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AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER ANNOUNCES ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION UPGRADES BETWEEN MOUNDSVILLE AND FAIRVIEW IN MARSHALL COUNTY

MOUNDSVILLE, W.Va., June 8, 2023 – American Electric Power representatives plan upgrades to the electric transmission system in Marshall County, West Virginia., as part of the George Washington - Natrium Transmission Line Rebuild Project.

The proposed upgrades involve rebuilding approximately 9 miles of electric transmission line in or near the existing right-of-way. The upgrades replace aging equipment dating back to 1920s and 1950s. The transmission line has met the end of its planned service life and needs to be replaced to maintain reliable electric service for area customers.

“Installing modern infrastructure along the power line route reduces stress on the existing line and improves the line’s operational performances,” said George Porter, American Electric Power spokesperson.

The upgrades are required by PJM Interconnection, the regional transmission organization who monitors the electric grid in West Virginia, to ensure the system continues to provide reliable electric service and meets current engineering and safety standards.

Landowners within the project area can expect to receive a packet in the mail that includes additional project details.

Landowners and community members are invited to visit the project website at **[AEP.com/GeorgeWashington](https://www.aep.com/GeorgeWashington)** to learn more about the project and provide feedback to the project team. Right-of-way agents also plan to contact affected landowners later this summer to discuss upcoming field activities, necessary easements, and construction.

As part of this project, the project team is seeking state approval from the West Virginia Public Service Commission (PSC) for the transmission line upgrades. Company representatives plan to file an application with the PSC this summer. If the project receives approval, the company expects construction to begin in summer 2024 and conclude in summer 2025.

American Electric Power has 1 million customers in West Virginia, 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 17,000 employees operate and maintain the nation’s largest electricity transmission system and more than

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224,000 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 31,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including 6,900 megawatts of renewable energy.

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