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APPALACHIAN POWER TO HOST OPEN HOUSE FOR TRANSMISSION UPGRADES IN BEDFORD AND CAMPBELL COUNTIES

ROANOKE, Va., May 20, 2026 – Appalachian Power Company (APCo) representatives are upgrading the transmission system in Bedford and Campbell counties as part of the New London-Otter Transmission Line Rebuild Project. The project involves rebuilding approximately 14 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line with modern equipment to reduce outages, increase capacity and improve reliability.

APCo team members will host an open house for the community to learn about the project and share feedback. Community members are encouraged to attend the open house to learn more about the project and provide feedback on minor route options. There is no formal presentation, so attendees are welcome to join at any time during the event scheduled from **5 – 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at Forest Library, located at 15583 Forest Road in Forest.**

“This project supports Appalachian Power’s efforts to modernize the electric grid and enhance reliability for area customers,” said George Porter, APCo spokesperson. “By updating equipment from the 1940s, we are working to increase dependable service and minimize the potential for extended outages.”

Residents who are unable to attend the open houses can visit the project website and virtual open house at **[AppalachianPower.com/NewLondon-Otter](https://www.AppalachianPower.com/NewLondon-Otter)**.

Landowners within the project area can expect to receive a packet in the mail that includes additional project details. The project team plans to use input from the community and additional field work to determine a power line route that prioritizes minimal impact on the surrounding neighborhoods and the environment.

APCo representatives plan to file an application with the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) next summer. If approved, construction is expected to begin in summer 2028 and conclude by summer 2030.

About Appalachian Power

Appalachian Power Company (APCo), a subsidiary of American Electric Power (Nasdaq: AEP), is a leading electric utility serving over 1.1 million customers across 57 counties in northeast Tennessee,

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southwest Virginia, southern West Virginia and parts of West Virginia's northern panhandle. With an extensive network of 61,000 miles of power lines and an owned generating capacity of approximately 8,500 megawatts, APCo is committed to delivering safe, reliable and affordable energy. The company focuses on customer service, innovation, investing in modern infrastructure and a diverse mix of energy solutions to enhance grid reliability and efficiency. With a dedicated workforce of 1,700 employees, APCo is committed to economic development, its customers' needs and community empowerment. For more information, visit AppalachianPower.com.

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