

**MEDIA CONTACT:**

**AEP Ohio**

1-866-641-1151 or 614-883-7999

[aepohiomediarelations@aep.com](mailto:aepohiomediarelations@aep.com)

**Washington Electric Cooperative**

Jennifer Greene, 740-373-2141

[jgreene@weci.org](mailto:jgreene@weci.org)

**Buckeye Power**

Adam Specht, 614-430-7873

[aspecth@buckeyepower.com](mailto:aspecth@buckeyepower.com)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**UTILITIES HOST PRESENTATION FOR OFFICIALS**

GAHANNA, Ohio, Nov. 6, 2015 – Electric system reliability improvements in southeast Ohio were the focus of a special presentation at Washington Electric Cooperative headquarters.

Local, county and state-level representatives learned more about AEP Ohio, Washington Electric Cooperative and Buckeye Power's, on behalf of Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, plans to significantly improve the area's electric grid.

The Marietta Area Improvement Project is a collaboration between the three utilities and was initially announced late last year. Since then, planning continues to identify the best solutions to replace the area's aging electric infrastructure, address local reliability issues and plan for future needs for economic development.

For more information about the current status of the project, please visit the project website at [AEPTransmission.com/Ohio/Marietta](http://AEPTransmission.com/Ohio/Marietta).

- - -

AEP Ohio provides electricity to nearly 1.5 million customers of major AEP Subsidiary Ohio Power Company in Ohio. AEP Ohio is based in Gahanna, Ohio, and is a unit of American Electric Power. 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 to more than 5 million customers in 11 states. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning nearly 32,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP also owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a 40,000-mile network that includes more 765 kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than

all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP's transmission system directly or indirectly serves about 10 percent of the electricity demand in the Eastern Interconnection, the interconnected transmission system that covers 38 eastern and central U.S. states and eastern Canada, and approximately 11 percent of the electricity demand in ERCOT, the transmission system that covers much of Texas. 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 and north Texas). AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio. News releases and other information about AEP can be found at [AEP.com](http://AEP.com).



Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc., is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving more than 10,000 members in parts of Washington, Guernsey, Monroe, Noble, Morgan and Athens counties. [www.weci.org](http://www.weci.org)

Buckeye Power, Inc. is a member-owned generation-and-transmission cooperative providing wholesale power to the 25 distribution cooperatives serving nearly 400,000 members in 77 of Ohio's 88 counties. [www.buckeyepower.com](http://www.buckeyepower.com)

# # #