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Rotorworks crew to provide behind-the-scenes look at life above the lines.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 9, 2013 — Helicopters have been flying along hundreds of miles of Westar Energy's high-voltage transmission lines gathering information about the structures in the east-central part of our service territory to make sure they are working as designed. On Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. on the tarmac at Kansas Air Center, 3600 N.E. Sardou Ave. #4, at Phillip Billard Municipal Airport in Topeka, a crew from RotorWorks LLC, the Atlanta, Ga. contractor conducting the flights, will be available to speak to the media and answer questions about the techniques behind this unique practice.

These flights help Westar provide safe, reliable service by revealing potential problems before they cause a power outage. Flight crew members work with teams on the ground to gather information about the transmission lines utilizing several methods, including laser measurement and photography. Work will be performed in northeast Kansas through Sept. 12, primarily in Shawnee, Jackson, Jefferson, Douglas and Leavenworth counties.

The survey work is in accordance with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) requirements. For more information about aerial transmission patrol: <http://www.westarenergy.com/wcm.nsf/content/transmission%20aerial%20patrol>

Photos and video of the helicopter will be available upon request by calling the media line: 888.613.0003.

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