

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio Open House to Discuss Transmission Line Rebuild in Harrison County

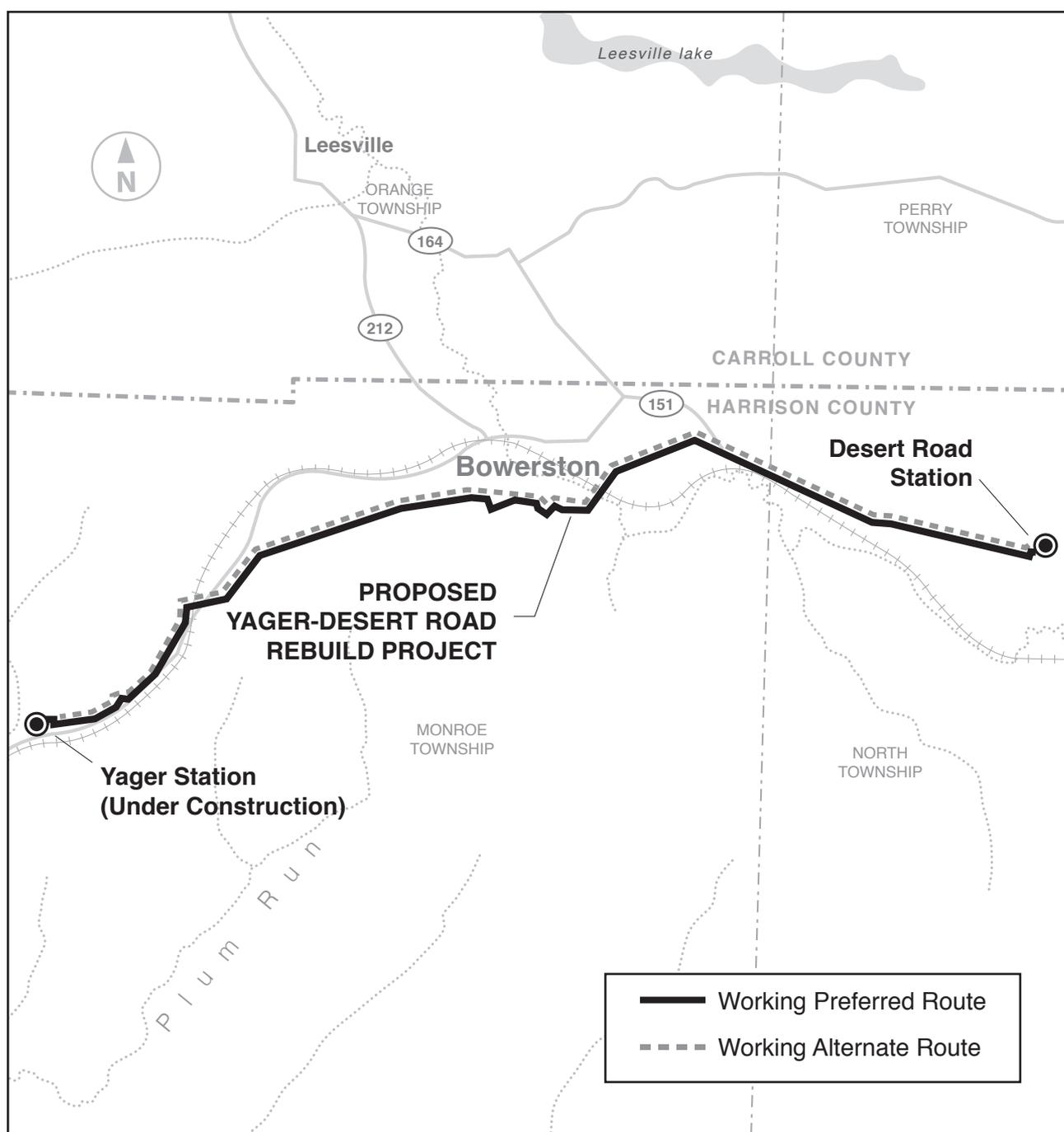
AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power (AEP), and the AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., invite residents of Harrison County to attend a public informational open house regarding plans to rebuild a 69-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line.

The public open house to discuss the proposed Yager – Desert Road transmission line will take place from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 28, 2016, at Conotton Valley High School, 7205 Cumberland Rd SW, Bowerston, OH 44695**

The Yager – Desert Road 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves rebuilding approximately 7 miles of the existing Dennison – Scio 69 kV transmission line. The new circuit will continue to be operated at 69-kV, but built to 138-kV specifications, to allow for future load growth in the area. The project connects the new Yager Substation, currently under construction, to the Desert Road Substation. The improvements, an approximately \$17 million investment, help ensure continued reliability of the transmission system, which has seen a dramatic increase in economic development related to the shale gas industry.

The Yager – Desert Road line is one part of the multi-phase Eastern Ohio Tri-County Improvements, an approximately \$66 million investment designed to create a 138-kV loop in eastern Ohio that will reduce electric outages in the region and provide the electrical capacity for future business expansion. Improvements are essential to ensure a reliable and adequate supply of energy is available for the area.

AEP Ohio Transmission Company expects to file its application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Yager – Desert Road transmission line with the state of Ohio Power Siting Board in summer 2016. This application has been assigned Case



Number 16-0535-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 in early 2017 and be completed by the end of 2017.

Additional information about this project can be found online at AEPOhio.com/TriCounty. The public also can ask questions or make comments about the project by calling

614-552-1967 or 877-215-9261 or sending an email inquiry to mrbeeggs@aep.com. Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

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