

Shamrock chosen as central location for CTT project

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route selections, prepared easements, and obtained Certificates of Convenience and Necessity approval for all segments of the paths chosen.

In the fall of 2010 to 2011, right of way acquisitions were made, surveying and permitting took place, and detailed engineering design and construction planning began.

The first leg of this line will begin in Gray County near Lefors and run east through Wheeler County. It will turn south running through Collingsworth County to Childress where it will join the Tesla Substation.

Shamrock has been chosen as the central location for the first leg of the line. Great Southwestern Construction, a subsidiary of MYR Transmission Services, is constructing this line. This CTT project will be located in Shamrock for the next 12 to 15 months.

If you have noticed more unfamiliar faces in the area than usual, CTT has 50 people currently working in and around the Shamrock area and that number will increase as the project construction ramps up. To date, Great Southwestern Construction has hired 15 local residents to help with this project. According to CTT, several other local firms have significant roles in the project providing services and materials including B&B Solvents of Pampa, Texas, OJD Engineering of Wellington, Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., of Amarillo and AMD Engineering of Childress.

In the last few months, we have seen an increase in truck traffic in the Shamrock area. With a project this size a lot of trucks will be coming and going. This project will utilize 1,200 monopole structures, 100 lattice steel structures, 1.5 million feet of conductor, 170 reels of conductor, 25,000 cubic yards of concrete backfill, and 4,000

truck deliveries of material and supplies to make it happen.

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