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AEP OHIO PLANS TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD IN FAIRFIELD AND HOCKING COUNTIES

GAHANNA, Ohio (April 22, 2022) – AEP Ohio officials plan to upgrade the electric transmission grid serving customers in Fairfield and Hocking counties.

The East Logan-South Lancaster Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves:

- Rebuilding about 10 miles of 69-kilovolt transmission line from East Logan Substation, located off East Front Street in Logan, to South Lancaster Substation, located off Sugar Grove Road in Lancaster
- Replacing aging lattice towers and wooden poles with single steel poles
- Removing about 2 miles of transmission facilities

Improvements to the nearly 100-year-old power line reduce the likelihood of larger, sustained community power outages by replacing deteriorating steel lattice towers and wooden poles. An upgrade to modern steel poles reduces the need for frequent power line maintenance and improves the line's operational performance.

AEP Ohio invites community members and landowners in the project area to learn more at an upcoming open house. The public event takes place on **Thursday, April 28, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the **Logan Conference Center, located at 30682 Chieftain Drive in Logan.**

Since there's no formal presentation, attendees can arrive at any time to review maps and talk with project representatives. AEP Ohio representatives encourage landowners to provide input to help the company determine the final proposed line route.

AEP Ohio asks attendees who are experiencing fever, cough, body aches, or other COVID-19 symptoms to please visit the **VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE at [AEPOhio.com/EastLogan-SouthLancaster](https://www.aepohio.com/EastLogan-SouthLancaster)** to access project information, view an interactive map, enter a virtual open house and submit comments through a "Contact Us" link by May 9.

Company officials expect construction to begin in fall 2023 and conclude in late 2024.

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