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EMPIRE MAKING EQUIPMENT UPGRADES IN GREENFIELD, MISSOURI

JOPLIN, MO – June 23, 2014 – The Empire District Electric Company is making upgrades to transmission line structures in Greenfield, Missouri. The project includes replacing wooden pole structures with steel structures along a two-mile stretch from College Street in Greenfield north along Highway 39.

Crews began the work on June 9, with a target completion date of August 1, 2014. During construction, traffic has been reduced to one lane to ensure safety for drivers and crews. Flaggers are directing traffic through the zone.

These system improvements will enhance the strength of the electrical system and ensure continued reliable service for our customers.

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