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## **APPALACHIAN POWER ANNOUNCES PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE FOR UPGRADES IN FAYETTE COUNTY**

CHARLESTON, W.Va., Nov. 10, 2021 – Appalachian Power representatives announce a proposed power line route for the Kincaid Area Transmission Line Project in Fayette County.

The project involves building 15 miles of 69-kilovolt electric transmission line, building two new substations and upgrading several substations in the area. Company representatives determined a proposed power line route after reviewing input provided by landowners and community members following Appalachian Power’s project announcement and virtual open house and town halls in June.

These local power grid upgrades allow crews to retire approximately 10 miles of transmission line originally built in the early 1900s. The power line has experienced multiple outages in recent years and these upgrades help to improve the line’s operational performance and enhance electric reliability for area customers.

“Feedback from the community is our greatest tool in selecting a proposed power line route,” said George Porter, Appalachian Power spokesperson. “Landowner input from the virtual open house and town halls helped us select a line route that minimizes impact on the community and environment.”

The proposed line route begins at an existing substation located off Kingston Road in Kincaid and travels east about nine miles to the new substation located off Maple Road in Fayetteville. The upgrades continue northeast about six miles to an existing substation located near US-19 in Fayetteville.

The right-of-way contractor representing Appalachian Power plans to contact directly-involved landowners in the coming months to discuss acquiring easements and what to expect before, during and after construction. Company representatives expect construction to begin spring 2023 and conclude by the end of 2024.

Visit [AppalachianPower.com/Kincaid](https://www.AppalachianPower.com/Kincaid) to view an interactive map of the proposed power line route and find additional information about the project.

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

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