lost to production at the following percentages:

First Year	66%
Second Year	50%
Third Year	30%
Fourth Year	20%
Total:	166%

The total calculated loss amount is paid in a lump sum once construction is completed.

Property Damage

- ITC Midwest will seek to avoid damage to your property when possible.
- ITC Midwest will repair erosion or ruts or will pay the landowner the full cost required to repair them.
- ITC Midwest will pay the repair costs for damaged equipment.
- ITC Midwest will pay replacement costs for any other damages. (examples: fences, drain tiles, field entrances, etc.)
- Land agents from JCG Land Services will meet individually with landowners and tenants to settle damages.

Property Damage

- ITC Midwest takes its commitment seriously to restoring property once a line is built.
- We intend to be good neighbors for many years to come.



Damage Payments

- Damage compensation is calculated when construction of the project is complete.
- Crop and property damages will be calculated and paid in one lump sum.



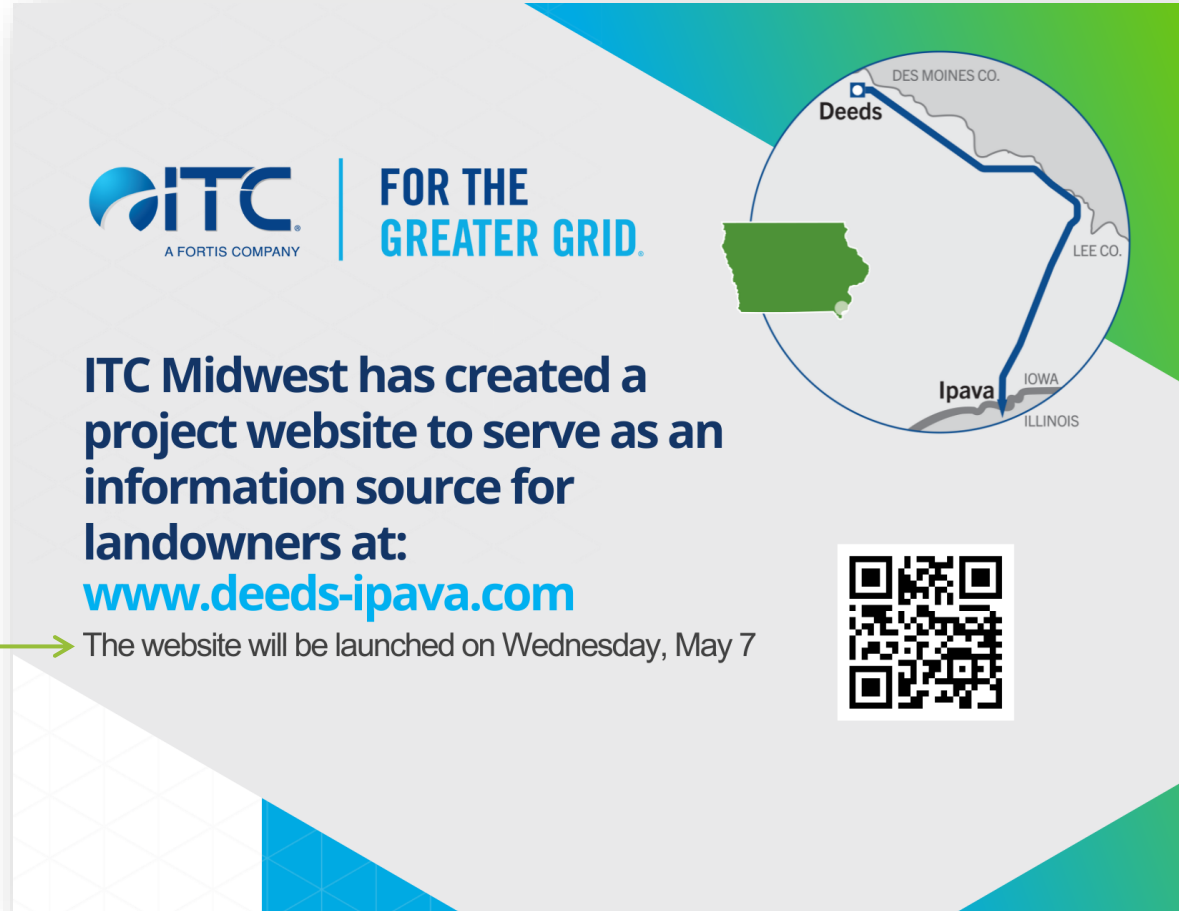
Signing and Time of Landowner Compensation

- ITC Midwest will pay 10% of the total easement value at the time of signing. The remaining compensation for the easement will be paid after all regulatory approvals have been received but prior to construction of the line.
- Landowners may cancel an easement within 7 business days of signing by sending written notice by certified mail.

Our Commitment to Landowners

ITC Midwest has a proud track record of working with Iowa landowners on hundreds of transmission line projects over the past 17 years, achieving more than 99% voluntary easements.

Project Website



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Questions?