

SALTVILLE-WOLF HILLS TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT

Appalachian Power representatives plan upgrades to the transmission system in Washington and Smyth counties in Virginia. The Saltville-Wolf Hills Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves rebuilding about 27 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line and upgrading several substations in the area. Construction begins in late 2025 and concludes by late 2027.

WHAT

Project includes:

- Rebuilding about 27 miles of 138-kV electric transmission line
- Upgrading several substations
- Acquiring and/or supplementing existing easements for the safe operation of the power line

This project requires approval by the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC).

The project team is seeking community input on route options to rebuild the project.

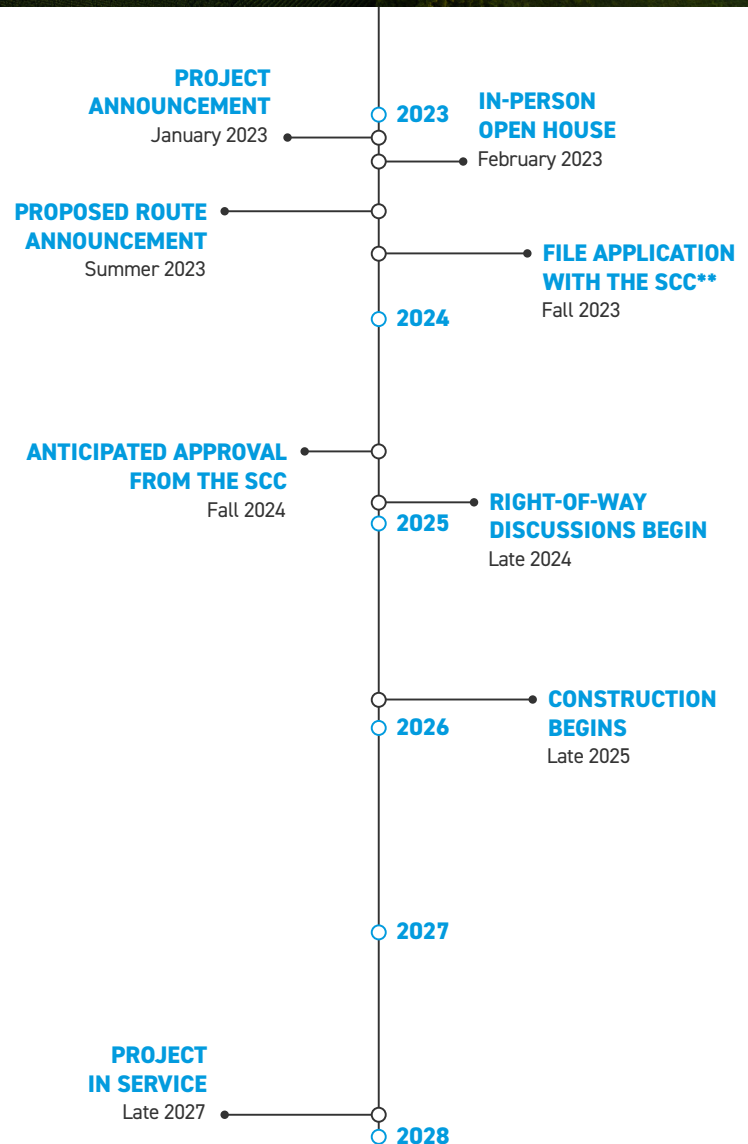
WHY

The existing transmission line dates back to the 1920s. The equipment is showing age-related issues, including corrosion and wear. The current line lacks sufficient shielding from lightning, which has resulted in multiple outages on the line.

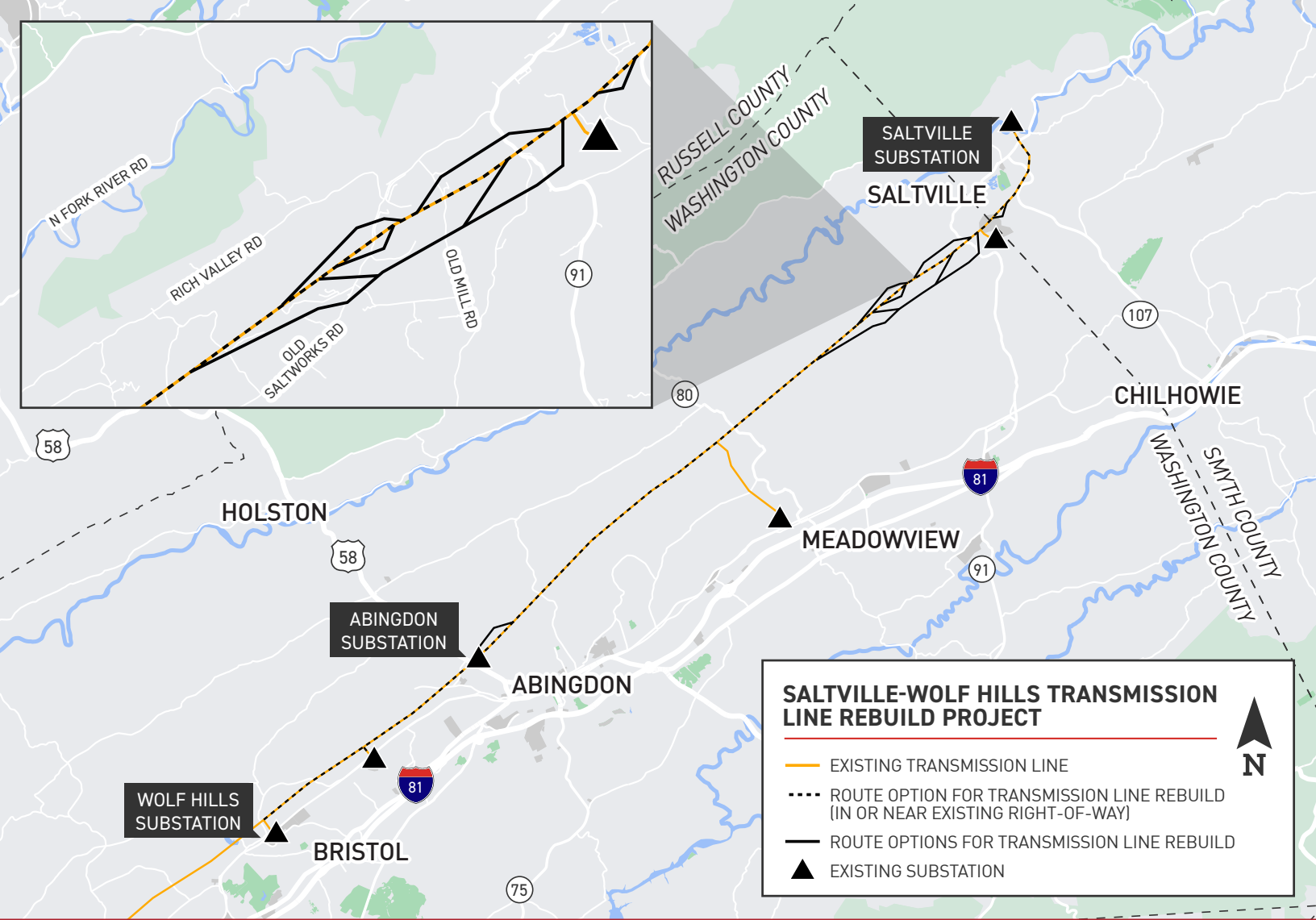
This project involves installing modern steel equipment and a shield wire to protect the line from lightning. These upgrades increase electric reliability in the area and ensure that the line meets current safety standards.

WHERE

The upgrades begin at an existing transmission tower near Wallace Pike Road and the Wolf Hills Substation in Bristol. The rebuild continues northeast for 27 miles, traveling north of the town of Abingdon and concluding at the Saltville Substation off of East Main Street and Battleground Avenue in Saltville.



*Timeline subject to change.
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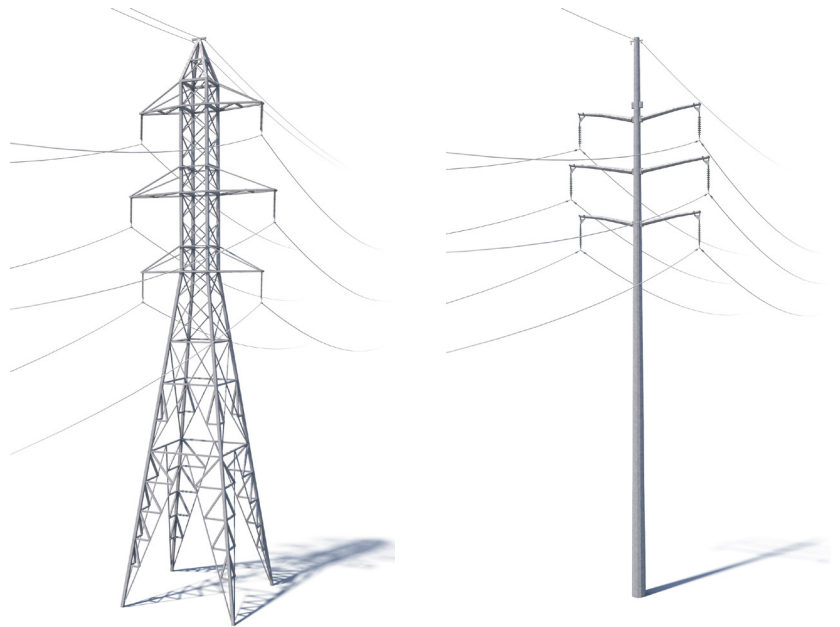


TYPICAL STRUCTURES

Most of the existing line consists of lattice towers. Crews plan to rebuild the line using steel lattice towers and single poles.

Proposed Structure Height: [Approximately 80-130 feet*](#)
 Right-of-Way Width: [Approximately 100 feet*](#)

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*Exact structure, height, and right-of-way requirements may vary.

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