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### Midwest Transmission Project Announces Final Route

## Year-Long Process Ends with Selection of New Transmission Line Route through Mo. and Neb.

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(ST. JOSEPH, MO., June 25, 2013) –The Midwest Transmission Project announced today that it has selected the final route for a new 345-kV electric transmission line between Sibley, Mo. and Nebraska City, Neb.

The route is approximately 180-miles and travels through portions of Ray, Caldwell, Clinton, DeKalb, Andrew, Nodaway and Holt counties in Mo. and through Richardson, Nemaha and Otoe counties in Neb. Maps of the final route are attached, and are also available at <u>www.MidwestTransmissionProject.com</u>.

The Midwest Transmission Project team has selected the following segments as a part of the final route:

- <u>Sibley to Mullin Creek (South of Maryville, Mo.) Segments:</u> AI, A3, A5, A6, A9, A12, A14, A17, A28, A34, A36, A37, A44, A50, A52, A53, A56, A75, A76, A83, A86, A100, A103, A111, A113, A114, A115, A119
- Mullin Creek (South of Maryville) to Nebraska City Segments: B1, B4, B12, B15, B17, B22, B27, B33, B42, B46, B48, B59, B64, B65, B99, B104, B110a, B207, B122b, B131, B137, B140, B149, B154, B158, B164, B169, B176, B187, B193, B194, B199, B200, B205, B206.

Prior to selecting the final route, project planners shared information with and gathered feedback from property owners and local officials to help minimize the impact of the line on homes, communities and sensitive areas such as schools, churches, cemeteries, parkland, wildlife refuges, environmentally-sensitive areas and future development areas. More than 2,000 residents attended 20 public open houses during a 10-month period. The Midwest Transmission Project also received a significant amount of feedback through the project's website, email and dedicated hotline.

"We are very appreciative of the tremendous amount of interaction with landowners, including the feedback, time and effort contributed to the planning of this project," said Julie Shull, (KCP&L) Missouri Project Manager. "Stakeholder input was crucial in the final route selection process."

### **NEXT STEPS**

From this point, Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) will manage development and construction of the parts of the line that run through Nebraska and KCP&L will manage the project in Missouri. However, each team will continue to coordinate and communicate project activities with each other.

"The Midwest Transmission Project is a critical part of modernizing our nation's electric infrastructure and allowing for more efficient alternative energy delivery, so we are anxious to get started on the next phase of this important project," said Kent Herzog, (OPPD) Nebraska Project Manager. "Our goal remains to begin construction in Summer 2015 with completion of the project scheduled for Summer 2017."

In the coming months, OPPD and KCP&L will be contacting property owners on the final selected route regarding the next phase of the project. Additionally, survey crews will be doing preliminary work along the route.

Planners expect the line to cost an estimated \$400 million and, during the construction phase, the project will create approximately 50 construction jobs.

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**About Midwest Transmission Project:** The Midwest Transmission Project is a partnership between KCP&L and OPPD. The Project consists of the planning, routing and construction of approximately 180 miles of a new 345-kV transmission line in northwestern Missouri and southeastern Nebraska. The line will extend from KCP&L's existing Sibley Substation located near Sibley, Missouri (Jackson County) to the new Mullin Creek Substation to be located south of Maryville, Missouri (Nodaway County) and on to OPPD's existing Substation 3458 located at their Nebraska City Power Station south of Nebraska City, Nebraska (Otoe County).

The Midwest Transmission Project is one of several 'priority' projects as determined by the Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) Board of Directors and Members Committee to enhance power delivery and reliability throughout the region. Some of the benefits of the Midwest Transmission Project include:

- Better integration of SPP's east and west regions, improving SPP members' ability to deliver power to customers and facilitating the addition of new renewable and non-renewable generation to the electric grid.
- Providing an alternate route for electricity during emergencies and greater service reliability for all electric utility customers across northwest Missouri, eastern Nebraska and throughout the surrounding region.
- Reduced congestion on the region's transmission system and provide additional transmission capacity needed for long-term efficient delivery of energy to our customers and to the region.
- Future access to affordable renewable power for all electric utility customers across northwest Missouri, eastern Nebraska, and the surrounding region.