

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PROPOSED MAJOR FACILITY

AEP Ohio representatives plan to upgrade the power grid in Pike, Jackson and Gallia counties.

The Piketon Area Improvements Project involves:

- Building Baku Substation in Pike County off Wakefield Mound Road.
- Building about 50 miles of 765-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Baku Substation and Gavin Substation, located in Cheshire near Highway 554.

The proposed additions to the power grid are needed to serve a data center campus planned for the site of the former gaseous diffusion plant in Piketon, Ohio. The customer is committed to paying for the transmission investments needed to serve the site to help avoid increases to transmission rates for Ohio residents.

Community members are invited to attend a public information meeting to view detailed maps, talk with team members and provide input. The public events take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- **Monday, May 11** at the Pike County Career Tech Center Cafeteria (175 Beaver Creek Road, Piketon, OH 45661).
- **Wednesday, May 13** at the Jackson County OSU Extension Office Auditorium (17 Standpipe Road, Jackson, OH 45640).
- **Thursday, May 14** at the Field of Hope Community Campus Gymnasium (11821 OH-160, Vinton, OH 45686).

All three meetings offer the same information, so you may choose one to attend. There is no formal presentation, so you can arrive at any time during the events.

You may also visit AEPOhio.com/PiketonArea to access project information, view an interactive map, enter our virtual open house and submit comments. Please provide comments by Friday, May 29.

Company officials plan to host additional public informational meetings this summer and file an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the transmission line with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) as the Baku - Gavin 765 kV Transmission Line Project. This application has been assigned Case No. 26-0426-EL-BTX.

Company officials plan to submit a preferred route corridor to the OPSB. If approved, construction begins in early 2027 and concludes by late 2028. Company representatives plan to file other project components with OPSB as the project develops.

The OPSB is responsible for reviewing information related to the project, including public input prior to issuing approval of the proposed project. For more information about this project, the OPSB, its composition and the process it will follow in reviewing the application for the project, please visit opsb.ohio.gov. You can also contact OPSB staff via e-mail at ContactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov, by phone at 866-270-6772 or mailing correspondence to 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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