

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY UPDATED LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING LOCATION

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

The Baku - Gavin 765 kV Transmission Line Project involves building about 50 miles of 765-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the proposed Baku Substation in Pike County and Gavin Substation in Gallia County. The accompanying map shows the project area. Please use this map only as a general guide due to its reduced scale and limited detail.

Company officials filed the improvements with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) on July 24, 2026 as the Baku - Gavin 765 kV Transmission Line Project, Case No. 26-0426-EL-BTX. The OPSB certified this application as complete on August 28, 2026. The application to construct, operate and maintain this facility awaits OPSB review.

(1) Local public hearing: 6 p.m., Oct. 27, 2026 at Jackson Middle School, 21 Tropic Street, Jackson, Ohio, 45640. At this hearing, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

(2) Adjudicatory hearing: 10 a.m., Nov. 5, 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 OPSB accepts written or oral testimony from any person at the local public hearing, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4906.08(C).

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB until September 28, 2026. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, Docketing Division, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 with a reference to Case No. 26-0426-EL-BTX.

Copies of the application, including specific details about the location and construction of the project, are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- **Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County**, 207 N. Market St., Waverley, OH 45690
- **Jackson City Library**, 21 Broadway St., Jackson, OH 45640
- **Bossard Memorial Library**, 7 Spruce St., Gallipolis, OH 45631

The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the Application, as required by OPSB regulations:

- **Pike County Board of Commissioners**, Jerry D Miller, Anthony Skid Montgomery, William Jeffery Chatten
- **Pike County Treasurer**, Donald Edward Davis
- **Pike County Engineer**, John C. Stone
- **Pike County Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator**, Darlene Brewster
- **Pike County Planning Commission**, Robert Elliot
- **Pike County Community & Economic Development**, Gary Arnett
- **Scioto Township (Pike County) Board of Trustees**, Richard Pritchett, Bernie Neal, Michael Cuckler, Jaime Steffy
- **Marion Township Board of Trustees**, Joseph Balzer, Trenton Otworth, Berlin Caudill, Tasha Cody
- **Union Township Board of Trustees**, Todd Gillenwater, William Tomlison, Charles Nesome Jr., Jessica White
- **Jackson County Board of Commissioners**, Jon Hensler, Donnie Willis, Paul Haller
- **Jackson County Treasurer**, B. Lee Hubbard
- **Jackson County Engineer**, Melissa B. Taylor
- **Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator**, Danny Barger
- **Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees**, Ryan Eric Erwin, Timothy A Jones, Danny K Neal, Mark David Hemming
- **Franklin Township Board of Trustees**, Randy Eric Evans, Scotty M Fraley, Todd A Riegel, Jack L Webb II
- **Scioto Township (Jackson County) Board of Trustees**, Aaron T Lemaster, James S Leonard Sr, Terry L Trisch, Judy L Kiefer
- **City of Jackson Mayor**, Randy Evans
- **City of Jackson Council President**, Cindi Kuhn
- **Gallia County Board of Commissioners**, Leslie Henry, Jeremy Kroll, Q. Jay Stapleton
- **Gallia County Treasurer**, Steve Mcghee
- **Gallia County Engineer**, Brett Allen Boothe
- **Gallia County Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator**, Nick Mills
- **Cheshire Township Board of Trustees**, Michael R. Conkle, Josh A Handley, Daryl B Wears Jr, Ms. Amy Louise Edwards
- **Morgan Township Board of Trustees**, John R Manley, Jeff Hash, Randall L Adkins, Laura Yost
- **Huntington Township Board of Trustees**, Jeffrey M. Oiler, Roger D. Shadwick, Billy S. Petrie, Karen K Truance

You can also access an electronic version of the application by visiting the websites listed below:

- [opsb.ohio.gov/cases](https://opsb.ohio.gov/cases). Search for Case No. 24-0462-EL-BTX and click on the Open Cases link.
- [AEPOhio.com/PiketonArea](https://AEPOhio.com/PiketonArea) under the Project Releases section.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, or request a copy of the application, please call 833-225-2043 or send an email inquiry to [PiketonArea@AEPTransmission.com](mailto:PiketonArea@AEPTransmission.com).

Send mail inquiries to the following address:

**AEP Ohio Transmission Outreach, Attention: Piketon Area Improvements Project**

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