



Appalachian Power representatives plan upgrades to the electric system in Apple Grove, West Virginia. The project includes two components to bring a new power source to the area and support the nearby Nucor steel mill.

The Mercers Bottom Transmission Project: Component 1 involves building two parallel approximately 1 mile 345-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission lines and a new substation. Construction is expected to begin in late 2024 and conclude by late 2025.

The project team plans to announce Component 2 by spring 2024.

WHAT

Component 1 involves:

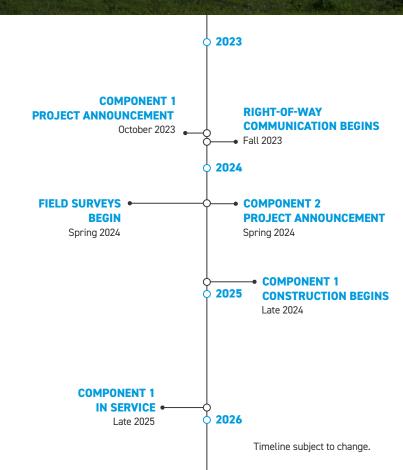
- Building two parallel approximately 1 mile 345-kV transmission lines
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Building the new Mercers Bottom Substation on Nucor-owned property
- Acquiring new 225-foot easements*
- *Easements (also called rights-of-way) enable utilities to use another person's property to construct and maintain electric power transmission facilities, mainly lines and towers.

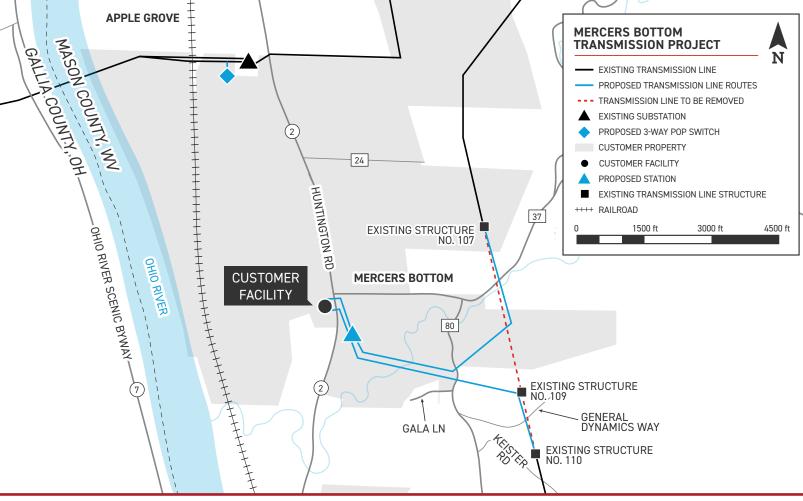
WHY

Nucor Steel West Virginia, an Appalachian Power customer, has requested electric service to support their steel mill's power demand. Component 1 provides initial electrical service to the steel mill. Component 2 addresses additional power needs.

WHERE

This project is located south of the Apple Grove Industrial Park near the planned Nucor steel mill off Route 2.





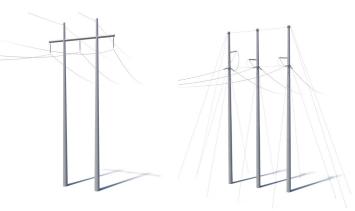
TYPICAL STRUCTURES

Crews plan to build Component 1 of the project using steel H-frame and 3-pole structures.

Structure height: Approximately 130-205 feet*

Right-of-way width: Approximately 450 feet for both lines*

*Exact structure, height and right-of-way requirements may vary



TYPICAL SUBSTATION

Substations serve as electrical intersections directing the flow of electricity and either decrease or increase voltage levels for transport.



