

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio Open House to Discuss New Eastern Ohio Electric Transmission Line

AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power (AEP), and the AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., invite residents of Belmont, Guernsey and Noble counties to attend a public informational open house regarding plans to rebuild a 69-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line in Belmont, Guernsey and Noble counties.

The public open house to discuss the proposed Barnesville-Summerfield transmission line will take place from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 5, 2016, at Barnesville High School, 910 Shamrock Drive, Barnesville, Ohio 43713.**

The Barnesville-Summerfield 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves rebuilding and upgrading approximately 16 miles of existing power lines. The project traverses Marion and Beaver townships of Noble County, Millwood Township of Guernsey County and Warren Township of Belmont County. The last major reinforcement in this area was done more than 60 years ago.

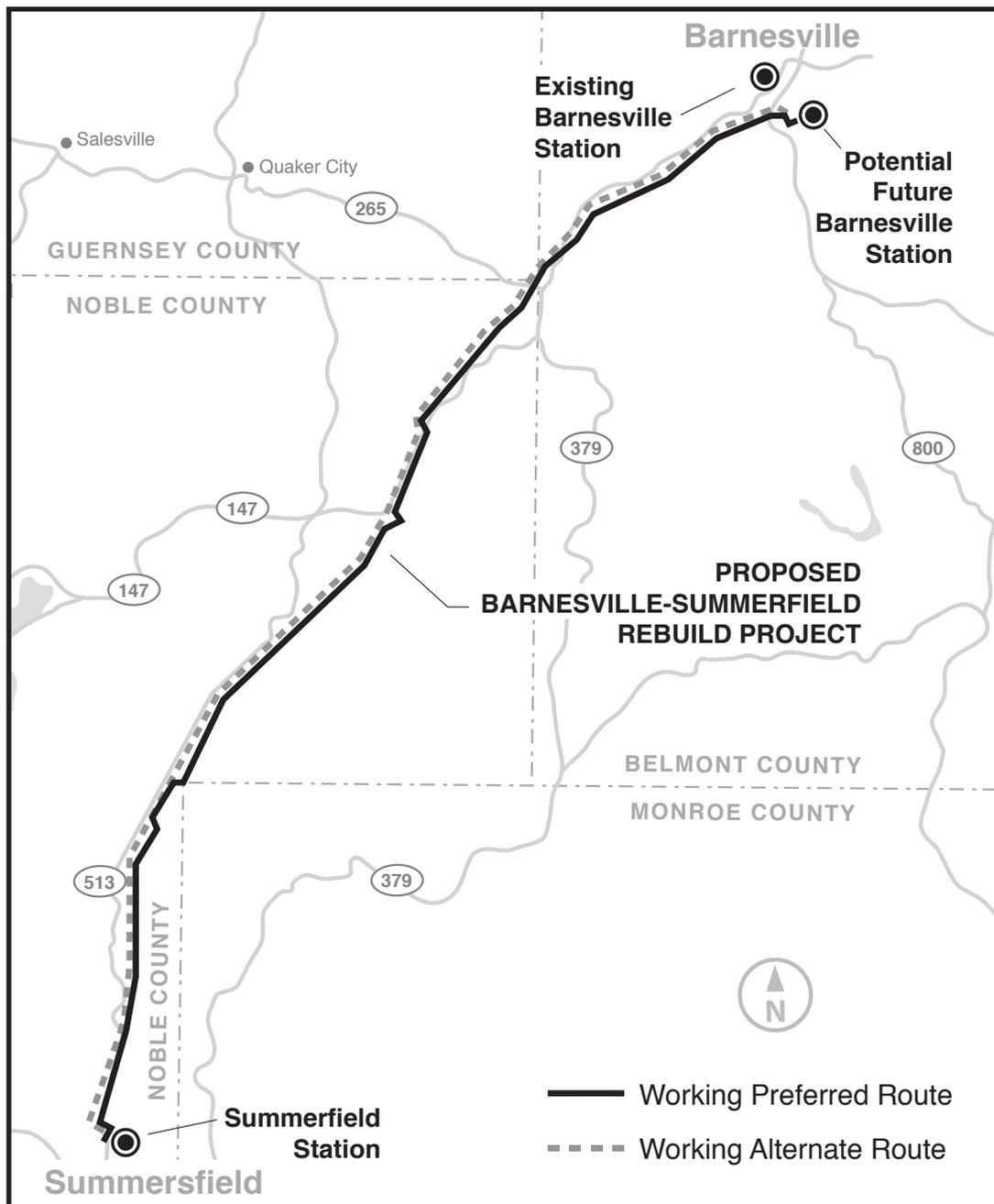
The existing 69-kilovolt (kV) facilities were built in the 1940s. These will be replaced with 138-kV lines and structures that are somewhat taller and of sturdier construction. This will allow the lines to carry more current and help meet customers' increased demand for power. The company anticipates completion of this project in 2018.

The Barnesville-Summerfield 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project will help ensure the continued reliability of the transmission system, which is vital to AEP Ohio's current customers and supports the development of the area's economy.

AEP anticipates this project, an approximate \$20 million investment, will contribute approximately \$650,000 in property taxes annually to the community.

AEP Ohio Transmission Company expects to file its application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Barnesville-Summerfield transmission line with the state of Ohio Power Siting Board in summer. This application has been assigned Case Number 16-0438-EL-BTX. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this project.

The Ohio Power Siting Board is responsible for reviewing information related to the project – including input from the public – and determining whether the proposed project should be approved.



AEP Ohio is required to propose two transmission line routes to the siting board. The siting board will make the final decision regarding which route is selected. The accompanying concept map depicts the proposed routes the company is likely to submit to the siting board as the Preferred Route and Alternate Route. It should be noted that due to reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide.

If the application is approved, construction of the transmission line could begin as early as the beginning of 2017 and be completed by late 2018.

Additional information about this project can be found online at AEPOhio.com/Barnesville-Summerfield. The public also can ask questions

or make comments about the project by calling 614-552-1929 or 877-215-9261 or sending an email inquiry to beschmied@aep.com. Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

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