The CapX2020 utilities are using implosive connectors as part of the final transmission line construction work in your area. The implosive connectors are used to splice transmission conductor joints and to connect conductor to the structures. The split second detonation creates a flash and a loud boom. The technology provides stronger, more reliable and efficient connections, reducing maintenance needs and increasing system reliability. They also result in fewer environmental and agricultural impacts as less heavy equipment is required in construction areas.

The connections are not used on every structure. CapX2020 utilities urge motorists to avoid stopping and watching the work while it occurs. Additional information including a video of implosive connector blasts is available at www.CapX2020.com.
About the project

Construction on the CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345/161 kV transmission project started in February of 2013. The 161 kV segment between the new North Rochester Substation near Pine Island and the existing Northern Hills Substation, northwest of Rochester was completed and energized in March 2014. Construction on the 345 kV segment between Pine Island and Kellogg is expected to be completed in November 2014. The entire project is scheduled to be finished in 2015.

We want to hear from you.

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