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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF OKLAHOMA TO HOST COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES FOR WIND CATCHER ENERGY CONNECTION PROJECT**

Company looks to gather landowner input for unprecedented renewable energy project

TULSA, Okla. (Oct. 3, 2017) – Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) will be hosting 11 community open houses across northern and central Oklahoma to collect valuable landowner and community input on preliminary study segments to help determine a power line route for the Wind Catcher Energy Connection. The unprecedented project will bring renewable energy and jobs to Oklahoma.

“Talking with people in the community about our project is important,” said John Harper, PSO vice president of External Affairs. “It helps us learn information that allows us make better routing decisions, and it gives us a chance to answer questions the community may have.”

The open house events are set up in a workshop format. Attendees can talk with project team members, review detailed maps and provide information for use in determining the power line route. Electrical planners, engineers, routing experts, and right-of-way and construction representatives will be available to answer questions. The open houses are scheduled from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., but guests may come and go anytime during the events as there is no formal presentation.

Announced in July, the \$4.5 billion project includes acquiring a wind farm in northwestern Oklahoma, an approximately 350-mile power line and two new substations. The generation facilities will bring approximately \$300 million to local communities through property taxes over the next 25 years and provide a cost savings of more than \$2 billion for PSO customers.

PSO and its sister company, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), will partner on the project.

Development of the line route began in summer 2017. The overall project is expected to deliver wind energy to customers by the end of 2020.

The open houses will take place at the following locations and dates:

- **Monday, Oct. 16**
  - Chisholm Trail Expo Center Fairgrounds | 111 W. Purdue, Enid, OK 73701
- **Tuesday, Oct. 17**
  - Texas County Activity Center | 402 N. Sunset Ln., Guymon, OK 73942
  - Keyes High School Gymnasium | 3rd and McKnab St., Keyes, OK 73947
- **Wednesday, Oct. 18**
  - Woodward County Event Center and Fairgrounds | 108 Temple Houston Dr., Woodward, OK 73801
  - Fairview Community Center | 206 E. Broadway, Fairview, OK 73737
- **Thursday, Oct. 19**
  - Harper County Fairgrounds | W. Turner and N. 1900 Rd., Buffalo, OK 73834
  - Beaver County Fairgrounds | 1107 Douglas Ave., Beaver, OK 73932
- **Monday, Oct. 23**
  - Noble County Family YMCA | 107 N. Street, Perry, OK 73077
- **Tuesday, Oct. 24**
  - Wynona High School Gymnasium | 108 3rd St., Wynona, OK 74084
- **Wednesday, Oct 25**
  - Cleveland Event Center | 321 N. Gilbert Ave., Cleveland, OK 74020
  - The Lodge at Bridle Creek | 5811 Roper Rd., Sperry, OK 74073

For more information, please visit the project website at [www.windcatcherenergy.com](http://www.windcatcherenergy.com).

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### **About PSO**

PSO, a unit of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP), is an electric utility company serving more than 545,000 customers in eastern and southwestern Oklahoma. Based in Tulsa, PSO has approximately 3,800 megawatts of generating capacity, and is a significant provider of wind energy in the state. News releases and other information about PSO can be found on the World Wide Web at [PSOklahoma.com](http://PSOklahoma.com).