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APPALACHIAN POWER TO HOST OPEN HOUSE FOR MIDWAY – SOUTH CHRISTIANSBURG TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT

ROANOKE, Va., May 14, 2024 – Appalachian Power plans to invest in the electrical system to meet the area’s growing power demand in Montgomery County. The Midway – South Christiansburg Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves:

- Rebuilding approximately 4 miles of 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line.
- Building approximately a half-mile of 69-kV transmission line.
- Retiring approximately a half-mile of 69-kV transmission line.
- Upgrading the Midway, Cambria, Tech Drive and Hans Meadow substations.

The upgrades to the local electric transmission system benefit area customers by replacing deteriorating equipment with modern technology.

“Modernizing the aging transmission line and area electrical infrastructure strengthens the local electrical grid and reduces the likelihood and duration of outages for area customers,” said George Porter, Appalachian Power spokesperson. “As the area grows, we need to be sure our equipment is flexible and dependable enough to handle a changing electrical load.”

The project team has developed preliminary routes designed to minimize impacts to the community. Representatives plan to utilize existing rights-of-way where possible while reviewing areas where there are obstructions such as homes, sheds or pools and potentially shift the line in those select areas. Landowners and community members are invited to an open house to provide feedback.

**Tuesday, June 4 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at
Montgomery Museum of Art and History
4 East Main St in Christiansburg**

There is no formal presentation, so attendees may come and go any time during the three-hour event to talk to project representatives and view detailed maps. Attending the open house and sharing feedback on route options helps the project team to rebuild the transmission line while reducing

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impacts on the community. Residents who cannot attend the open house can visit the project website and virtual open house at **AppalachianPower.com/Midway**.

Landowners within the project area can expect to receive a packet in the mail that includes additional project details and a comment card **to provide** feedback on or before **Friday, June 14, 2024**.

Construction is expected to **start in** late 2026 and conclude by the end of 2028.

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power (AEP), which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP's approximately 16,700 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 224,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.5 million customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation's largest electricity producers with approximately 31,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including 5,300 megawatts of renewable energy.

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