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**APPALACHIAN POWER ANNOUNCES PROPOSED LINE ROUTE FOR RAVENSWOOD AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

CHARLESTON, W.Va., August 14, 2018 -- Appalachian Power today announced its proposed line route for the Ravenswood Area Improvements Project. The route was determined by incorporating public input gathered from landowners and community members at an open house in May.

“The information we gathered at the open house and continued on-going conversations with landowners is invaluable in our decision-making process,” said Phil Moye, corporate communications manager for Appalachian Power. “Our inclusive process helps determine a line route that increases electric reliability for our customers while minimizing impacts to the environment and community.”

The Ravenswood Area Improvements Project is an estimated \$60 million investment in the regional electric transmission grid. The project includes modernizing approximately 30 miles of aging infrastructure to help reduce the likelihood of extended power outages.

O.R. Colan will serve as Appalachian Power’s right-of-way contractor. Agents will start contacting landowners along the line route. Construction is expected to start in the fall of 2019 and last about two years. Additional information about this project, including an interactive map showing the proposed line route, can be found at [www.appalachianpower.com/ravenswood](http://www.appalachianpower.com/ravenswood)

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is a unit of American Electric Power, one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity and custom energy solutions to nearly 5.4 million customers in 11 states. AEP owns the nation’s largest electricity transmission system, a more than 40,000-mile network that includes more 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP also operates 224,000 miles of distribution lines. AEP ranks among the nation’s largest generators of electricity, owning approximately 26,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP supplies 3,200 megawatts of renewable energy to customers.

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