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APPALACHIAN POWER ANNOUNCES PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE FOR UPGRADES IN VIRGINIA AND TENNESSEE

ROANOKE, Va., March 4, 2022 – Appalachian Power representatives announced a proposed power line route for the Fort Robinson-Hill Transmission Line Rebuild Project in Scott County, Virginia and Sullivan County, Tennessee.

The project involves rebuilding approximately 14 miles of 69-kilovolt transmission line and upgrading two substations in the area. Company representatives determined a proposed power line route after reviewing land use, environmental impact and community input following Appalachian Power’s project announcement and in-person open house last October.

The upgrades begin at the Fort Robinson Substation located off North Holston River Drive in Kingsport, Tennessee travel east crossing US-23 and connecting with the Kyle Hill Substation before turning north at Echo Avenue. The line continues in or near existing right-of-way for about 1 mile across the Tennessee-Virginia border into Weber City, Virginia. The line route travels northeast in new right-of-way for approximately 2.5 miles to the Moccasin Gap Substation. The upgrades return to locations in or near the existing right-of-way, continue north through Gate City and end at the Hill Substation located off State Route 862 in Fort Blackmore.

Company representatives expect construction to begin fall 2022 and conclude by fall 2024. The right-of-way contractor representing Appalachian Power plans to contact directly-involved landowners in the coming weeks to discuss what to expect before, during and after construction.

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

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