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SWEPCO ANNOUNCES ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION INVESTMENT IN CADDO PARISH

Shreveport, Louisiana (May 10, 2017) – Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) plans to make a variety of improvements in the Summer Grove area of Shreveport. The estimated \$25 million Summer Grove Area Improvements Project will ensure continued reliability to area customers and will provide vital support for local economic development.

SWEPCO will host a come-and-go informational open house on Tuesday, May 16 between 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Summerfield Elementary School in Shreveport. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and visitors can arrive at any time during the open house to learn more about the improvements, review maps and talk with project representatives.

The project involves building about 1.5 miles of new 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, building the new Leaside Way Substation, rerouting about 1 mile of 138 kV line around Leaside Way Substation, upgrading six existing substations and removing conductor from an existing 69 kV transmission line.

The new line will originate from the existing Summer Grove Substation located near Dean Road. It will end at the proposed Leaside Way Substation, located west of Old Mansfield Road.

Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2017 and be completed by late 2018. Restoration is expected to be complete in early 2019.

For project details, schedule and interactive map, visit www.SWEPCO.com/SummerGrove.

SWEPCO serves 530,000 customers in western Arkansas, northwest and central Louisiana, northeast Texas and the Texas Panhandle. SWEPCO's headquarters are in Shreveport, La. News releases and other information about SWEPCO can be found at www.SWEPCO.com. SWEPCO is a unit of American Electric Power, one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity to nearly 5.4 million customers in 11 states.

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