

KENTUCKY POWER INVITES COMMUNITY INPUT ON POTENTIAL TRANSMISSION PROJECT IN SOUTHEAST KENTUCKY

ASHLAND, Ky., March 5, 2026 — Kentucky Power is hosting an open house to share information and gather community input as it evaluates a potential future transmission project in Leslie, Clay, Bell and Knox counties.

The Stinnett–Pineville Transmission Line Rebuild Project is in early planning and would not move forward without review and approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC). If approved, construction would begin Spring 2027 with completion expected by 2029.

The project under evaluation could include rebuilding approximately 30 miles of existing 161-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, primarily within the current right-of-way. A small portion near the Stinnett Substation is also being reviewed for potential routing adjustments. No final decisions have been made.

Much of the existing transmission line was originally constructed in the 1940s. Rebuilding the line would replace aging wooden structures with modern steel structures and updated conductors designed to strengthen reliability and reduce the likelihood of extended outages.

Community members and landowners are invited to attend an informal open house:

Thursday, March 26 from 5 to 7 p.m.
Red Bird Mission School
15420 KY-66, Beverly, KY 40913

There will be no formal presentation. Attendees may come and go at any time to speak with project representatives, review preliminary maps and ask questions.

Residents who cannot attend may visit KentuckyPower.com/Stinnett-Pineville to access a virtual open house and submit comments online.

Landowners in the study area will receive mailed information packets that include additional details and opportunities to provide feedback by Friday, April 10.

“This is an opportunity for us to share early information and hear directly from the community as we evaluate potential future needs,” said Sarah Lynch, Kentucky Power spokesperson. “Maintaining and modernizing our transmission system is an important part of providing safe, reliable electric service over the long term.”

Kentucky Power regularly reviews its transmission infrastructure to identify areas where aging equipment may need to be replaced as part of responsible long-term system planning.