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APPALACHIAN POWER SEEKS ALBEMARLE COUNTY APPROVAL FOR TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

ROANOKE, Va., Nov. 1, 2022 – Appalachian Power representatives plan upgrades to the power grid serving customers in Albemarle County. Company representatives are currently seeking approval from the county for the Esmont-Scottsville phase of the Central Virginia Transmission Reliability Project.

The Esmont-Scottsville phase includes:

- Rebuilding approximately 6 miles of transmission line in or near existing right-of-way
- Upgrading the existing Esmont and Scottsville substations
- Improving the local distribution network

As part of the local approval process, the project team invites landowners and community members to an open house on **Monday, Nov. 7, 5– 7 p.m. at the Scottsville Library, 330 Bird St.** There is no formal presentation, so attendees can arrive at any time during the two-hour event.

The meeting provides an opportunity for residents to learn more about the proposed project and Albemarle County policies and regulations. Appalachian Power project team members and county staff will be available at the meeting to answer questions about the project and the review process. Community members who are not able to attend the open house may visit the project website at **AppalachianPower.com/Esmont-Scottsville**.

This project, along with other components of the Central Virginia Transmission Reliability Project, supports enhanced electric reliability for area customers. Together, these improvements reduce extended, community-wide outages and strengthen the power grid in the Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell and Nelson communities.

Appalachian Power representatives announced the Esmont-Scottsville phase and hosted a virtual open house in 2020. Pending approval from the county, crews plan to begin construction on this phase in early 2024 and conclude in late 2024.

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