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**APPALACHIAN POWER ANNOUNCES POWER GRID UPGRADES IN FAYETTE COUNTY**

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 18, 2021 – Appalachian Power representatives plan to increase electric reliability by upgrading the power grid serving customers in Fayette County. Company representatives are hosting virtual open houses for two upcoming projects: the Kincaid Area Transmission Line Project and the Victor Substation Transmission Line Project.

**The Kincaid Area Transmission Line Project involves:**

- Building approximately 15 miles of electric transmission line
- Building two electric substations
- Making upgrades to substations in the area

The proposed upgrades allow crews to retire approximately 10 miles of transmission line that has experienced multiple power outages in recent years. These upgrades help reduce larger, community-sustained outages and strengthen the local electric system, providing increased electric reliability for area customers.

**The Victor Substation Transmission Line Project involves:**

- Building approximately 3 miles of electric transmission line
- Building an electric substation
- Retiring two substations

Building the proposed Victor Substation and the 3-mile power line provides a new power source for area customers and increases electric reliability.

The project teams are evaluating multiple route options to build the new transmission lines. Company representatives invite landowners to virtual open houses to learn more and share their input at [AppalachianPower.com/Kincaid](http://AppalachianPower.com/Kincaid) and [AppalachianPower.com/Victor](http://AppalachianPower.com/Victor).

Landowners are encouraged to submit their feedback by **Friday, July 16**.

Landowners within the project areas 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 near the Kincaid Area Transmission Line Project are also invited to a virtual town

hall on **Wednesday, June 30**. Additional details can be found on the project website.

The project teams plan to use landowner input and additional field work to determine power line routes that minimize impact on the community and environment. Company representatives expect construction to begin for both projects in fall 2022. Plans call for the Victor Substation Project to conclude in 2023 and the Kincaid Area Transmission Line Project to conclude by the end of 2024.

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 16,800 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 223,000 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 30,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including 5,500 megawatts of renewable energy.

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