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Quick Facts

- Construction on replacing portions of the 418-foot line started last month and is expected to last until early 2010.
- Energy cost savings on the line are estimated at \$33,000 annually.



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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University will receive \$416,476 in federal stimulus assistance to replace an underground steam line that runs through the Peabody field on Alumni Drive.

Construction on replacing portions of the 418-foot line started last month and is expected to last until early 2010.

Winthrop officials applied for the energy efficiency funding this fall through the S.C. Energy Office. About \$312,000 of the assistance will be a grant, while the remaining \$100,000 is a no-interest loan that Winthrop will repay.

Energy cost savings on the line are estimated at \$33,000 annually so the loan will be quickly repaid, according to **Walter Hardin**, associate vice president for facilities management.

The line supplies steam to nine buildings on the northern part of the campus. The 10-inch medium pressure line rests in a high water table area along with low pressure and high pressure return lines. Originally constructed without insulation decades ago, the line by 21st century standards wastes a lot of energy each, and the federal stimulus funds will allow correction of that, Hardin added.

The construction will preserve 12 jobs for the local contractor during the replacement work.

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