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## **NPPD to begin sub-transmission line project in Aurora**

**Aurora, Neb.** – Now that a multi-year, multi-phase, approximately \$4.5 million project to convert and upgrade Aurora's electric distribution system was completed this summer, Nebraska Public Power District is turning its attention to the area's sub-transmission needs.

Representatives from NPPD met with the Aurora City Council Tuesday evening, Sept. 25, to discuss plans for a six part project to upgrade and interconnect the community and surrounding area's 69,000-volt sub-transmission system.

The Aurora 69 Kilovolt (kV) Project is needed at this time to meet existing and projected load growth in the area. It will also maintain and increase sub-transmission system reliability in the area while providing Aurora with multiple voltage sources – from two different 115 kV substations – thereby enhancing the reliable delivery of electric energy in and around Aurora.

The Aurora 69 kV Project comprises six parts, the first scheduled to begin next month. Here is a thumbnail sketch of the project:

**Part 1:** Refurbish existing 34.5 kV lines in Aurora to 69 kV standards from the former Downtown Substation going south along 12th Street, then west on A Street to Aurora South Substation (.85 miles), and install 69 kV switch outside the Aurora South Substation. Work to begin in October 2012.

**Part 2:** Build new 69 kV line from approximately one mile northeast of Aurora south to Hwy 34, then west to the intersection of Highway 14 and O Street (two miles). Work also to begin October 2012.

**Part 3:** Install 68 kV switch and interconnect with Southern Public Power District near 1st and A Streets. Work to begin January 2013.

**Part 4:** Reconfigure NPPD's Aurora 115 kV substation located approximately one mile north of Aurora airport. Work to begin March of 2013.

**Part 5:** Change out transformer in Aurora South Substation, removing a 34.5 transformer and installing a 69 kV transformer. Work to begin in April or May of 2013.

**Part 6:** Remove existing 34.5 kV line from north of Aurora, then east toward Hampton (6 miles). Work to begin in March 2013.

The schedule as shown is tentative and may be subject to change depending upon weather and availability of work crews and material. Preliminary budget for the Aurora 69 kV Project is approximately \$2.5 million. The project is scheduled to be energized at 69 kV by June 1, 2013. For more information, go to [www.nppd.com](http://www.nppd.com) and click on the Aurora 69 kV Project.