

Consumers Plans 710 Miles Of New Lines



Consumers Power Company has started construction on 710 miles of extra-high voltage electric transmission line on the west, north, east and central portions of Michigan. The cost is expected to be \$97 million.

Four thousand steel towers carrying 345,000 volts of electricity, will link three major generating plants now under construction and connect them

with the remainder of the integrated statewide electric network. The south leg of a figure eight, 165 miles of tower line, has been built from the Palisades nuclear plant, 35 miles west of Kalamazoo, to Detroit Edison Company's Wayne substation, west of Detroit. It makes connections with the Indiana & Michigan Electric Com-

pany system on the western end of the system. THE NEW PORTION will continue from Kalamazoo to Ludington, to Garylord, to Midland, to Flint, and across the state back to Kalamazoo. Construction starts first on a 45-mile leg from Kalamazoo to Grand Rapids. Next, contracts will be let for two lines by different routes, Grand Rapids,

to Ludington total, 175 miles. Another portion, 65 miles in length, will follow from Grand Rapids to the Palisades nuclear plant near South Haven. Then comes 115 miles across central Michigan from a point near Sparta to Flint.

A 175-mile stretch runs from Flint to a point near Garylord via the proposed Midland nuclear plant. The final 135 miles is to go from near Garylord, passing close to Traverse City, enroute to Ludington. Consumers Power is investing more than \$200 million in 1969 in projects to expand and improve its facilities and to keep ahead of future requirements for electricity and natural gas. The 1969 expenditures are part of a long-range program in which the company expects to commit more than \$1.2 billion in capital investment over the next five years.

THE MAJOR ELECTRIC projects which are to be connected with the 345,000-volt transmission system are: The Palisades nuclear plant, 710,000 kilowatt initial capacity, scheduled for 1970 operation. The Ludington pumped storage hydroelectric plant, 1.8 million kilowatts of peaking power capacity, 1973. This plant is a joint project of Consumers Power and The Detroit Edison Company. The twin unit Midland nuclear power plant, 1.3 million kilowatt capacity, 1974 and 1975.

The already-built portion of the transmission system in southern Michigan provides interconnections with electric utilities in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The 345,000-volt transmission system will be operated from the Michigan Electric Power Pool Control Center near Ann Arbor. The control center is a joint project of Consumers Power and The Detroit Edison Company. The two companies are principal members of the Michigan power pool.

The control center centralizes the generation and transmission of more than 10 million kilowatts of power. Each company continues to be responsible for the electric service in the area it serves.

Both Vote 'Aye' But Disagree

WASHINGTON You can't just look at the record" when judging your man in Congress.

Take Republican Marvin E. Schack (2nd District) and Democrat William D. Ford (15th District). Both voted in favor of the tax reform bill recently when it passed the House, 394-30. Esch was enthusiastic about it, Ford was cool.

EMPHASIZING what he considered to be the negative, Ford, whose district includes

Garden City and Westland, said the tax bill fails to increase personal exemptions.

Ford also charged the bill fails to close "some of the most glaring loopholes" for the wealthy and corporations.

Esch emphasized the parts that made him happy, however. It was "a major victory for the common man," he said. "An estimated 5 per cent reduction in taxes for middle-class Americans is expected, while low income working people will receive even greater deductions."

"Aye" on the tax reform bill, the truth is that they are a long way from seeing eye-to-eye on taxes.

Students From Area Tour WMU

KALAMAZOO Half of the class of 1973 of Western Michigan University have completed a three day summer orientation program on the WMU campus. Observers and students attending included:

- LYONIA: Alan D. Applebaum, 29508 Ravine Drive; Joseph S. Baller, 11405 Cransford; Lesley M. Bassett, 28966 Grand, Garylord; Frank D. Brennan, 20125 Brentwood; Doreen A. Brisson, 19384 Hillcrest; James A. Burek, 19556 Middle Bell Road; and Diane H. Carroll, 32940 Northgate.
- FORREST M. Chaffee, 14333 Brentwood; Ronald J. Colton Jr., 1414 Blue Skies; Kathleen Connolly, 30614 Greenland; Karen A. Cowall, 28446 Terrence Drive; William R. Donahue Jr., 9893 Henry Ruff; Christine L. Galloway, 31745 Perth; Stephanie T. Gordon, 32222 Maryland; and Janet E. Goyer, 19474 Donna.
- MARVIN E. Hurlbert, 32239 Oakley; Cheryl M. Jurcina, 32428 Roycroft; Patricia Kreski, 9871 Clements Circle; John R. Krizan, 29209 Jacquelyne; Richard D. Kurtz, 14881 Bradley Court; Linda L. Matthews, 17115 Slawmich; Mary Ann Mattiello, 19630 Merriman Court; Shellie R. Noland, 19298 Oakview; Bruce A. Nederveid, 14140 Hubbard; Ronald M. Ochala, 31555 Pembroke; and David M. Phillips, 29747 Puritan.

DONALD R. Rauschert, 16029 Poch; Linda C. Reed, 29232 Mark Lane; William H. Rice Jr., 32430 Barkley; Donna L. Seeg, 36960 Ann Arbor Trail; Karen L. Soloy, 18370 Westmore; David R. Sterling, 15487 Hidden Lane; Kristine L. Syversen, 15669 Edington Road; Sally A. Vaughn, 16156 Ellen Drive; Deanna L. Wagstaff, 14645 Garden Road; and Tamara L. Winters, 31628 Arizona.

WESTLAND: Nancy G. Hilling, 29301 Badell; Kenneth C. Gregory, 30233 Matthew Drive; Jannis K. Johnson, 32682 Winona; Donald R. Kennedy, 30221 Matthew Drive; Peggy H. Quick, 570 S. Hawthorn; and Antonette M. Szalanga, 1304 Henry Ruff.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP: Dennis J. Anderson, 17138 Summer; Virginia E. Coan, 19923 Greendale; Cheryl A. Gusty, 3964 Semblote; Carol E. Nishi, 17929 Wormer; Robert J. Pokorny, 16820 Beech Dale Road; Cheryl K. Reetz, 22271 Vaughan; Philip A. Shuman, 3080 Eastwinds; Constance Skynar, 23315 Lyndon; and Janet L. Wise, 15767 Vaughan.

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WSU Announces Processing Fee

As of Sept. 1, Wayne State University will require a \$10 fee for the processing of undergraduate and graduate admission applications for all applicants to the winter 1970 quarter and thereafter.

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