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APPALACHIAN POWER PLANS TRANSMISSION RELOCATION IN CABELL COUNTY

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 16, 2024 – Appalachian Power representatives plan to relocate power lines in Huntington as part of the Darrah-Owens Illinois Transmission Line Relocation Project. Company officials want to inform the public about the planned construction that will affect local traffic flow along 8th Avenue this fall.

The project addresses traffic safety needs by creating more space between the transmission line facilities and 8th Avenue. The relocation spans less than a quarter mile and moves Appalachian Power’s transmission equipment from the south side of 8th Avenue to the north side, beginning at the cross-section of Artisan Avenue and ending near 26th Street. The company’s distribution and telecom wires will remain on the current wooden poles and will be shifted further south off the south side of 8th Avenue. The project team and the City of Huntington are coordinating efforts during the planning and execution of this project.

“Safety is our main priority,” said George Porter, Appalachian Power spokesperson. “Moving these poles will ensure a safer distance between our power poles and the vehicles traveling on 8th Avenue. During construction, some traffic interruptions can be expected. Our crews plan to take every precaution to ensure the safety of the workers and the drivers near the project area.”

Company representatives expect construction to begin this fall and conclude by summer 2025. The planned work will occur in phases to maintain safety and electric service to the area customers. During construction, traveling on 8th Avenue may result in delays. At times, crews plan to:

- Close road lanes as needed.
- Use flaggers and signs to aid traffic flow on streets during the day.
- Open road lanes at night if safety allows.

Area residents and commuters should consider an alternative route and look for road signage.

Landowners within the project area can expect to receive a packet in the mail that includes additional project details. **For more information, including updates about lane and road closures, visit AppalachianPower.com/Darrah-Owens.**

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