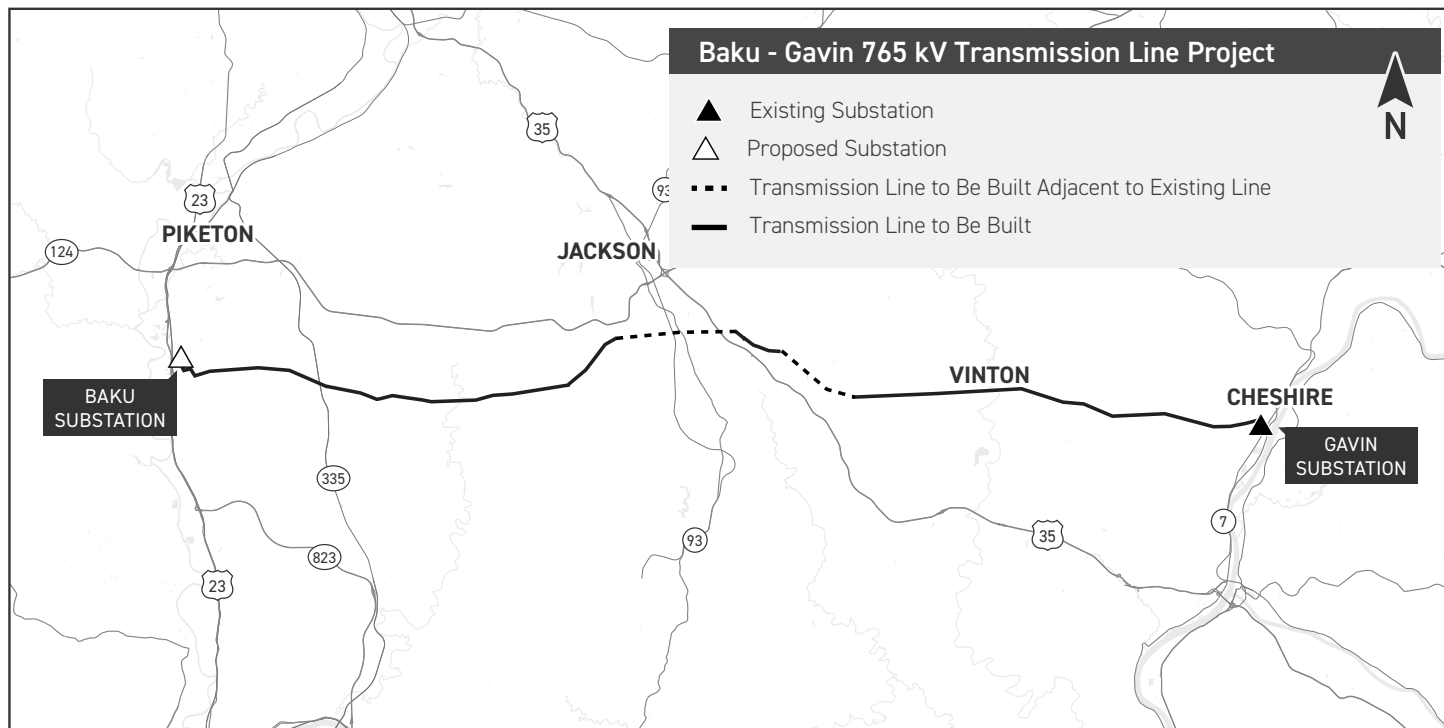


NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS FOR PREFERRED ROUTE

AEP Ohio representatives have determined a preferred transmission line route in Pike, Jackson and Gallia counties.

AEP Ohio announced the Piketon Area Improvements Project in April and proposed potential study segments to build about 50 miles of 765-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the proposed Baku Substation in Pike County and Gavin Substation in Gallia County.

After reviewing results from field surveys and incorporating input from landowners and community members following public open houses in May, the company identified the preferred transmission line route. The power grid upgrades are needed to serve a data center campus planned at 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:

- **Tuesday, July 7 at the Piketon High School Gymnasium**, 1414 Piketon Rd, Piketon, OH 45661
- **Wednesday, July 8 at the ParksEdge Event Center**, 601 E Main Street, Jackson, OH 45640
- **Thursday, July 9 at the Field of Hope Community Campus Gymnasium**, 11821 OH-160, Vinton, OH 45686

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

Members of the public may also visit [AEPOhio.com/PiketonArea](https://aepohio.com/PiketonArea) to access project information, view an interactive map, enter our virtual open house and submit comments. Comments will be accepted until Friday, July 17.

Company officials plan to 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. If approved, construction begins in early 2027 and concludes by late 2028. Company representatives plan to file additional 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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