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Mid-Kansas Electric Company commissions Rubart Station

Facility features Cat's new 20-cylinder engines

Ulysses, Kan.—Sept. 25, 2014—Mid-Kansas Electric Company LLC held the commissioning celebration today for Rubart Station, the company's electric generating station located near Ulysses, Kan., in Grant County. Attendees included officials of the companies involved in construction, Mid-Kansas board members, distribution cooperative board members, and state and local dignitaries—along with Perry Rubart, longtime Pioneer Electric Cooperative trustee after whom the facility is named.

The state-of-the-art facility includes 12 natural gas reciprocating engines designed by Caterpillar Inc. Burns & McDonnell provided engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) services and contracted with Casey Industrial for multi-craft specialty services.

The nominal 110 megawatt station is the first facility worldwide to install Cat's new G20CM34 gen-sets. These units, which can be deployed individually, were selected based on several factors, including high-efficiency, low emissions and exceptionally low water consumption. The units will also add fast-start capability to the system's electric generating fleet.

"We're happy to have this facility online as it complements to our already diverse generation portfolio, which includes wind, coal and natural gas," said Steve Epperson, Mid-Kansas' board chairman. "The exceptional flexibility of the G20CM34 gen-sets allows Mid-Kansas to quickly respond to market conditions while continuing to provide our members and the thousands of Kansans they serve with reliable energy at the lowest possible cost."

Mid-Kansas received the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) air permit in January 2013, and site preparation began within one month. Construction of the facility began in March 2013, and many of the large structures—such as the engine hall and offices, substation, exhaust stacks and transmission structures—were taking shape by summer's end.

The gen-sets started arriving from Germany in October with the final units arriving in January 2014. The units were shipped to Houston, TX, where they were transported by rail to southwest Kansas and then trucked to Rubart Station. Commissioning tests

began on the first block of six units during the first quarter of 2014 and were completed on the remainder of the units in September.

“Rubart Station is a testament to the commitment that the Mid-Kansas board of directors has to our members and those they serve in central and western Kansas,” said Stuart Lowry, Mid-Kansas president and CEO. “Many factors affecting the electric industry are out of their control—like federal regulations and price of fuel—but the board continues to be visionary, seeking solutions that meet our members’ demand for electricity in the best way possible.”

Additional Quotes:

Caterpillar, Inc. – “Caterpillar is honored to have its largest natural gas generator set be a part of the diverse energy solution for residents in Kansas,” said Steve Niehaus, vice president for the Electric Power Division of Caterpillar Inc. “The exceptional performance and efficiency of the G20CM34 generator sets will provide Mid-Kansas Electric Company a sustainable and reliable source for their growing power needs. This project is the largest Caterpillar natural gas installation in North America and demonstrates our commitment to clean energy.”

Burns & McDonnell – “In providing engineering and construction management services to Mid-Kansas Electric Company, Burns & McDonnell is proud to continue its long legacy of support for cooperative and municipally owned utilities,” said Ray Kowalik, president of the firm’s Energy Division. “Rubart Station gives Mid-Kansas Electric’s member cooperatives unparalleled flexibility in meeting load demand with its rapid dispatch, low cost and highly reliable operating performance. Burns & McDonnell has long experience 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 members.”

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, Kan. For more information, please visit the Mid-Kansas website at www.midkansaselectric.net.

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