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PETTIGREW & ASSOCIATES TAPPED FOR WEST TEXAS XCEL ENERGY PROJECT

Hobbs, NM based firm opens satellite office in Lockney, TX to accommodate growing business

HOBBS, NM – June 3, 2013 – Randall T. Pettigrew, PE, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of **Pettigrew & Associates (P&A)**, recently announced the firm's involvement in a new Scel Energy transmission construction project in West Texas, the J11 – **Tuco to Woodward 345 kV Transmission Line**. To accommodate this and other Texas projects, a temporary **satellite office** was opened in **Lockney, Texas**, with plans for a permanent facility in the North Texas Panhandle.

Xcel Energy Services Inc., on behalf of its operating company, Southwestern Public Service Company, awarded Chapman Construction, a division of Willbros Group, Inc. (NYSE: WG), the first 104 miles of a 200 mile single circuit 345-Kilovolt transmission line project in the Texas Panhandle. The Public Utility Commission of Texas approved the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity application for the Tuco to Texas/Oklahoma Interconnect 345 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line project in April 2012. The project will improve electric reliability, strengthen the existing transmission grid, and provide an outlet for additional renewable wind generation in the Texas Panhandle, eastern New Mexico, and western Oklahoma.

Pettigrew & Associates is performing concrete field and laboratory services for the project. Pettigrew has earned a reputation as the top choice for quality, professional services in materials engineering and materials testing. The firm maintains the only Construction Materials Testing Laboratory in eastern NM and West Texas that is AMRL/CCRL accredited for both AASHTO and ASTM standards in Hot Mix, Asphalt, Soil, Aggregate, and Portland Cement Concrete. Additionally, P&A enjoys numerous industry accreditations and mandates laboratory personnel industry certifications to assure the highest levels of technical competency and professionalism.

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To better accommodate the construction material testing needs of the project, Pettigrew has opened a satellite laboratory for concrete sampling and testing at a temporary location in Lockney, Texas. Plans are proceeding for a permanent laboratory facility in the North Texas Panhandle. In addition to the work conducted for Chapman Construction and the SPS Tuco project, Pettigrew will be taking on regional business via the newest office and laboratory.

The complete Tuco project consists of approximately 200 miles of transmission line circuit. It will connect the existing SPS Tuco Substation, located approximately two miles north of Abernathy in Hale County, Texas, to a proposed interconnect point located between Texola and Erick in Beckham County, Oklahoma. The study area includes portions of Lubbock, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, Childress, Donley, Collingsworth and Wheeler counties, Texas, as well as Beckham County, Oklahoma.

Construction of the J11 – Tuco to Woodward 345 kV Transmission Line project is scheduled to begin toward the end of the second quarter with wire installation in the last half of 2013. The proposed in-service date for the complete Tuco project is June 2014.

For nearly 50 years, Pettigrew & Associates, P.A. has been a leader in fully integrated engineering, surveying, and materials engineering and testing, serving customers in New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and other states. For more information on engineering, surveying, and materials testing services offered by Pettigrew & Associates, contact Randy Pettigrew at 575.393.9827 ext. 20.

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