

Substation ceremony placed on hold

(KAIR)--The ribbon cutting, planned in Atchison this week to officially mark the start of operations for the new substation in the city, has been postponed.

According to a statement released Tuesday by Westar Energy spokeswoman Gina Penzig, the ceremony is placed on hold due to unforeseen circumstances.

The ribbon cutting was to be held Wednesday at the Amelia Earhart Substation, located at 5th and Q Streets

According to Westar, the \$50 million construction project, which included the new substation and the upgrades to the transmission system serving Atchison. means improved reliability and power quality in the Atchison area, as well as support for future growth.

A new date for the ribbon cutting isn't immediately determined.

Construction of the substation began in the summer of 2016 and was completed earlier this year.

It's named in honor of famed aviator Amelia Earhart, who was born in Atchison, and features a 12-foot tall concrete wall around the substation with a timeline outlining Earhart's personal and professional accomplishments.

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