

Abengoa to construct a new electricity transmission project in Uruguay

- It involves a new 150 kV station in Tacuarembó, in the north of the country.
- Works, with an investment of 5 MUSD, are part of the global project of the National Administration of Power Stations and Electric Transmissions (UTE), in the northeast of the country.

September 12, 2017 – Abengoa (MCE: ABG/P:SM), the international company that applies innovative technology solutions for sustainability in the infrastructures, energy and water sectors, by means of Abengoa Teyma -its subsidiary in Uruguay- is to undertake the construction of a 150 kV station called Tacuarembó B, in addition to its connection to the grid, for the Administración Nacional de Usinas y Trasmisiones Eléctricas (National Administration of Power Stations and Electric Transmissions) (UTE).

Following a public tender process, Abengoa Teyma will take care of supplies, engineering services, civil works, pathways, equipment and panel-board installation and assembly, cabling, connections, the installation and configuration of the station network, and the checks for setting up and for the commissioning of the installation.

The new station is to open the existing 150 kV Pampa-Tacuarembó line into two lines: Pampa-Tacuarembó B and Tacuarembó B-Tacuarembó. Connection to the Melo B Station will be achieved by means of a new transmission line which is currently under construction.

The project scope includes the construction of a 150 kV bay with four handling sections; the construction of the 150 kV station building; the supply and assembly of the medium-voltage switchgear, the execution of the grounding grids which consist of 15 km of cable, the development of the shield against atmospheric discharges, the installation of protection and control systems in addition to illumination and safety systems, and all the necessary works which are required to connect the station to the existing communication network.

All these works, which are part of a global program that the public authority is developing in the northeast of the country with the aim of improving and expanding the existing transmission network, will have a 14-month completion period and will employ approximately 25 people.

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Prior to this, Abengoa Teyma has executed similar works for the UTE, such as the construction of the 150 kV transmission station in Montevideo and the expansion of the Salto Grande Uruguay station, or the renovation and expansion works made to twelve 150 kV stations of the transmission network in different parts of the country. Other works in the electric area that can be highlighted are the 500 kV stations located in Punta Tigre (San José) and Las Brujas (Canelones), the frequency converting station in Rivera and its 230 kV high-voltage line which runs up to the Brazilian border and the frequency converter station located in Melo.

Abengoa has been present in Uruguay since 1980, and has become a reference in the engineering and construction sector, having undertaken close to 400 projects. Furthermore, renewable energy infrastructure projects have also been undertaken by the company, as well as urban solid waste management projects and urban hygiene equipment in Uruguay.

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