

entrepreneurs with business contacts and resources to help them succeed in the real world once they complete the program.

He said cupiding occurs among the program participants, too. "Fostering peer-to-peer relationships is huge," said Burwell. "There is so much collaboration among the entrepreneurs who are in the program. They are the ones who make it what it

ATC's request to build 100 miles of new transmission lines approved

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission has approved American Transmission Co.'s (ATC) application to construct approximately 100 miles of new transmission lines in Marathon, Shawano, Oconto, Waupaca, and Outagamie counties and a new switching station in Shawano County.

"The record on the two transmission projects we considered was extensive, with over a 1,000 pages of technical and public testimony and hundreds of maps," said PSC Chair Daniel Ebert. "The record is so specific, it even includes pole placement along the routes."

Ebert noted that many of the decision points regarding the project were not contested including the need for the new transmission lines.

"There is no dispute about the need for this transmission line which addresses the most constrained portion of ATC's transmission system and will deliver the electricity from the

retailer, owner of a gourmet coffee shop, and chief business architect of his own consulting firm.

Urban Hope moved its offices last fall to the new Business Assistance Center on the campus of Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College. Burwell is excited to see how the program has evolved. "I look at myself more as a

new Weston 4 power plant more efficiently," Ebert said.

The commission approved ATC's application to build two new 345-kilovolt transmission lines, one new 138-kilovolt transmission line and a switching station at a cost of about \$260 million.

The commission determined the new lines and substation will meet additional transmission needs from Wisconsin Public Service Corp.'s new Weston 4 power plant near Wausau. It will also help alleviate a constrained transmission system and improve electric reliability in northeastern Wisconsin.

"Unlike other transmission line projects, there was no disagreement about the need for this line. Without it the new Weston 4 power plant could not operate at full output and the 3000 megawatt import delivery requirement of the Arrowhead Weston line would not be ensured," Commissioner Mark Meyer said.

it was rewarding to be able to give back and help organize this BAC (Business Assistance Center)." He explains that the BAC represents a very special model because it includes the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, NWTC, the Chamber of Commerce, SCORE, and a community-based initiative. Over the years, Burwell has been active in every one of those programs. He taught at the University level as

Following are the key routing decisions the Commission made June 21:

Gardner Park to Central Wisconsin

Approximately 50 miles of a new 345-kilovolt transmission line to connect the Gardner Park Substation at the Weston power plant to the new Central Wisconsin Switching Station in the Shawano area. The route that the Commission approved largely follows an existing transmission corridor.

Morgan Substation to Werner West

Approximately 50 miles of a new 345-kilovolt transmission line to connect the Morgan Substation near Oconto Falls to the new Central Wisconsin Switching Station and continue to the Werner West Substation in New London.

The route that the Commission approved is described in three segments:

- From the existing Werner West Substation, near New London, to the existing Clintonville Substation, the commission approved the route

Good job of bringing Urban Hope to the next step in its growth. "Mark has a good business network that serves him well. He has been a very key component of bringing Urban Hope to the next level."

Burwell said it's like the culmination of a dream to see the whole process working together. "Even though there's a lot of work to be done, I can see a special model being built with all the excitement for entrepreneurship in the area. So, it's nice to see the groundwork all come together."

following an abandoned railroad corridor, an existing railroad corridor, county roads, and some new right-of-way corridors. A secondary component is a new 18-mile, 138 kilovolt transmission line that will connect the Clintonville substation to the Werner West Substation. Both the 138 kilovolt line and the 345 kilovolt line will be installed on the same transmission poles.

- From Clintonville to the Bonduel area, a route following existing roadways, including Highways 22 and 29.

• From Bonduel area to the existing Morgan Substation, near Oconto Falls, the commission approved a route along the existing transmission corridor, with the exception of routing around the Pensaukee River natural area.

The commission also approved construction of the Central Wisconsin Switching Station. This new substation will be located along Highway 22, adjacent to the existing Badger Substation.