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**APPALACHIAN POWER PLANS TRANSMISSION UPGRADES IN ROANOKE COUNTY**

ROANOKE, Va., Sept. 10, 2020 – Appalachian Power representatives plan upgrades to the electric transmission system in Roanoke County as part of the Glenmary Substation Project.

The project involves building the following in the Roanoke County Center for Research and Technology (CRT):

- A new office building for Appalachian Power equipment and employees
- A substation
- Approximately a quarter of a mile of transmission line

“This investment provides benefits for both our company and the community,” said Larry Jackson, director of external affairs for Appalachian Power. “The substation and transmission line will power our new office building. The project is also expected to improve electric reliability for nearby customers, while supporting the area’s economic development efforts by making the CRT more marketable to prospective businesses.”

Company representatives invite landowners to a virtual open house at [AppalachianPower.com/Glenmary](http://AppalachianPower.com/Glenmary) to learn more about the project and provide feedback to the project team. Hosting the open house online complies with the social distancing recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Landowners within the project area can expect to receive a packet in the mail that includes additional project details and a comment card they can return by mail with their feedback.

The project team plans to present the proposed upgrades to the Roanoke County Planning Commission on Monday, Nov. 2, and to the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Company representatives expect construction to begin in spring 2021 and conclude by the end of the year.

Visit the website for additional information about the project.

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infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP's approximately 17,400 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 221,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.4 million customers in 11 states. AEP is also one of the nation's largest electricity producers with approximately 31,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including 5,200 megawatts of renewable energy.

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