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## **APPALACHIAN POWER ANNOUNCES PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE IN CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA**

CHARLESTON, W.Va., May 5, 2021 – Appalachian Power representatives and the utility’s affiliate, AEP West Virginia Transmission Co., Inc., announced a proposed power line route for the Bancroft-Turner Transmission Line Rebuild Project in Kanawha County, Putnam County and the city of Nitro.

The project involves rebuilding approximately 15 miles of electric transmission line. Company representatives reviewed several route options to rebuild the power line in Nitro as development has significantly increased in the area since crews built the line. Company representatives determined the proposed power line route after reviewing input provided by landowners and community members during a virtual open house last year. The proposed route begins at the Bancroft Substation in Putnam County, travels through Nitro along the railroad and ends in Institute.

“The proposed route allows us to retire several sections of 100-year-old power line located in Nitro neighborhoods,” said George Porter, Appalachian Power spokesperson. “Rebuilding the line along the railroad rather than near homes helps minimize impact to the community.”

The right-of-way contractor representing Appalachian Power plans to continue working with area landowners in the coming months to discuss what to expect before, during and after construction. Company representatives expect construction to begin in fall 2022 and conclude by the end of 2024.

Visit [AppalachianPower.com/Bancroft-Turner](https://www.AppalachianPower.com/Bancroft-Turner) to view an interactive map of the proposed power line route and additional information about the project.

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power, which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP’s approximately 17,400 employees operate and maintain the nation’s largest electricity transmission system and more than 221,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.4 million customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation’s largest electricity producers with approximately 31,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including 5,200 megawatts of renewable energy.

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