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AEP OHIO ANNOUNCES EASTERN OHIO TRI-COUNTY POWER GRID IMPROVEMENTS AND AN OPEN HOUSE EVENT

AEP Ohio, along with AEP Ohio Transmission Company, will build a new substation, upgrade transmission lines and plans an open house for feedback as part of the Eastern Ohio Tri-County Improvements Project. The multi-phase project, which represents an approximate \$66 million investment in Harrison, Tuscarawas and Carroll counties, includes:

- Constructing the Yager Substation
- Constructing the approximately 5-mile Yager – Azalea 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line
- Rebuilding approximately 15 miles of the Dennison – Scio 69kV transmission line so it will become two lines feeding into the new Yager Substation. The new lines will be called Dennison – Yager, and Yager – Desert Road, and will be built to 138-kV standards.
- Upgrading approximately 5 miles of the Yager – Leesville transmission line to 138-kV standards

The project will support the area's growth related to the shale gas industry. The improvements will reduce electrical outages in the region and provide the electrical capacity for future business expansion. Improvements are essential to ensure a reliable and adequate supply of energy is available for the area.

The public is invited to learn about the project by attending an open house event. Visitors may come and go during the workshop. Participants will have the opportunity to offer input, ask questions and talk with members of the project team. The open house is scheduled for April 28 from 5:30 p.m to 7:30 p.m. at the Conotton Valley High School, 7205 Cumberland Road SW in Bowerston, Ohio.

Additional information about the Eastern Ohio Tri-County Improvements is available online at www.AEPOhio.com/TriCounty.

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