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TRANSOURCE BRINGS SOLUTION TO EXPAND ACCESS TO LOWER-COST ENERGY AND STRENGTHEN ELECTRIC RELIABILITY FROM SOUTH-CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA PROJECT

Community open houses planned for March

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 2, 2026 – Transource Energy, a partnership between American Electric Power (Nasdaq: AEP) and Evergy (NYSE:EVRG), today announced it plans to move forward with the proposed Rice-Ringgold Transmission Line Project in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and Washington County, Maryland.

Over the past decade, PJM Interconnection, which oversees the electric grid in 13 states, including Pennsylvania and Maryland, has conducted multiple reviews of the regional power grid and determined that the project is needed to reduce grid congestion and allow lower-cost power to flow more efficiently to area communities.

This project addresses these constraints by relieving overloaded transmission lines and reducing congestion that leads to increased electricity costs and risk of potential outages.

Electricity demand in the region has grown while existing transmission infrastructure has become constrained. This project would provide a solution by relieving bottlenecks, improving power-delivery efficiency and expanding consumer access to more affordable energy across the region.

The estimated \$113 million project includes building 29 miles of 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting a new Rice Substation in Franklin County to the existing FirstEnergy Substation in Washington County.

The project team is seeking community input on the preferred and alternative routes. Two open houses are planned from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the project area.

Open house details:

- Monday, March 16, at The Orchards 1580 Orchard Drive in Chambersburg, PA
- Tuesday, March 17, at Hager Hall 901 Dual Highway Hagerstown, MD

The event is designed to be informal, allowing attendees to drop in at any time during the three-hour window to speak with project representatives and view detailed maps of the proposed routes.



There will be no formal presentation, and residents are encouraged to come and go as their schedules allow.

The Rice-Ringgold Transmission Line Project is designed to reduce congestion and allow lower-cost energy to flow to communities in portions of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

In addition, this project enhances system reliability by introducing a new extra-high-voltage source into the area. This new source will strengthen the grid, provide greater flexibility for future construction and maintenance activities and support long-term economic growth.

Transource will file a new siting application this spring with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PaPUC) for the project, also known as 9A West. The Maryland Public Utility Commission has reviewed and approved the project.

Pending PaPUC approval, construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2027.

More information about the project can be found at TransourceEnergyProjects.com/Rice-Ringgold.

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