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AEP OHIO SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECTS IN ROSS AND JACKSON COUNTIES

GAHANNA, Ohio, January 4, 2018 – AEP Ohio and AEP Ohio Transmission Company Inc. are announcing an approximate \$29 million investment to the electric transmission grid in Ross and Jackson counties with two power line projects. The proposed Jackson Township and Coal Township 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Projects are part of the overall Jackson-Ross County Area Improvements where AEP Ohio plans to improve the reliability of the electric transmission grid by updating aging infrastructure to improve its condition and address performance issues.

Area residents and landowners are invited to learn more about the projects at an open house on January 25 at Northview Elementary School located at 11507 Chillicothe Pike in Jackson. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The event will run until 7:30 p.m. The informational workshop provides attendees the opportunity to meet and talk with project representatives and view detailed maps. There is no formal presentation. Visitors may come and go at any time during the open house.

“The open house allows us to interact with public and receive valuable input before construction starts,” said Jon Buck, external affairs manager for AEP Ohio. “This is also an opportunity to educate the public about our process and how we work collaboratively with stakeholders.

The combined transmission line projects are about 14 miles long, and will run through Jefferson Township in Ross County and Jackson, Liberty and Coal townships in Jackson County.

Regulatory applications will be submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) by spring of 2018. The OPSB is the state regulatory agency that reviews and approves plans to construct electrical facilities in Ohio. Once the applications are approved, construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2019 and be complete by end 2021.

Additional information about the projects, including maps, is available online at AEPOhio.com/JacksonTownship and AEPOhio.com/CoalTownship.

AEP Ohio is based in Gahanna, Ohio, and is a unit of American Electric Power. AEP Ohio provides electricity to nearly 1.5 million customers. News and information about AEP Ohio can be found at AEPOhio.com.

American Electric Power is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity and custom energy solutions to nearly 5.4 million customers in 11 states. AEP owns the nation’s largest electricity transmission system, a more than 40,000-mile network that includes more 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission

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