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Mid-Kansas Electric Company Breaks Ground on Rubart Station

Electric Generating Station scheduled to come online April 2014

Ulysses, Kan.—April 9, 2013—Mid-Kansas Electric Company LLC held the groundbreaking celebration today for Rubart Station, the company's electric generating station located 13 miles east of Ulysses, Kan., in Grant County. Officials of companies involved in construction, Mid-Kansas board members, and state and local dignitaries—along with Perry Rubart, longtime Pioneer Electric Cooperative trustee after whom the facility is named—attended the morning event.

The nominal 110 megawatt station will comprise twelve natural gas reciprocating engines designed by Caterpillar Power Generation Systems, making this the first installation of Caterpillar's new G20CM34 sets. Burns & McDonnell is providing engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) services, and as general contractor, Casey Industrial will contract multi-craft specialty services.

"It's exciting to break ground on a station that will bring great benefits to our members and the region," said Allan Miller, Mid-Kansas board chairman. "These units will help meet our members' growing need for electricity and can be deployed individually within minutes, allowing for rapid response to wind and market conditions."

Site preparation began in late February, construction began in March, and the units are scheduled to arrive in the fall. Caterpillar will ship the units from Rostock, Germany, to Houston, TX, from where they will be transported by rail to southwest Kansas and then trucked to the site. During construction the project will generate an estimated 150 jobs at peak build-out, and once operational the facility will generate six to 10 jobs.

"At a time with ever increasing challenges to the electric industry, our board has remained steadfastly focused on meeting member electricity demand in a reliable, cost effective manner," said Stuart Lowry, Mid-Kansas president and CEO. "The decision to build this state-of-the-art facility is but one example of the Mid-Kansas board's effort to balance energy demand and resources in way that most benefits our members."

Additional Quotes:

"Burns & McDonnell has a long history of support for publicly owned power utilities. Burns & McDonnell's co-founder, Robert E. McDonnell, was an ardent supporter and

advocate for public ownership of power generation and water utilities. Though we serve both public- and investor-owned utilities today, Burns & McDonnell is proud to continue its long legacy of supporting cooperative and municipally owned utilities and providing a new power plant to Mid-Kansas Electric Company.”

“The natural gas-fired reciprocating engine design of the new Rubart Station will give Mid-Kansas’ member cooperatives unparalleled flexibility in meeting future load demand while delivering low cost, highly reliable operating performance. Burns & McDonnell has a successful history in providing engineer, procurement and construction (EPC) services on some of the most advanced fossil fueled generating stations in North America, and we’re pleased to be delivering that support to Mid-Kansas and its member cooperatives.” – **Ray Kowalik, Burns & McDonnell, President of Energy**

“Casey Industrial has had a successful track record working with Burns & McDonnell and cooperatives like Mid-Kansas. As a team, we share the same values surrounding safety, quality, and integrity that are integral to a successful project. We look forward to building this key project for the community.” –**Tom Lepak, Casey Industrial, Inc., VP Business Development**

"Rubart Station is of great significance to Caterpillar. It gives us the opportunity to acquaint the North American market to benefits of ancillary services. This station will also be the first to use our new medium-speed G20CM34, natural gas gensets. We are proud to be working with Mid-Kansas and Burns & McDonnell on this important project, which will serve many of Kansas’ communities." – **Clive Nickolay, General Manager of Caterpillar Power Generation Systems**

About Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC— About Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC— Mid-Kansas Electric Company LLC is a coalition of five rural electric cooperatives and one wholly owned subsidiary that serve approximately 200,000 Kansans throughout 33 counties. Mid-Kansas’ members include Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., Dighton; Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Inc., Norton; Southern Pioneer Electric Company, Ulysses; The Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., Dodge City; Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc., WaKeeney; and Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc., Scott City, Kansas. For more information, please visit the Mid-Kansas website at www.midkansaselectric.net

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