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AEP OHIO CONSIDERING ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENTS IN ALLEN AND HANCOCK COUNTIES

GAHANNA, Ohio, May 28, 2019 – AEP Ohio plans to conduct studies to assess the feasibility of upgrades to the electric transmission network serving customers in Allen and Hancock counties in northwest Ohio.

The area's power grid must be upgraded because of the age and condition of transmission facilities. Preliminary solutions to improve electric reliability could include rebuilding some existing power lines, building new power lines, adding a substation and/or upgrading other substations in the area.

The study area includes Bluffton, Richland Township in Allen County and Orange and Union townships in Hancock County. The improvements under consideration would increase electric reliability for AEP Ohio customers and support economic development.

AEP Ohio invites community members and landowners to learn more about the process of developing a project at an upcoming open house. The public event takes place on Thursday, June 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bluffton Middle School Gymnasium, located at 185 Franklin Street in Bluffton.

There is no formal presentation, so attendees can arrive at any time to review study area maps and talk with company representatives. Information gathered during the open house helps determine a proposed solution, including any new power line routes.

The company hopes to identify components for a future project later this year. For more information, including detailed project area maps, visit AEPOhio.com/Bluffton.

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