

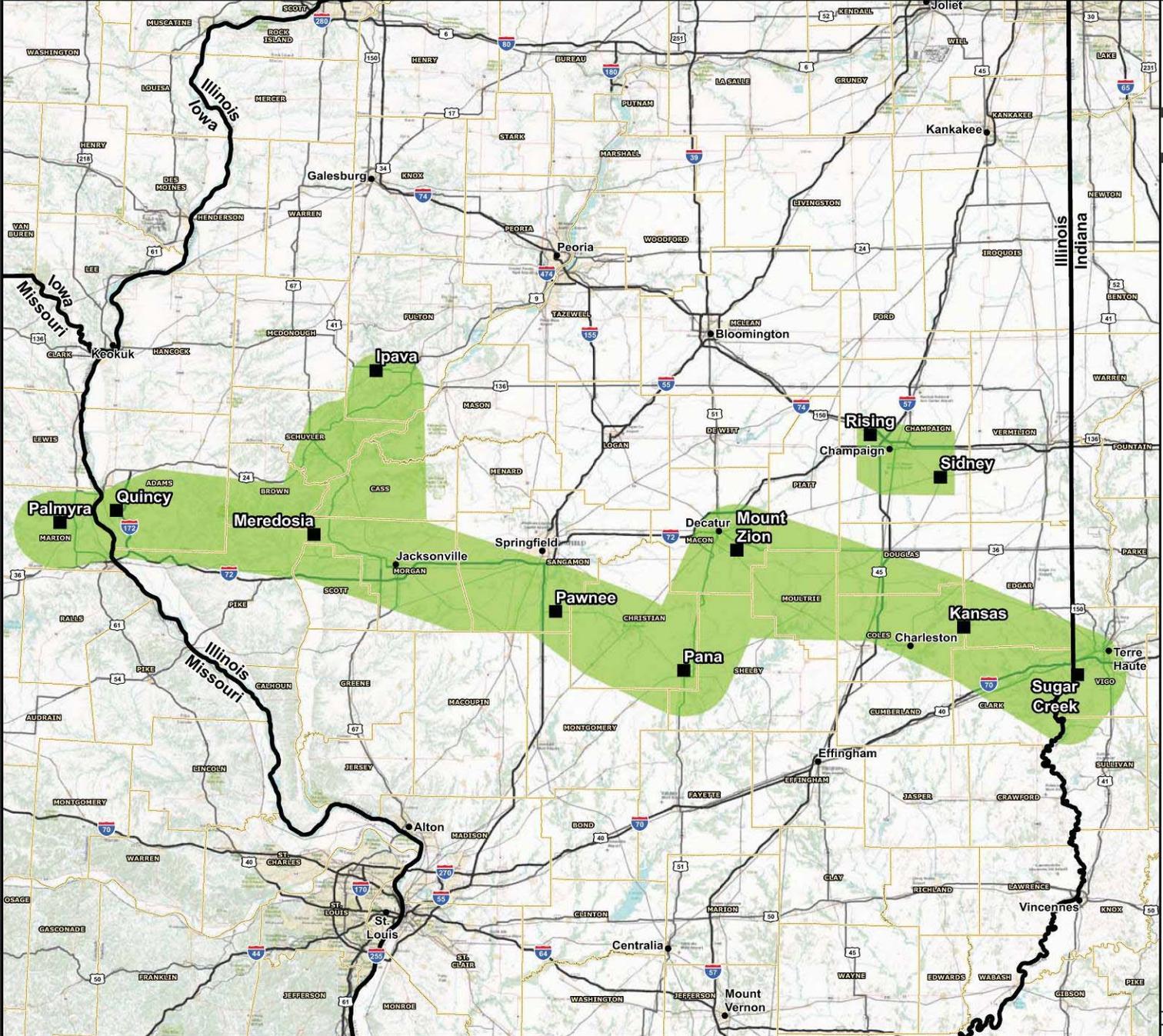


Illinois Rivers Project

Project Overview

Legend

- Connection Point
 - Project Study Area
 - County Boundary
 - Railroad
- Roads**
- Interstate
 - US Highway
 - State Highway



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Shield Wire

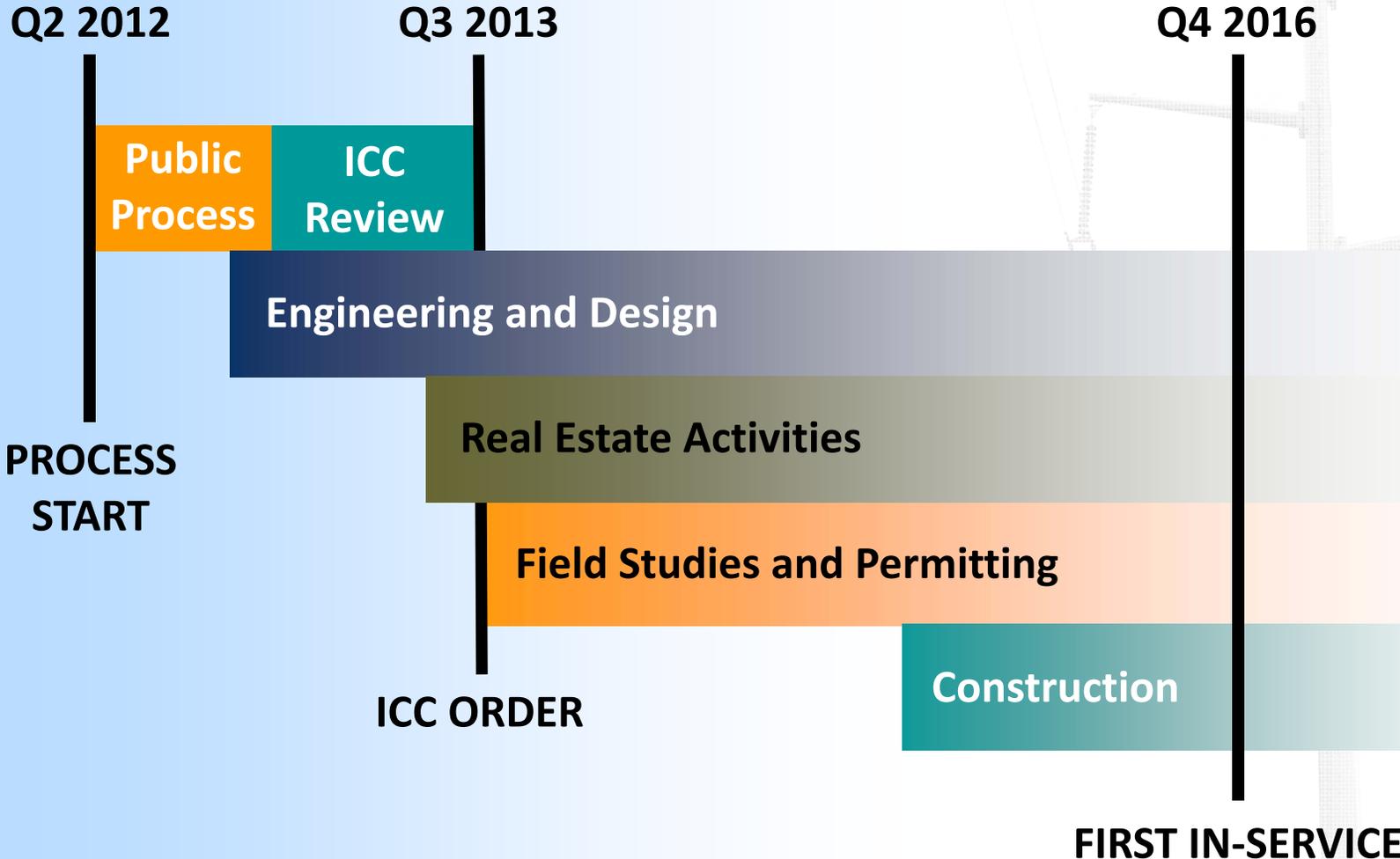
Insulator

Conductor



Representative 345 kV Structure

Project Timeline



Milestone Project Schedule

- **April 2012 – Project Kick-Off**
- **April/May/June 2012 – Phase I Public Involvement**
- **July 2012 – Phase II Public Involvement**
- **September/October 2012 – Phase III Public Involvement**
- **November 2012 – Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) Filing**
- **July 2013 – Anticipated ICC Order**
- **April 2015 – Anticipated Construction Start**
- **December 2016 – First Anticipated In-Service**

Line Construction

PRE-CONSTRUCTION

- Real Estate Coordination

CONSTRUCTION

- Survey Work
- Access & Clearing
- Foundation Construction
- Structure Erection
- Wire Stringing

RESTORATION



Project Background

- **Midwestern states have enacted requirements for renewable energy**
- **States include Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana**
- **41 million MWH of renewable energy needed**

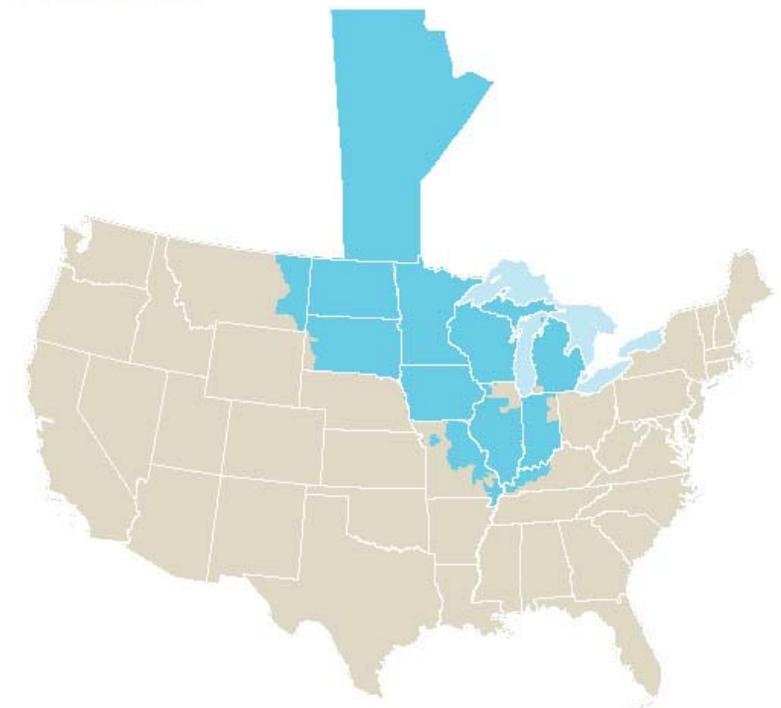


Project Background

- Midwest Independent System Operator
 - **Multi-Value Projects**
 - Strengthen the transmission system
 - Maintain system reliability by resolving projected reliability constraints
 - Provide access to renewable energy
 - Provide economic benefits in excess of costs
 - Support a variety of generation policies
 - Provide other economic benefits



MARKET AREA



RELIABILITY COORDINATION AREA