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**AEP OHIO SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD IN NORTHWEST OHIO**

GAHANNA, Ohio, April 26, 2017 – AEP Ohio, a utility subsidiary of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP), today announced a \$20 million upgrade to its electric transmission infrastructure in northwest Ohio. This project will allow AEP Ohio to continue to provide reliable service to its customers in the region.

Project components include:

- Rebuilding approximately 12-miles of existing 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission line
- Building approximately 2-miles of new 69 kV line
- Removing approximately 2-miles of line

AEP Ohio's project is located in Pleasant and Union townships in Van Wert County and Blue Creek Township in Paulding County.

To learn more about this project, the public is invited to attend an open house on May 4 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Van Wert High School located at 10708 OH-118 in Van Wert. The informational open house provides residents the opportunity to meet and talk with project representatives. There is no formal presentation. Visitors may come and go at any time. Residents can offer input, ask questions of project team members and learn more about the project.

Construction is targeted to begin in early 2019 and be complete by the end of 2019.

Additional information about the project, including maps, is available online at [AEPOhio.com/Haviland-VanWert](http://AEPOhio.com/Haviland-VanWert)

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AEP Ohio, an American Electric Power company, is based in Gahanna, Ohio. AEP Ohio provides electricity to nearly 1.5 million customers. News and information about AEP Ohio can be found at [AEPOhio.com](http://AEPOhio.com).

American Electric Power is 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's utility units operate as AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.