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APPALACHIAN POWER ANNOUNCES PROPOSED ROUTE FOR POWER LINE SERVING BUCHANAN COUNTY

ROANOKE, Va., Mar. 14, 2025 – Appalachian Power representatives have selected a proposed route for a new transmission line in Buchanan County. The work is part of the Conaway Transmission Improvements Project, which involves:

- Building approximately 6 miles of new 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line.
- Retiring approximately 6 miles of 34.5-kV transmission line.
- Building the new Conaway Substation.
- Upgrading the Looney Creek Substation.
- Retiring the Big Rock and Thomas substations.

The proposed route connects the proposed Conaway Substation on Home Creek Road to the Looney Creek Substation on Looneys Creek Road. The route was determined following an in-person open house held last summer to gather input from property owners and community members. Additionally, the project team met with local officials and conducted field studies to thoroughly review the route options.

“Public feedback is a critical part of our due diligence process,” said George Porter, Appalachian Power spokesperson. “After reviewing input, environmental impact and land use, we feel confident that this route minimizes impacts while providing reliable electric power to Buchanan County.”

These improvements introduce the new Conaway Substation, which will efficiently serve the community and replace aging equipment to improve power grid reliability. Construction is expected to begin fall 2027 and conclude by late 2028. Visit [AppalachianPower.com/Conaway](https://www.AppalachianPower.com/Conaway) for more information and to view a more detailed interactive map.

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with approximately 29,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including nearly 6,000 megawatts of renewable energy.

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