

ELM CREEK – TOBIAS 345kV Transmission Line Project

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is the Elm Creek -Tobias transmission project necessary?

SPP's 2024 Integrated Transmission Planning cycle identified a critical reliability need revealed by Winter Storm Uri to strengthen the regional electric grid to withstand future extreme winter weather events. To address this, a new 85-mile transmission line from Elm Creek Substation (north central Kansas) to Tobias Substation (south central Nebraska) was identified. ITC won the bid through its subsidiary ITC South Central Development LLC in the competitive process to construct approximately 35 miles of a new 345-kV transmission line in Kansas. This investment is intended to significantly enhance system transfer capability and reliable service during severe weather.

What are the local benefits of the Elm Creek – Tobias transmission project?

The project will strengthen the regional transmission grid, improve reliability, and reduce the risk of outages during extreme weather-related events. It will also strengthen regional interconnection, improving access to diverse generation resources across the region. These investments will help keep Kansas' interconnected grid infrastructure stronger, more resilient and better able to serve customers during severe weather and changing system needs.

What is a right-of-way easement?

A right-of-way easement is a legal agreement allowing someone to use a portion of someone else's property, typically for roadways or utility lines. It does not grant ownership of the land but will allow the right to access the right-of-way for installation and maintenance of the infrastructure. ITC will be seeking easement rights from affected landowners for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line.

How wide is an easement area?

ITC will be requesting a right-of-way easement that is a minimum of 150 feet wide. Access roads to the right-of-way for construction and maintenance at various points along the line often require additional easement agreements, which may be permanent or temporary. Should these be required, landowners will be compensated for any additional use of their property.

What activities are allowed within the easement area?

In general, the land can continue to be used as before, provided that use does not interfere with the construction, operation, or maintenance of the transmission line. ITC encourages landowners along the final approved route to contact the designated land agent to discuss these activities.

How will you contact landowners regarding securing an easement on their property?

ITC will utilize professional land consultants to assist with the ROW easement acquisition for the project. A representative from the land consulting firm will contact landowners to discuss the project and the proposed

easement agreement and answer any questions that they may have. ITC and our land consultants are committed to honest, respectful, and fair negotiations with each landowner.

When is construction scheduled to begin and end?

Construction may begin as early as December 2027 and is projected to be complete by December 2028.

How will my property be restored once construction is complete?

In general, non-agricultural areas inside the right-of-way impacted by transmission line construction will be graded and seeded with a grass seed mix. Temporary access roads will be loosened, graded, and seeded with a grass seed mix. Restoration work after construction will occur in phases along the right of way, with the seasonal appropriateness.

How are health and environmental concerns being addressed?

Environmental responsibility is one of ITC's core values and is reflected in our employees, our facilities, and our operations. We consider environmental impacts at every stage of a transmission line's lifecycle from planning and siting through construction and maintenance and work to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of power in a responsible manner that helps protect the environment. We also follow all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and permit requirements related to health, safety, and environmental matters.