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APPALACHIAN POWER PLANS TRANSMISSION LINE IMPROVEMENTS IN THREE WEST VIRGINIA COUNTIES

CHARLESTON, W.Va., March 5, 2020 – Appalachian Power representatives and the utility’s affiliate, AEP West Virginia Transmission Co., Inc., plan upgrades to the electric transmission system serving customers in Kanawha, Lincoln and Boone counties.

The Alum Creek-Madison Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves rebuilding approximately 20 miles of transmission line in or near the existing right-of-way. The improvements strengthen the transmission system by replacing towers from the 1920s with modern steel poles.

Upgrades begin at a transmission tower near Bellingham Drive in St. Albans and continue south through Kanawha, Lincoln and Boone counties. The rebuild ends at a substation along Hopkins Road and Little Coal River in Danville.

“The Alum Creek-Madison transmission line dates back 100 years,” said George Porter, Appalachian Power spokesperson. “The upgrades use modern equipment, creating a stronger transmission system to provide continued reliability for area customers.”

Appalachian Power representatives invite community members and landowners in the project area to learn more at an upcoming open house. The public event takes place on **Thursday, March 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Alum Creek Elementary School, located at 4540 Brounland Road in Charleston.**

The event does not include a formal presentation, so attendees can arrive at any time to review maps and talk with project representatives.

Company representatives expect construction to begin fall 2021 and conclude by the end of 2023. For more information, including detailed project maps, visit AppalachianPower.com/AlumCreek.

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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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