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APPALACHIAN POWER PLANS OPEN HOUSE FOR TRANSMISSION UPGRADES IN WAYNE COUNTY

CHARLESTON, W.Va., June 4, 2026 – Appalachian Power Company (APCo) representatives plan to upgrade the transmission system in Wayne County as part of the Tri-State – East Lynn Transmission Line Rebuild Project. The project involves rebuilding approximately 18 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and replacing deteriorating wooden poles with modern steel structures. A community open house will be held to provide more information and gather feedback.

“Over the last decade, the existing transmission line has experienced periodic reliability challenges that have contributed to customer interruptions,” said George Porter, APCo spokesperson. “Rebuilding the line will address vegetation overgrowth and equipment failure, and it will increase reliability for customers in the area.”

Community members are encouraged to attend the open house to learn more about the project and share feedback. There is no formal presentation, so attendees may arrive at any time during the event, scheduled for **5 – 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Wayne Elementary School, located at 80 McGinnis Dr. in Wayne.**

Landowners within the project area will receive a packet in the mail with additional project details and are encouraged to provide feedback by Friday, July 3. Right-of-way agents will contact affected landowners to discuss upcoming field activities and property easements.

APCo representatives will file the project with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia this fall. If approved, construction would begin in spring 2028 and conclude in late 2029.

“Modernizing our transmission system is critical to keeping the electric grid strong and reliable for customers,” Porter said. “We appreciate the opportunity to share information with the community and look forward to continuing to work with landowners and local residents as the project moves forward.”

A virtual open house is available at [AppalachianPower.com/TriState-EastLynn](https://www.appalachianpower.com/TriState-EastLynn).

About Appalachian Power

Appalachian Power Company (APCo), a subsidiary of American Electric Power (Nasdaq: AEP), is a leading electric utility serving over 1.1 million customers across 57 counties in northeast Tennessee,

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southwest Virginia, southern West Virginia and parts of West Virginia's northern panhandle. With an extensive network of 61,000 miles of power lines and an owned generating capacity of approximately 8,500 megawatts, APCo is committed to delivering safe, reliable and affordable energy. The company focuses on customer service, innovation, investing in modern infrastructure and a diverse mix of energy solutions to enhance grid reliability and efficiency. With a dedicated workforce of 1,700 employees, APCo is committed to economic development, its customers' needs and community empowerment. For more information, visit AppalachianPower.com.

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