

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio representatives plan to upgrade the local electric grid in Athens County.

The Athens Area Improvements Project involves:

- Building approximately 1.5 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) power line.
- Upgrading about 6.5 miles of 69-kV power line to 138-kV power line.
- Retiring around 15 miles of transmission line.
- Upgrading two area substations.
- Upgrading and retiring the existing deteriorating equipment reduces the need for frequent power line maintenance.

By installing an additional power line in the area, company officials seek to enhance electric reliability so that if one line experiences an outage, the other line can continue to serve customers. Upgrading and retiring the existing deteriorating equipment improves the line's performance and reduces the need for frequent power line maintenance.

Company officials filed the improvements with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) as the Elliott-Lee 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project, Case No. 24-0978-EL-BTX. The application to construct, operate and maintain this facility awaits OPSB review.

The public hearing process in this case consists of two parts: a local public hearing and an adjudicatory hearing.

(1) Local public hearing: **5 p.m., Feb. 4, 2026** at Christ Community Wesleyan Church, 6275 Kenney Memorial Lane, Albany, Ohio 45710. At this hearing, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

(2) Adjudicatory hearing: **1 p.m., March 16, 2026** at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215. This hearing is open to the public, however participation is limited to the parties in the case.

The accompanying map shows the project area. Please use this map only as a general guide due to its reduced scale and limited detail.

This is the second notice regarding the hearing dates for this project. The first notice was mailed to residents, landowners and public officials on **January 15, 2026**.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, or request a copy of the application, please call 833-689-3375 or send an email inquiry to **Outreach@AEPTransmission.com**.

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