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Xcel Energy boosts eastern Panhandle power grid

New Bowers-Howard transmission project improves electric reliability and capacity

AMARILLO, Texas – Xcel Energy has completed a major high-voltage transmission project in Gray and Wheeler counties in the eastern Texas Panhandle that will help sustain industrial development and position the regional economy for continued growth as electricity demand increases.

On Wednesday, the company energized a new 115-kilovolt, 38-mile transmission line between the Bowers Substation near Lefors in Gray County and the Howard Substation in the city of Wheeler in Wheeler County. The $39 million project also includes