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APPALACHIAN POWER ANNOUNCES TRANSMISSION UPGRADES IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

ROANOKE, Va., Sept. 17, 2021 – Appalachian Power representatives plan upgrades to the electric transmission system serving customers in Pittsylvania County.

The Danville Area Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves rebuilding approximately 3 miles of transmission line. The upgrades replace aging equipment to ensure the electric grid can support growing electrical needs in the area. Upgrading the equipment along the power line route also helps reduce the likelihood of larger, community-sustained outages and reduces maintenance frequency.

The company plans to rebuild the power line in or near the existing right-of-way. The rebuild begins at the Danville Substation located off Arnett Boulevard in the city of Danville. The upgrades travel east, cross the Danville Express Way and end at the East Danville Substation located off Eagle Springs Road.

Company representatives invite landowners to a virtual open house at **[AppalachianPower.com/DanvilleArea](https://www.appalachianpower.com/DanvilleArea)** to learn more about the project and provide feedback to the project team. Hosting the open house online complies with the social distancing recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Landowners within the project area can expect to receive a packet in the mail that includes additional project details and a comment card they can return by mail with their feedback.

“Receiving feedback from the community is an essential part of the rebuild process,” said George Porter, Appalachian Power spokesperson.

Construction begins fall 2022 and concludes by summer 2023. Visit the website for additional information about the project.

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