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KENTUCKY POWER PLANS POWER GRID IMPROVEMENTS IN LESLIE COUNTY

ASHLAND, Ky., July 8, 2021 – Kentucky Power officials plan upgrades to the electric transmission system in Leslie County to enhance electric service reliability for area customers. The Wooton-Stinnett Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves:

- Rebuilding approximately 11 miles of 161-kilovolt transmission line between the Wooton Substation and the Stinnett Substation
- Upgrading equipment at the Wooton, Leslie, and Stinnett Substations

The project allows crews to replace aging wooden poles dating from the 1940s with steel H-frames and lattice towers. Installing modern equipment and upgrading facilities reduces the need for frequent equipment maintenance and improve electric service reliability for the surrounding communities.

The project begins at the Wooton Substation located off of Wooton Creek Road in Wooton, continues south along Route 80, and connects with the Stinnett Substation near Greasy Creek Road in Stinnett.

The Kentucky Power project team invites landowners in the project area to visit www.KentuckyPower.com/WootonStinnett to learn more about the project, enter a virtual open house and provide feedback by Friday, July 30.

Area landowners can expect to receive a packet in the mail that includes additional project details and a comment card they can return with their feedback.

Company officials plan to file an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission in the fall of 2021. If the project receives approval, company representatives expect construction to begin in spring 2023 and conclude late 2024.

Kentucky Power, with headquarters in Ashland, provides electric service to about 165,000 customers in all or part of 20 eastern Kentucky counties, including Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Floyd, Greenup, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Rowan. Kentucky Power is an operating company in the American Electric Power system, one of the largest electric utilities in the U.S., delivering electricity and custom energy solutions to nearly 5.4 million regulated customers in 11 states. AEP also owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system. AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.