Access Roads

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American Electric Power is committed to providing its customers with a reliable electric service supported by a resilient transmission grid. During construction and maintenance of transmission lines and substations, the utility may need to build new or upgrade existing access roads.

Description

- Access roads surfaces may be soil or stone and range from 12-20 feet in width.
- Actual width of an access road construction area can be up to 40 feet.
- Width of road can increase to accommodate turns or switchback areas.

Location

- In most cases, company representatives are able to work with impacted landowners to determine the most practical access road locations.
- In addition, representatives discuss any associated mitigation with impacted landowners.

Building the Access Road

- Heavy equipment is used to clear and grade the access road.
- Erosion and sediment controls are used to prevent storm water runoff and lessen environmental impacts per federal, state and local guidelines.

Completed Access Road

- Once the project is complete, company representatives will continue to work with landowners to determine final road standards.
- Access roads will remain in place to facilitate future maintenance of company facilities.