



Westar Energy rescheduling planned outage to Dec. 20

Affected customers will receive further notification once details are confirmed.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 6, 2013 – Westar Energy is making plans for a scheduled outage on Friday, Dec. 20. Additional details, such as the time of the outage and the customers who will be affected, have not been determined. We will provide this information through a news release and mailed letters to affected customers' homes as soon as it's available.

We are rebuilding a portion of our transmission line just south of Moline. The scheduled outage is necessary to allow us to take the old line out of service and put the new line in service. This new line will greatly improve service reliability for a large part of southeast Kansas.

Some customers may have been aware of initial plans for a scheduled outage on Thursday, Dec. 12 that would affect customers in the Moline, Grenola and Howard areas. That will not take place. The date has been rescheduled to Dec. 20 to allow us to provide more notice to our customers, work out technical details of the outage and take advantage of what is currently a more favorable weather forecast.

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