



**SMARTransmission Study  
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting to review and obtain stakeholder input for the SMARTransmission Study wind assumptions and conceptual alternatives will be held via teleconference at 10:00 AM to 12 PM EST, Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**This Meeting is Open to the Public**

Agenda and materials will be provided at a later date.

Please register at the following URL <http://events.signup4.com/SMART20091218> until December 16<sup>th</sup>. Attendance will be through teleconferencing. Teleconferencing information:

Toll-free number: 1-877-253-4307  
Toll Number: 1-719-234-7503  
Participant Passcode: 9101785

**To find additional information regarding the study, please visit the SMARTransmission Study web site at [www.smartstudy.biz](http://www.smartstudy.biz)**

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Linda Carruth at (614) 552-1785.

**Additional Information:**

The Strategic Midwest Area Transmission Study (SMARTransmission Study) is a comprehensive study of the transmission needed in the Upper Midwest to support renewable energy development and to transport that energy to consumers.

SMARTransmission is sponsored by Electric Transmission America (ETA), a transmission joint venture between subsidiaries of American Electric Power and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company; American Transmission Company; Exelon Corporation; NorthWestern Energy; MidAmerican Energy Company, a subsidiary of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company; and Xcel Energy.

The sponsors have retained Quanta Technology LLC to evaluate extra-high voltage transmission alternatives and provide recommendations for new transmission development in the Upper Midwest, including North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa,

Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Quanta will conduct an analysis of transmission alternatives analyzing the impact and quantifying the economic benefits of several transmission options. Once the SMARTransmission study is complete, results will be shared with the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, PJM Interconnection, and Southwest Power Pool for their consideration in their respective planning processes.