

June 2016 Project Update

PROJECT FACTS

- New ~100 mi. electric transmission line connects NIPSCO's Reynolds, Burr Oak and Hiple substations.
- 200 ft. wide right-of-way
- Steel monopole structure height of 130 to 195 ft.
- Average 1100-1200 ft. between structures

PROJECT BENEFITS

- New jobs for local suppliers and increased business opportunities
- Increased property taxes paid to local governments by NIPSCO
- Improved reliability of the electrical system grid
- Opens the market to more competitively priced electricity
- Improved access to renewable energy sources

Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please don't hesitate to contact Larry Graham, NIPSCO's Managing Director of Public Affairs, at 260-439-1260 or lgraham@nisource.com

Hello from the project team for the Reynolds Topeka Electric System Improvement Project. The team wanted to take this opportunity to inform all the property owners, area residents and other stakeholders that have been following the project that transmission line construction is expected to begin in late June of this year.

We are committed to making this a safe project and minimizing any construction related inconvenience for property owners.

While construction is scheduled to begin by late June, depending where you are located along the right-of-way (ROW) you may not see construction activity begin immediately. The current schedule calls for construction to begin in White County and proceed northeast along the route. Residents along the ROW in the LaGrange County area, for instance, may not see construction work begin until the fall of this year.

Construction work is expected to be completed by late June 2018.

You may have already noticed preconstruction activity along the ROW such as clearing of trees and most vegetation, surveying and staking of the ROW and installation of soil erosion control measures. As we move to the construction phase of the project the following activities will begin:

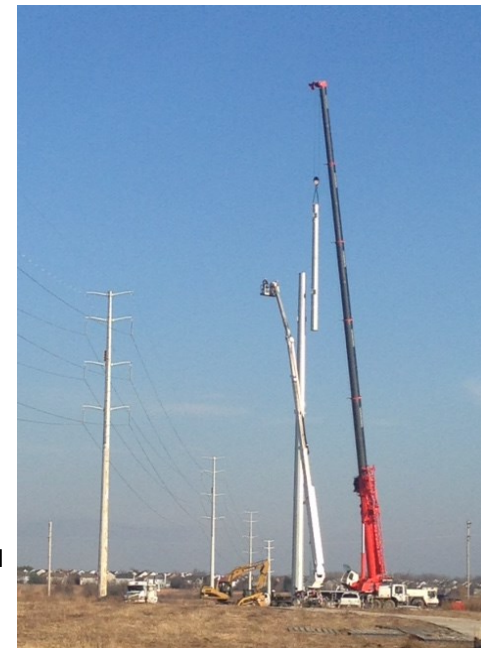
- Installation of construction roads as needed to access the ROW
- Delivery of equipment and materials
- Excavating for foundations or direct embedded structures and concrete work for the transmission line utility poles
- Erection of the transmission poles
- Stringing of electrical wires
- ROW Restoration

These activities will occur in phases with one phase of work following another until the project construction is completed.

Access Roads: Access roads, both temporary and permanent, will be needed during the project. Temporary access roads will be removed and the area restored following construction work.

Restoration: Once all work is completed, the ROW area will be restored to as close to original condition as possible. Matting will be removed and the area will be graded. Where necessary, areas will be seeded to establish appropriate vegetation.

We will work closely with local officials to keep you informed of any road restrictions during construction to minimize inconvenience to local vehicle traffic. For everyone's safety we ask for drivers to exercise additional caution while travelling in a construction area.



Typical monopole construction