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**APPALACHIAN POWER HOSTS OPEN HOUSE TO GATHER FEEDBACK ON NEW ROUTE OPTIONS FOR TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

ROANOKE, Va., May 8, 2023 – Appalachian Power representatives are hosting an open house for the Mount Heron-Coal Creek Transmission Line Rebuild Project located in Buchanan and Tazewell counties. The project involves building about 4 miles of transmission line and a substation, rebuilding about 11 miles of transmission line, and retiring two substations and about 4 miles of transmission line.

**The project team announced this project in September 2021 and is now seeking community input on new route options for the proposed 4-miles of transmission line.** Appalachian Power representatives invite landowners and community members to attend an open house to learn more and provide input. There is no formal presentation, so attendees may come and go at any time during the two-hour event.

“The project details have changed since our last virtual open house, and we want to make sure the community has a chance to provide feedback on those changes,” said George Porter, Appalachian Power spokesperson. “The open house provides the perfect opportunity for the community to meet with project team members, ask questions and provide input on the route options.”

**Open house details:**

- **Wednesday, May 24**, Appalachian College of Pharmacy gymnasium, 1060 Dragon Road, Oakwood, Va., 5-7 p.m.

Residents who are unable to attend the open house can visit the project website and virtual open house at **[AppalachianPower.com/MountHeron](https://AppalachianPower.com/MountHeron)**. Landowners are encouraged to provide input by **Friday, June 2**.

Affected landowners can expect to receive a packet in the mail that includes additional project details and a comment card they can return with their feedback. The project team plans to use input from the community and additional field work to determine a power line route that minimizes impact on the community and environment.

Company representatives expect construction to start early 2025 and conclude by fall 2026. Visit the website for additional information about the project.

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