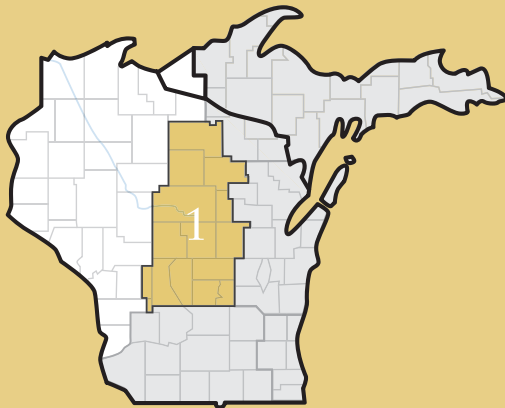




An excerpt from ATC's 2010 10-Year Transmission System Assessment

An annual report describing economic and regional solutions to electric reliability needs



Zone 1 North Central Wisconsin

- ADAMS**
- FOREST** (southwestern portion)
- FOND DU LAC** (northwest portion)
- GREEN LAKE**
- JUNEAU**
- LANGLADE**
- LINCOLN**
- MARATHON**
- MARQUETTE**
- MONROE** (eastern portion)
- ONEIDA**
- PORTAGE**
- SHAWANO** (western portion)
- VERNON** (eastern portion)
- VILAS** (southern portion)
- WAUPACA**
- WAUSHARA**
- WINNEBAGO** (western portion)
- WOOD**





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Economics, renewables increasingly in focus

Planning for regional solutions

American Transmission Co. was formed in 2001 to plan, permit, build, own, operate and maintain a high-voltage electric grid that meets the reliability and economic needs of our customers. Our planners continually conduct engineering studies on the electric transmission system, looking for potential problems that may affect future performance. Our studies identify and prioritize future projects needed to improve the adequacy and reliability of the system and meet evolving public priorities.

After nearly 10 full years of operation and \$2.2 billion in new and upgraded infrastructure investment, electric system reliability remains our top priority. But looking forward, we see an increasing need for an expanded regional transmission system. Consequently, our planning focus has broadened to consider projects that provide economic and public policy benefits as well. Several factors, including the emerging wholesale market and federal and state policy, play a larger role in our planning process today than they did when we first began operation in 2001.

The majority of the grid’s regional interconnections were made in the late 1950s through the early 1970s to accommodate local reliability needs. Nationally, the transmission system was not designed to accommodate the expanded energy flows required by the current wholesale marketplace.

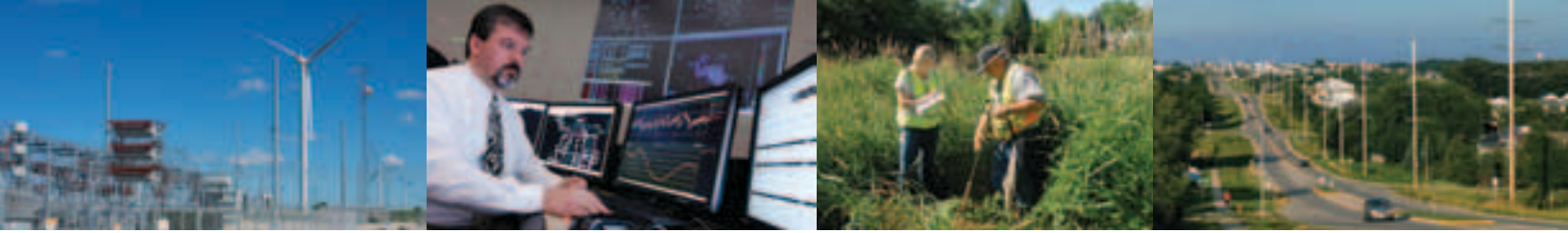
Renewable portfolio standards also call for a more robust regional grid to move power from wind-rich areas west of Wisconsin to population centers where the electricity is consumed. The changed marketplace and increasing importance of renewable energy sources necessitate a broader view of the system, which influences planning policies and studies.

Since our inception, load growth and operational issues were the primary drivers for transmission improvements, and planning studies were conducted accordingly. Today, finding a way to build the system to allow states to meet their renewable energy standards and getting the full benefit of the Midwest ISO market for ATC customers have become more significant transmission needs. We continue to collaborate with customers and other stakeholders to plan best-value projects that meet system needs and provide multiple benefits.

The 2010 Assessment covers the years 2010 to 2019, and for the second year, we have included asset renewal projects through the full 10-year horizon. Our studies indicate \$3.4 billion in necessary transmission system improvements. The total includes \$1.0 billion for transmission network upgrades, \$0.7 billion for regional multi-value projects, along with \$1.7 billion in interconnection and asset renewal projects, infrastructure replacement and relocation, and other smaller network reliability improvements.

Cost estimate of system improvements

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total 10-Year Capital Cost	\$3.1B	\$2.8B	\$2.7B	\$2.5B	\$3.4B



North Central Wisconsin – Zone 1

Electric System Overview

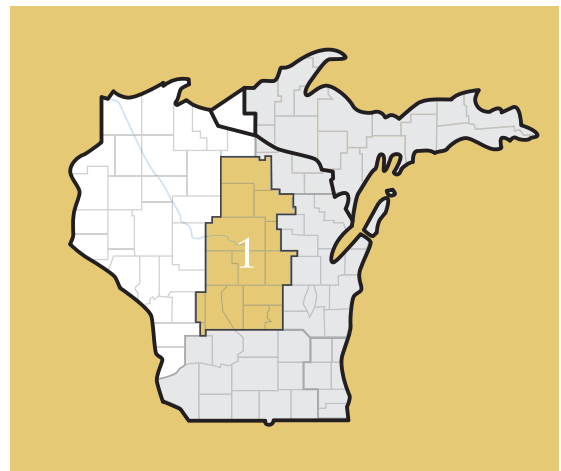
Slight increases expected in population, employment

Population in Zone 1 is projected to grow at 0.7 percent annually between now and 2020. Employment is projected to grow at 0.9 percent annually between now and 2019. Marathon County will realize the largest increase in population and employment, while Adams County will have the highest growth rate.

Electricity usage growing

Peak electric demands typically occur during the summer months, with some winter peaks appearing in the northern portion. Primary electricity users in Zone 1 include a number of large paper mills and food processing plants.

Electric load is projected to grow approximately 1.1 percent annually through 2019.

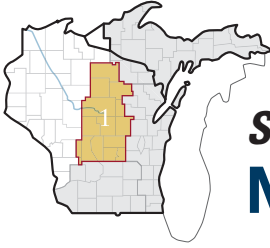


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Transmission is the vital link in bringing power to communities

Transmission lines move electricity at high voltages over long distances – from power plants to communities where local utilities deliver power to homes and businesses via distribution lines. A reliable transmission network provides access to many sources of power, whether they are local or regional. Having multiple paths to get power from producers to consumers lessens the chance that they will experience service interruptions. With an increasing emphasis on renewable energy, transmission system planning will become even more important to put the power of wind on the wires.



System Limitations North Central Wisconsin – Zone 1

Transmission system characteristics in Zone 1

ATC delivers power in Zone 1 with various transmission facilities including:

- East-west 345-kV line from Arpin Substation through Stevens Point extending to the Appleton area,
- 345-kV line extending from Wausau to northeastern Minnesota,
- 345-kV line extending from Wausau to Stevens Point to eastern Outagamie County (Highway 22),
- 115-kV network in the northern portion of the zone, and
- 138-kV and 69-kV network in the southern portion of the zone.

There are a number of transmission system performance issues in Zone 1 including overloaded lines and equipment and low system voltages.

Transmission system limitations in Zone 1

The recently completed Cranberry-Conover-Plains 138-kV line addresses the long-term reliability issues of the Rhinelander Loop, provides substantial voltage support to the 69-kV system in the western portion of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and addresses potential long-term condition issues due to the age of the 69-kV system.

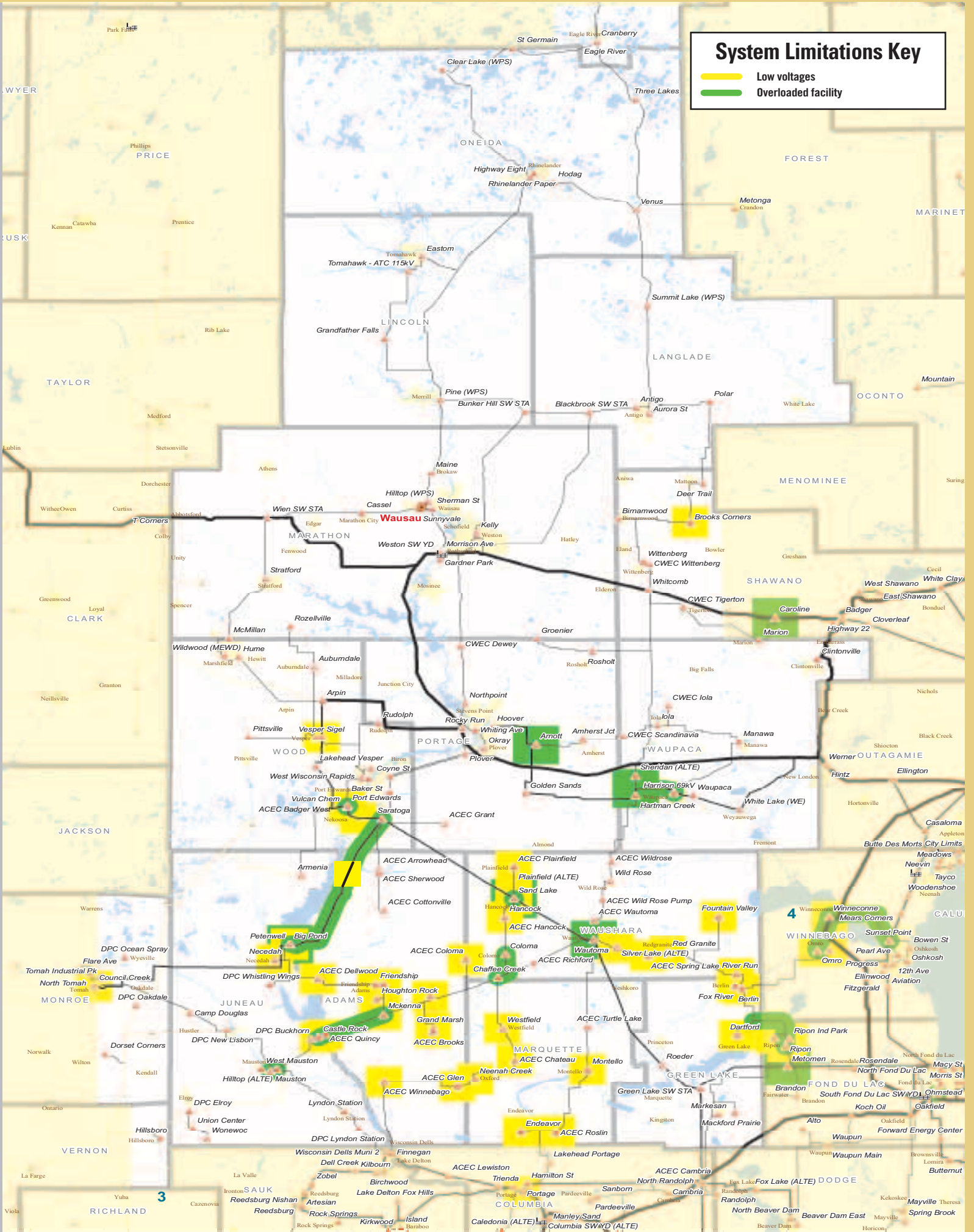
Key system performance issues in Zone 1 include low voltages and thermal overloads in the southern portion of the zone. These issues will necessitate a combination of reinforcements.

Zone 1 includes the counties of:

ADAMS	MARATHON	VILAS (southern portion)
FOREST (southwestern portion)	MARQUETTE	WAUPACA
FOND DU LAC (northwest portion)	MONROE (eastern portion)	WAUSHARA
GREEN LAKE	ONEIDA	WINNEBAGO (western portion)
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LINCOLN	VERNON (eastern portion)	

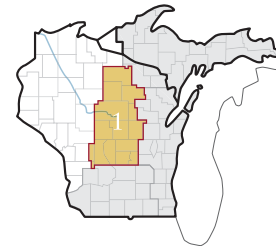
System Limitations Key

- Low voltages
- Overloaded facility



Transmission projects in Zone 1

North Central Wisconsin – Zone 1



We have implemented three projects in Zone 1 since the 2009 Assessment, most notably the rebuild of the Arpin-Rocky Run 345-kV line.

Our current plans in Zone 1 include 19 system reliability and economic projects between 2010 and 2024. These projects are in various stages of development. The most notable planned, proposed, provisional and asset renewal projects in Zone 1, along with their projected year of completion and the factors driving the need for the projects, are listed below.

	Project description	In-service year	Need driver
	Planned project		
1	Construct 69-kV line from new Warrens Substation to the Council Creek-Tunnel City 69-kV line	2010	T-D interconnection
	Proposed projects		
2	Construct 115-kV line from new Woodmin Substation to the Clear Lake Substation	2012	T-D interconnection
3	Monroe County-Council Creek 161-kV line and construct Timberwolf 69-kV switching station	2013	Low-voltage, economics, avoids reconfiguration during emergencies
	Asset Renewal projects		
4	Wautoma-Berlin 69-kV line rebuild	2011	Condition and performance
5	Whitcomb-Deer Trail 69-kV line rebuild	2011	Condition and performance
6	Montello-Wautoma 69-kV rebuild	2017	Condition and performance
7	Plover-Whiting 115-kV line rebuild	2019	Condition and performance

System Solutions Key

SUBSTATION KEY

- SS** **New substation**
Supports transmission system expansion
- SM** **Substation modifications**
Upgrades equipment ratings to avert facility overloads
- T** **Transformer**
Supports local growth and improves voltage levels
- C** **Capacitor bank or reactor**
Relieves low voltages or high voltages
- T-D** **T-D interconnection**
Supports local growth

TRANSMISSION LINE KEY

- 345-kV transmission line
- ▬ 115-, 138- or 161-kV transmission line
- ▬ Rebuilt 115- or 138-kV transmission line
- ▬ Transmission line voltage conversion
- ▬ 69-kV transmission line
- ▬ Rebuilt 69-kV transmission line

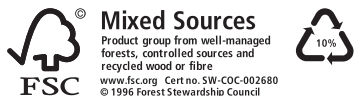
EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES KEY

- ▬ 69 kV
- ▬ 115 kV
- ▬ 138 kV
- ▬ 161 kV
- ▬ 230 kV
- ▬ 345 kV





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- Owner and operator of approximately **9,400 miles of transmission line and 510 substations**
- Meeting electric needs of more than **five million people** in 72 counties in four states: Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois
- \$2.75 billion** in total assets

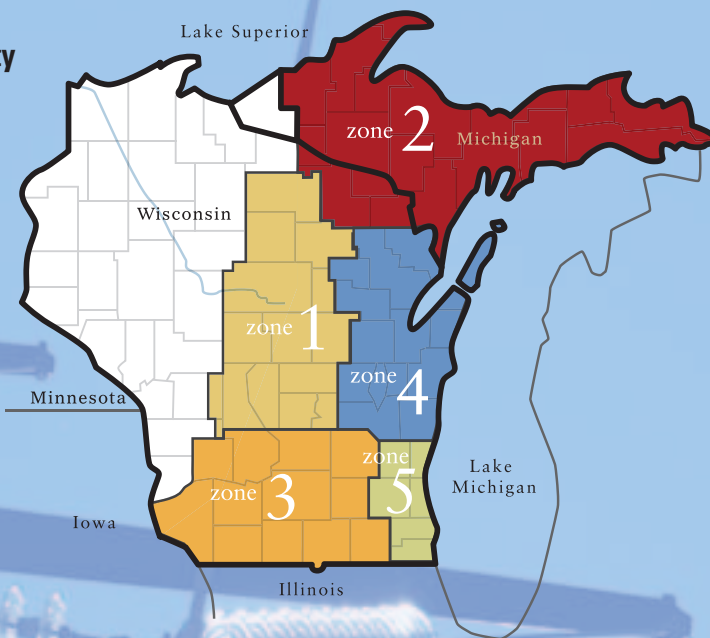
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