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APPALACHIAN POWER ANNOUNCES ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

ROANOKE, Va., May 12, 2021 – Appalachian Power representatives plan upgrades to the electric transmission grid in Washington County.

The Washington County Improvements Project: South Abingdon-Arrowhead involves building approximately 6.5 miles of transmission line and upgrading three substations in the area.

Appalachian Power representatives previously announced this project and hosted a public open house in September 2015 before placing the project on hold. After resuming the project last year, the project team further reviewed landowner feedback and conducted additional route reviews to determine a proposed power line route. The team now seeks feedback on the proposed route.

The proposed route begins at the South Abingdon Substation near Vances Mill Road. The upgrades travel southeast, crossing Green Spring Road and the Virginia Creeper Trail. The route continues east across Jeb Stuart Highway and travels south to the Arrowhead Substation near Rivermont Drive and the South Fork Holston River.

Company representatives invite area landowners to a virtual open house at **[AppalachianPower.com/WashingtonCounty](https://www.appalachianpower.com/WashingtonCounty)** to learn more about the project and provide feedback to the project team by **Friday, June 11**.

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

Visit the website for additional information about the project.

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is a unit of American Electric Power, one of the largest electric companies in the United States. AEP is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions to customers. AEP's more than 18,000 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 219,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.4 million regulated customers in 11 states. AEP also is one of the nation's largest electricity producers with approximately 32,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including 5,300 megawatts of renewable energy.

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