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APPALACHIAN POWER REPRESENTATIVES PLAN TRANSMISSION UPGRADES IN SULLIVAN COUNTY

ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 13, 2022 – Appalachian Power representatives plan to upgrade the electric transmission system in Sullivan County, Tennessee.

The Lovedale Substation Rebuild Project involves rebuilding the aging substation located at the corner of Donelson Drive and Lovedale Drive and less than 1 mile of transmission lines that connect to the substation in the city of Kingsport. The project replaces equipment from the 1940s with modern infrastructure to meet current safety standards and improves reliability for the growing community.

“The 80-year-old Lovedale Substation has experienced a number of maintenance issues due to weather,” said George Porter, Appalachian Power spokesperson. “Rebuilding the substation with modern equipment allows us to provide more reliable service to our customers.”

Company representatives invite residents to a virtual open house at **AppalachianPower.com/Lovedale** to learn more about the project and provide feedback to the project team. Community members are encouraged to provide input by **Friday, February 11**.

Residents within the project area can expect to receive a packet in the mail that includes additional project details and a comment card they can return by mail with their feedback.

Appalachian Power representatives are expected to present the proposed upgrades to the Kingsport Board of Zoning Appeals at the City Hall Building, located at 415 Broad St. in Kingsport, on Thursday, February 3. The meeting is scheduled for noon to 2 p.m. and is open to the public. Company representatives expect construction to begin spring 2022 and conclude by fall 2023.

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power, which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP’s approximately 16,800 employees operate and maintain the nation’s largest electricity transmission system and more than 223,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.5 million customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation’s largest electricity producers with approximately 30,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including 5,500 megawatts of renewable energy.

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