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LINEARVISION TO SIMPLIFY AND ACCELERATE ASSET INSPECTION AND ASSET MAINTENANCE AT OZARKS ELECTRIC

Desktop Access To Visual Data Will Enable Faster Problem Identification And Resolution

HERNDON, VIRGINIA, AUGUST 5, 2003 - LinearVision, the premier provider of visual data solutions for the utility, railroad, transportation and environmental industries, announced today that it has been selected by Ozarks Electric Cooperative Corporation to develop a comprehensive visual database of the utility's electric transmission network in northwestern Arkansas. The database will include geographically-referenced photographs and digital video of all the cooperative's transmission structures and lines. The database can also be integrated with Ozarks Electric's existing GIS system, allowing inspection and maintenance employees to quickly view specific transmission structures from any desktop or notebook computer using LinearVision viewing software. The Arkansas cooperative is partnering with LinearVision as part of a broader initiative focused on transmission network reliability.

"LinearVision's high resolution digital photography of our transmission structures will provide a superior inspection tool when compared to traditional methods," said Troy Scarbrough, Vice President of Engineering and Operations at Ozarks Electric. "Desktop access to data, including XY coordinates captured for any point within the survey, will also allow us to quickly reference specific structures and better identify defective equipment versus having to fast-forward through hours of traditional video footage."

The LinearVision database will include low-level, full motion, oblique video of the entire Ozarks Electric right-of-way, from substation to substation. This video, together with digital still photographs detailed enough to identify cracked and broken insulators, can be integrated with Ozarks Electric's existing AutoCAD GIS, allowing easy association of detailed visual data with transmission and substation line drawings. This, in turn, will allow maintenance dispatchers and supervisors to view specific breaker controls and other devices from any desktop or notebook computer, allowing them to better direct and prepare the servicemen they supervise. In making more efficient use of its servicemen and their time, Ozarks Electric expects to realize considerable and immediate operational cost savings.

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LinearVision, LLC

LinearVision, a subsidiary of Apex Data Services, Inc., specializes in low-level, high-resolution airborne videography and remote sensing services for the utility, railroad, transportation and environmental industries. Service and product offerings include airborne asset inventory and inspections, right-of-way condition assessment, integrated desktop viewing software and GIS database integration. LinearVision's featured technology offers the most advanced aerial low-level surveys, digital high-resolution video, integrated digital still images, DGPS survey, airborne laser ground surveys, and optional Infrared inspections available in the industry today. Established in 2000, the company has offices in Herndon, Virginia and Victoria, BC, Canada. Visit LinearVision on the World Wide Web at www.apexinc.com.

Ozarks Electric Cooperative Corporation

Ozarks Electric Cooperative Corporation is headquartered in Fayetteville, AR. It was incorporated in May 1938 with the charter to provide electric service in the Northwest corner of Arkansas. It serves 50,548 customers through 5,894 miles of transmission and distribution lines.