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aepohiomediarelations@aep.com**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****AEP OHIO SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE IN DUBLIN**

GAHANNA, Ohio, June 27, 2017 – AEP Ohio and AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., are announcing an approximate \$12 investment to the electric transmission grid in northwest Franklin County. This project will improve the electric service reliability to customers in Dublin and support local economic development.

To learn more about this project, the public is invited to attend a project open house on July 11 at Fellowship Baptist Church, 6720 Shier Rings Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The event will run until 7:30 p.m. The informational open house provides residents the opportunity to meet and talk with project representatives. There is no formal presentation. Visitors may come and go at any time during the open house. Residents can offer input, ask questions of project team members and learn more about the new transmission line.

“Public conversation is important to us. We want to discuss this project and its benefits to the community,” said Renee Shumate, external affairs manager for AEP Ohio. “We strive for a transparent outreach and siting process. We care about all of our customers and we carefully balance our need to provide reliable power while minimizing our disruption to landowners and the environment.”

The new transmission line will be about 3 miles long. The project also includes upgrades at two existing substations. The line will likely be on the west side of Dublin. There will be some work in Washington and Perry townships. AEP Ohio anticipates its regulatory filings in late summer. Construction is targeted to begin in fall 2018 and be complete by spring 2019.

Once the new transmission line is completed and operational, the company plans to remove about 6 miles of transmission wire from a line that connects a substation near Sawmill Road to the Dublin Substation.

Additional information about the project, including maps, is available online at AEPOhio.com/WestDublin.

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American Electric Power is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity and custom energy solutions to nearly 5.4 million customers in 11 states. AEP owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a more than 40,000-mile network that includes more 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP also operates 224,000 miles of distribution lines. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning approximately 26,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP's utility units operate as AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.

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