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AEP OHIO SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

GAHANNA, Ohio, May 10, 2016 – AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP), AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., Buckeye Power and Washington Electric Cooperative are taking the next step to improve electric service in Marietta and the surrounding area. This includes rebuilding a transmission line in Washington County.

To learn more about this project, the public is invited to attend a project open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 24 at Lowell Elementary, 305 Market Street, Lowell, Ohio 45744. Visitors may come and go at any time during the workshop.

“The Macksburg-Devola 138-kilovolt Transmission Line Rebuild Project is part of the Marietta Area Improvements Project,” said Shawn Malone, project manager for AEP Ohio. “We are eager to share our progress on this project, answer questions and hear feedback from landowners and the public at the open house.”

The Macksburg-Devola line will be approximately 17 miles long, depending on the route selected. The line will likely run through Adams, Aurelius, Marietta, Muskingum and Salem townships in Washington County.

“The improvements to the transmission system planned by AEP will provide more reliable service, reduce power outages, and speed the restoration of power in the event of outages, to the members of Washington Electric Cooperative,” said Jack Bragg, general manager and chief executive officer of Washington Electric Cooperative. “Washington Electric

fully supports the replacement of this aging infrastructure by AEP and looks forward to the improved reliability afforded by this investment to our membership”

AEP Ohio plans to invest approximately \$30 million in the Macksburg-Devola transmission line. Construction is targeted to begin in spring 2018 and be complete by summer 2021.

Additional information about the project, including maps, is available online at AEPOhio.com/Macksburg-Devola.

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AEP Ohio provides electricity to nearly 1.5 million customers of major AEP subsidiary Ohio Power Company in Ohio. AEP Ohio is based in Gahanna, Ohio, and is a unit of American Electric Power. News and information about AEP Ohio can be found at AEPOhio.com.

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