



# Wellsboro Electric Company

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July 30, 2018

Dear Customer:

Enclosed with this month's electric bill you will find a fact sheet from our transmission provider, First Energy, detailing its upcoming Wellsboro Area Reinforcement Project.

This project will involve a significant upgrade of the First Energy/Penelec-owned transmission line that provides electricity to the Wellsboro Electric substation and all of our customers. First Energy/Penelec has agreed to upgrade its transmission line from Middlebury Center to Wellsboro to address ongoing reliability issues that have impacted Wellsboro Electric customers over the years and as recently as last month, when a transmission outage knocked our entire system out of power for about three hours on Sunday, July 22.

The \$10- to \$15-million project planned by First Energy will entail construction of a higher-capacity line, operating at 115 kilovolts, that will ensure reliability and capacity needs will be met for our current and future customers. I am pleased that First Energy has agreed to invest in this important project. Our Northern Tier businesses, farms and residents depend upon and deserve reliable electric service, and the Wellsboro Area Reinforcement Project should help First Energy deliver reliable service to our region for many years to come.

Please take a moment to review the enclosed fact sheet detailing the transmission reinforcement project, which is expected to begin in September 2019, and don't hesitate to get in touch with us at the WEC Co office if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Craig Eccher  
President & CEO  
Wellsboro Electric Co.



# WELLSBORO AREA REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

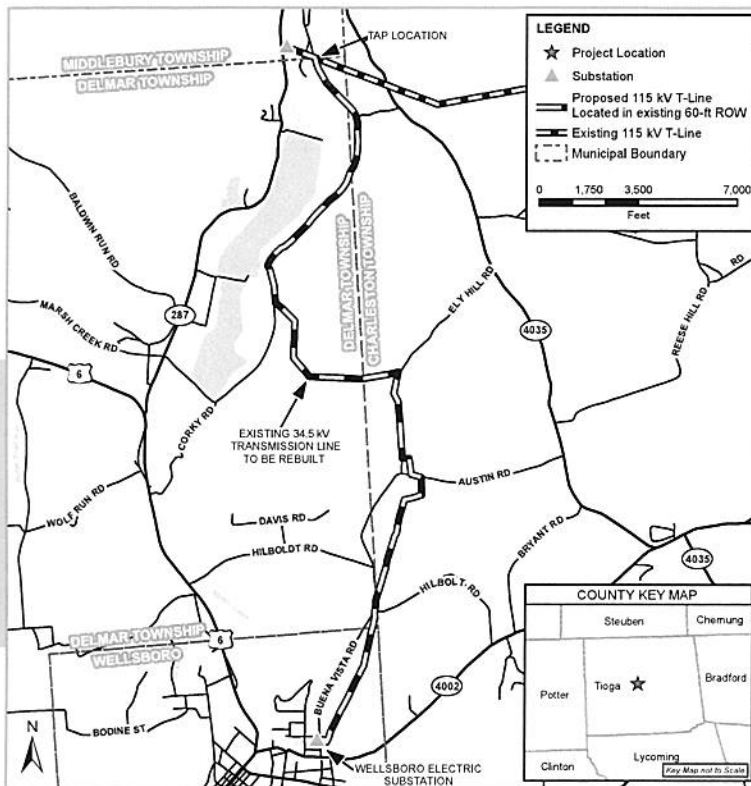
*Transmission line rebuild project will enhance service reliability and meet expected load growth in the region*

At FirstEnergy, it's our responsibility to deliver the power our customers depend on in their daily lives. That's why we're proposing the Wellsboro Area Reinforcement Project to enhance electric service reliability in Tioga County and the surrounding area. It will give customers a stronger, more modernized electric system by adding redundancy to the network, reducing service disruptions, and allowing for future growth when new businesses and homes are built.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project involves rebuilding an existing power line that extends about six miles between northern Delmar Township and an existing substation in Wellsboro. The upgraded line will operate at a higher 115-kilovolt (kV) capacity to support growing energy consumption and economic development in the area. A FirstEnergy company, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission LLC (MAIT), will build the project and obtain all necessary approvals and permits. The project cost estimate is \$10-15 million.

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Project Location:  
Tioga County, PA



## ROUTING

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A detailed routing study was completed for the project, and determined that building the new line within an existing, maintained corridor will minimize its impact on communities and the environment.

## EASEMENTS

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The structures that stand today in the existing corridor will be replaced with new wooden and steel pole structures capable of supporting the new 115-kV line. MAIT will negotiate with property owners to obtain the necessary agreements for any additional right-of-way and vegetation management rights that may be needed.

## PERMITTING

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Detailed wetland, stream and other environmental and historical evaluations will be performed along the transmission line route. All necessary permit authorizations will be secured from the appropriate state and federal agencies.

## CONSTRUCTION

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Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2019, with the line expected to be placed in service by June 1, 2020.

## PRELIMINARY PROJECT TIMELINE

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November 2018 ..... Real Estate Negotiations Completed (if needed)  
December 2018 ..... File Application with PaPUC  
September 2019 ..... PaPUC Approval & Construction Begins  
June 1, 2020 ..... New Line Energized

## ABOUT ENERGIZING THE FUTURE

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Through *Energizing the Future*, FirstEnergy has upgraded or replaced existing transmission lines, incorporated new, smart technology into the grid, and outfitted dozens of substations with new equipment and enhanced security features. These upgrades are producing reliability improvements across the company's transmission system. FirstEnergy will continue these investments through 2021.

For more information, visit [firstenergycorp.com/transmission](http://firstenergycorp.com/transmission).

