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JCE Plans Major Rebuild Project in Savanna

ELIZABETH, IL—Planning and preliminary work is underway for a major rebuild of Jo-Carroll Energy's electric distribution infrastructure serving the city of Savanna. The result will be increased system efficiency and power reliability.

"As we said during the acquisition of the Illinois IPL service area, Jo-Carroll Energy is committed to improve the quality and reliability of service to all our members," said Michael W. Hastings, Jo-Carroll Energy president and CEO. "The City of Savanna needs these system improvements. These system enhancements will help existing homeowners and businesses as well as help attract new homeowners and businesses to Savanna."

The rebuild means a complete voltage conversion of the city, according to Dennis Astley,

Jo-Carroll Energy manager of engineering. Currently five substations with three different voltages serve the city. The major goal of the project is to bring all substations to a standard voltage for consistency and efficiency.

"The system has been there for years and the town has grown around it, so the existing system may not be the best for the main circuits," Astley said. "Not all of our substations provide the same type of service so they cannot be interconnected. We're working to standardize the substations to improve safety and reliability."

The project improves the cooperative's ability to provide backup service to parts of town. With all substations at the same voltage, electricity can be rerouted during planned outages or emergency situations. Standardization also allows for

a reduction of inventory and line loss, ultimately decreasing operating costs.

The project will be completed in three stages. With the project still in the early phase of construction, an inventory of all poles, transformers and wires has been completed to verify existing infrastructure. Cooperative engineers are deciding where to route the main circuits and where new lines need to be built. In the coming weeks, residents of Savanna will see crews building lines in preparation for the upgrade. This work includes hanging new transformers that will be utilized when the conversion is complete later this spring. One of the five substations serving Savanna is due for a major overhaul this spring with a new substation transformer to be installed.

"We're building all we can prior to the substation transformer going in," Astley said. "When it is in operation, we can start going down the line and converting voltages."

Brief local outages—that can be as localized as the pole top transformer—will occur as the voltage is upgraded to the standard voltage. Planned outages may last from a few minutes to about an hour. Jo-Carroll Energy plans frequent updates, both through the local media and its own website, about the progress of the project and when planned outages will occur.

"We ask for the residents' patience when we start the change over," Astley said. He also reminded everyone to stay back from the trucks and to keep children and pets away from the area while the crews are working. "People are welcome to watch, but from a safe distance," he said. "The linemen need to be able to focus on their work."

For more information on Jo-Carroll Energy, visit the cooperative's web site at www.jocarroll.com.

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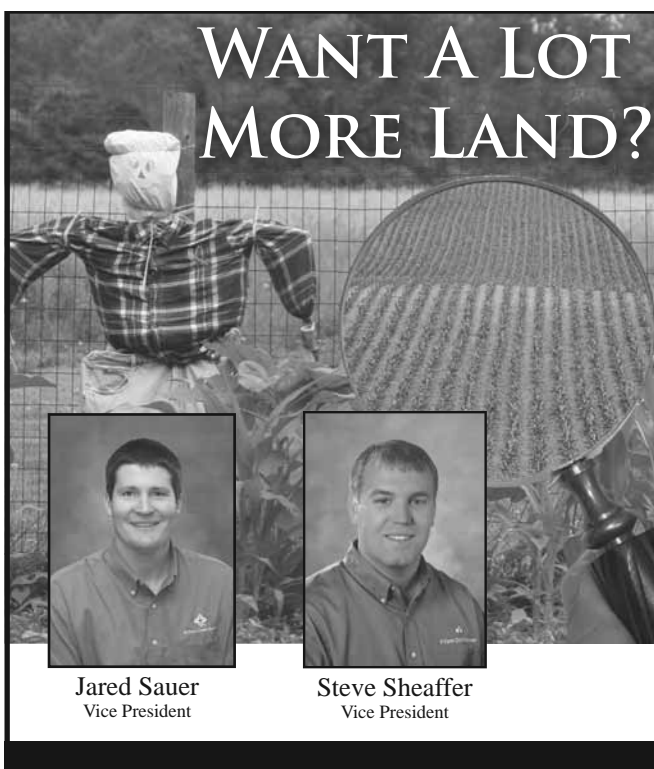
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