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A major electricity transmission line has gotten a key approval from state regulators, but Evergy will have to reconsider part of the route that goes through the Flint Hills. EVERT NELSON/THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

Limited OK for power line

Regulators tell Evergy to rethink path through Flint Hills

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Kansas utility regulators have determined a proposed power transmission line is necessary but are ordering Evergy to develop a new route for the portion that would cross the Flint Hills.

At issue is an extra-high voltage transmission line that is part of a bigger project connecting south-central Kansas with southwest Missouri. The Kansas portion would be about 133 miles.

Evergy Kansas Central, a Topeka-based subsidiary of electric utility monopoly Evergy, filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission in November for a siting permit to build the 345-kilovolt transmission line.

The three commissioners on the KCC on May 12 found the line is necessary, which is a key determination needed for

the project to move forward.

"This order finds that the proposed line is necessary as it will increase the reliability and resiliency of the transmission network in both Kansas and Missouri," said KCC litigation counsel Tristan Kimbrell. "The proposed line will also reduce overload and voltage issues within southeastern Kansas during severe winter weather and allow for the more efficient use of regional power generation, thereby likely reducing energy costs for Kansas customers."

Another key issue is the reasonableness of the route.

The KCC's May 12 order granted Evergy's application for a citing permit for the first half of the line with modifications and conditions. However, the order denied the second half of the route and directed Evergy to perform a new

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"The order notes that the commission takes seriously any activity that has the potential to permanently and adversely affect the Flint Hills or other unique ecological regions of the state. The order also notes that the commission takes seriously the potential impact a transmission line may have on oil and gas operations."

Tristan Kimbrell, KCC litigation counsel

Inaugural Vinyl Summit to be held in Salina

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Acoustic Sounds will host the inaugural Vinyl Summit from Oct. 15-18 in Salina.

The event invites audiophiles, vinyl collectors and dealers to explore a four-day experience focused on high-fidelity sound and music, according to a community announcement.

Celebrating 40 years of Acoustic Sounds, the Vinyl Summit will feature an inside look at the company's production processes, a record fair, a hi-fi show and live performances.

The event will take place on the Acoustic Sounds campus and will include a record fair and HiFi showcase. Attendees will have the chance to tour one of the world's leading vinyl production and mastering facilities and interact with industry professionals such as Daryl Wilson of Wilson Audio, Merck Mercuriadis of Hipgnosis Song Management and Michael Fremer of The Tracking Angle. Additional guests will be announced in the coming months.

The Vinyl Summit will feature a detailed behind-the-scenes tour of Acoustic Sounds' production facilities, a large record fair, a hi-fi equipment showcase and live performances at various venues.

Tickets for the events can be purchased at www.vinylsummit.com/tickets.html.

Live performances will take place at Blue Heaven Studios, a restored 1920s church now used as a recording and performance space and at the historic

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Plenty of America 250 events still coming up

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The nation is gearing up to celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

Events across the country are scheduled to observe America's legacy in the coming weeks.

Some celebrations are already in full swing, such as the "American Presidents" exhibition at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery and The Great American Road Trip initiative led by the Department of Transportation. But the major festivities are set to occur around July 4, which marks the 250th anniversary

of America's adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

In addition to national events led by President Donald Trump's Task Force 250, states have their own individual events to celebrate local history,

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