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**APPALACHIAN POWER ANNOUNCES PROPOSED ROUTE FOR ALTAVISTA-LEESVILLE POWER LINE**

ROANOKE, Va., Apr. 29, 2025 – Appalachian Power representatives have selected a proposed route for a new transmission line in Campbell County, Pittsylvania County and Altavista. The upgrades are part of the Altavista-Leesville Transmission Improvements Project, which involves:

- Rebuilding approximately 4.5 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in or near the existing right-of-way.
- Building approximately 5 miles of 138-kV transmission line parallel to existing transmission lines.

The project team selected the proposed route following two community open houses, meetings with local officials, and field studies to thoroughly review the route options.

“Our engineering team, particularly, went to great lengths to make this route a reality,” said George Porter, Appalachian Power spokesperson. “The team feels confident that the proposed route balances landowner feedback, environmental impact and land use, all while maintaining reliable electric power in the area.”

The project team plans to file the project with the Virginia State Corporation Commission this summer. If approved, construction is expected to begin in late 2026 and conclude by late 2027. Visit [AppalachianPower.com/Altavista-Leesville](https://AppalachianPower.com/Altavista-Leesville) for more information and to view a more detailed interactive map.

Appalachian Power has 1.1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power (AEP), which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP’s approximately 16,000 employees operate and maintain the nation’s largest electricity transmission system and more than 225,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.6 million customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation’s largest electricity producers with approximately 29,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity.

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