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APPALACHIAN POWER ANNOUNCES ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION UPGRADES IN FAYETTE COUNTY

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The proposed upgrades involve:

- Building the Dun Glen Substation, located off McKendree Road near Stone Cliff
- Rebuilding approximately 4 miles of 69-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line between the Layland Substation, located off Stanaford Road and the Mollys Creek Substation on Beury Mountain Road
- Building a half-mile of 138-kV electric transmission line between an existing transmission line and the proposed Dun Glen Substation
- Retiring approximately 10 miles of 69-kV transmission line and the Claremont Substation, located off McKendree Road near Stone Cliff

Company representatives invite landowners to a virtual open house at **AppalachianPower.com/Layland** to learn more about the project and provide feedback to the project team. Landowners within the project area can expect to receive a packet in the mail that includes additional project details and a comment card they can return with their feedback. Landowners are encouraged to provide input by **Tuesday, October 24**.

“Modernizing the aging transmission line and area electrical infrastructure strengthens the local electrical grid and reduces stress on the existing transmission system,” said George Porter, Appalachian Power spokesperson. “These upgrades increase electric reliability for area customers by providing improved dependability and operational flexibility.”

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Company representatives plan to file an application with the West Virginia Public Service Commission in 2024. The company expects construction to begin summer 2025 and will conclude by summer 2027.

Appalachian Power has one million customers in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power (AEP), which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP's approximately 16,700 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 224,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.5 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 5,900 megawatts of renewable energy.

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