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Utility Work Begins Along K-16 in Leavenworth County

On Tuesday, October 2, utility maintenance work began on an electrical line that runs adjacent to K-16 for approximately 6.7 miles in Leavenworth County. Utility crews will complete maintenance work along the right-of-way on K-16 between the cities of McLouth and Tonganoxie. Work will take place Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Eastbound and westbound K-16 traffic will experience various lane closures while the utility work takes place. Flaggers will guide traffic through individual work zones on K-16. Drivers should expect minor delays, including possible start and stop traffic, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

During the first week of October, there will be two separate work zones on K-16. Each work zone will have an individual flagging operation. Then, beginning Monday, October 8, there will be four separate work zones. Again, each of these work zones will have an individual flagging operation. The work zones will be located approximately one mile apart to start, but as work progresses, the work zones will cover longer distances and delays may increase by a few minutes.

PAR Electrical Contractors Inc. is the primary contractor on this Westar Energy utility maintenance project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late fall 2007.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the work zone. For more information on this project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881, or Scott Cushing, Utility Coordinator, at (785) 296-2291.

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