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**Electric Transmission Texas signs contract
for largest utility-scale battery in the U.S.**

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Sept. 1, 2009 – Electric Transmission Texas LLC (ETT) has completed a contract with NGK-Locke, Inc. for a state-of-the-art, sodium-sulfur 4-megawatt NAS[®] battery system, which will be installed in Presidio, Texas. ETT is a joint venture between American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP) and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MidAmerican).

The NAS battery will be the first in Texas and the largest in the United States and represents part of a \$67 million overall commitment by ETT to improve transmission reliability in Presidio and surrounding areas.

The battery, along with construction of the Gonzales substation, is currently scheduled to be completed by first quarter 2010 in time for summer peak usage. Cost of the battery and substation is estimated at approximately \$23 million. A 60-mile, 69-kilovolt transmission line from Marfa to Presidio is targeted for completion by 2012 with an estimated cost of approximately \$44 million.

“Very soon, one of the oldest cities in the United States will be benefiting from one of the world’s newest technology developments,” said Calvin Crowder, ETT president. “This battery installation will enhance electrical service for our customers in this region, and completion of this contract will allow the Presidio area to realize its benefits by next summer. “

The NAS[®] battery system uses sodium-sulfur battery technology. This technology proposed by ETT for Presidio will provide the following benefits:

- Due to its quick response, the battery will address voltage fluctuations and momentary outages.

- In the event of an outage on the radial transmission line providing power to Presidio, the battery can supply four megawatts of uninterrupted power for up to eight hours.
- The battery will allow Presidio's electrical load to receive uninterrupted power from Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE) during emergency situations.
- The battery will allow for maintenance on the new transmission line being built to from Marfa to Presidio without loss of electric service.

AEP pioneered the use of the NAS battery in the United States. Following testing at its Dolan Technology Center near Columbus, Ohio, AEP became the first U.S. company to deploy NAS batteries in 2002 when it installed and operated a demonstration unit in Gahanna, Ohio. In 2006, AEP installed a 1.2-megawatt stationary NAS battery near Charleston, W.Va. In 2008, AEP installed three, 2-megawatt NAS batteries: one in Churubusco, Ind.; one in Balls Gap, W.Va.; and one in Bluffton, Ohio.

ETT acquires, constructs, owns and operates transmission facilities within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), primarily in and around the AEP Texas Central Company (TCC) and AEP Texas North Company (TNC) service territories.

AEP, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity to more than 5 million customers in 11 states. AEP (www.aep.com) has extensive experience building extra-high-voltage 765-kV transmission lines and owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a nearly 39,000-mile network that includes 2,100 miles of 765-kV transmission lines, more than all other U.S. transmission systems combined.

MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (www.midamerican.com), based in Des Moines, Iowa, is a global provider of energy services to more than 6.9 million customers worldwide. MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company subsidiaries, PacifiCorp and MidAmerican Energy Company, own and operate more than 18,000 miles of electric transmission lines.

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