

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: September 14, 2022

FROM: Mike Elder, Director of Facilities

RE: *NAME OF ITEM ON THE AGENDA*

General Description:

American Transmission Company (ATC) requires an easement for the purpose of maintaining and operating an overhead existing transmission line know as Q-43 located on the Maintenance Facility, 1221 Knapp Street, Oshkosh.

Action Requested:

Motion to approve the attached easement for the existing transmission line.

Procedural Steps:

(Show each level of committee and board approval needed, with meeting dates.)

Committee of Jurisdiction Facilities Meeting date: 9/28/2022

Action taken: Approved Vote: 5/0

Other Committee: Personnel & Finance Meeting date: 10-6-22

Action taken: Approved Vote: 4 - 0

County Board Meeting date: October 18, 2022

Background:

American Transmission Company, LLC (ATC) is seeking to secure adequate perpetual easement rights necessary to safely and properly maintain their existing transmission lines within Wisconsin. The Q-43 Line, located in the City of Oshkosh, has been identified as having insufficient easement rights. This 69-kV transmission line has been in operation and maintained by ATC for more than 25 years. This transmission line historically paralleled what is now an abandoned railroad grade that was decommissioned, parceled, and sold to interested adjacent landowners. This project includes the acquisition of entirely new easements of varying widths and in some instances, only vegetation clearing rights are necessary.

Presently, Q-43 consists primarily of wooden monopole structures, with the exception of a short segment located in the downtown business district east of the Fox River that includes taller steel monopoles. ATC has maintained vegetation on a periodic basis under the existing transmission lines, though trees along the transmission line have been allowed to remain with pruning. Due to the abundant urban development, there are a number of various encroachments under the Q-43 Transmission Line.

The centerline of the existing Q-43 Transmission Line is located along the northern boundary of the property. No formal easement, aside from the right to maintain the existing transmission line exists.

Accepting this easement The County would agree to **not** allow the following to happen:

1. Locate any dwelling or mobile home intended for residential occupancy
2. Construct, install or erect any structures or fixtures including but not limited to swimming pools
3. Construct any non-residential building
4. Store flammable goods or products
5. Plant trees or shrubs
6. Place water, sewage, or drainage facilities
7. Change the grade more than 1 foot

ATC has obtained an appraisal for the value of the property requested for the easement. In consideration for granting the easement, ATC will make a one time payment of \$7,100.00

Policy Discussion:

This is a requirement of ATC in order for the company to provide operations and maintenance of their transmission line

Attachments:

Easement
Appraisal
Resolution