



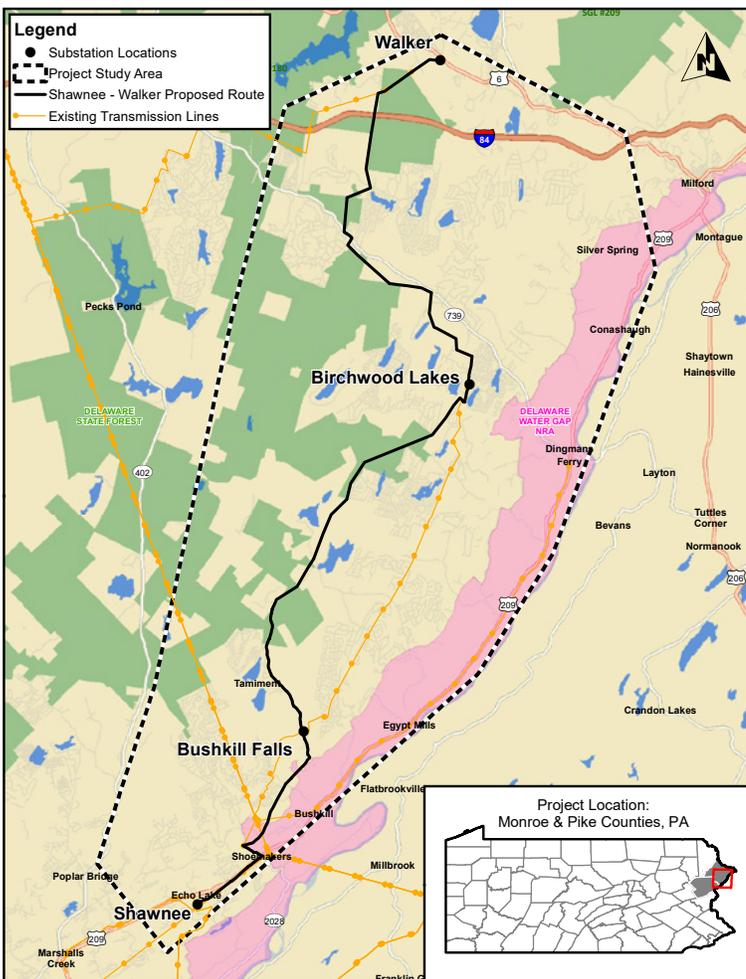
SHAWNEE-WALKER 69 kV TRANSMISSION LINE RELIABILITY PROJECT

At FirstEnergy, it's our responsibility to deliver the power our customers depend on in their daily lives. Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission LLC ("MAIT"), a FirstEnergy company, is planning to strengthen the regional Metropolitan Edison Company ("Met-Ed") electric system in eastern Pennsylvania to improve electric service reliability for approximately 13,600 customers in Monroe and Pike Counties.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Met-Ed and MAIT have completed an evaluation of the existing electric system in eastern Pennsylvania and identified a need for a new 69 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line along with some upgrades to existing substations ("Project") to provide additional capacity into the area to accommodate existing and future load growth, provide an additional source of electricity to the area, and greatly improve the operational flexibility of the electric system in the project area. The new transmission line will be approximately 30 miles in length.

The Project area includes: Middle Smithfield Township in Monroe County and Lehman Township, Delaware Township and Dingman Township in Pike County.



TRANSMISSION LINE SITING

The new 69 kV line will need to electrically connect four existing substations in the Project area. A detailed routing study was performed to identify potential routes for the new line. These routes were carefully evaluated to minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas, property owners and communities while also taking into consideration the desire for a unique and diverse pathway for the new circuit to further enhance reliability. The Project looks to utilize existing right-of-way and parallel roadways and utility corridors where feasible.

PROJECT NEED

Currently, approximately 13,600 Met-Ed customers in the Project area are served from the existing 34.5 kV and 13.2 kV electric system. Over time, growth in this area has resulted in capacity limitations, overloading conditions and reliability concerns on both the 34.5 kV and 13.2 kV electric distribution systems.

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To address these challenges and improve electric reliability, MAIT is proposing to construct a new 69 kV line that will provide additional capacity into the area for load growth and provides an additional source of electricity to the area. The new transmission source will also greatly improve operational flexibility on the existing 34.5 kV system by: reducing loading on the existing 34.5 kV system, providing a direct transmission source to these existing substations, and help to reduce outages. This improves reliability for the current customers in the area and ensures that Met-Ed has the capacity available to provide service to future customers as well.

PJM, the Regional Transmission System Operator, and the PJM stakeholders have reviewed the proposed Project. More information about the project can be found at www.pjm.com under upgrade IDs s1880.1-7.

EASEMENTS

The width of new right-of-way needed for the proposed line may vary based on terrain and engineering design. The right-of-way is will be generally 60 feet wide, but in steep areas, the right-of-way could be wider to accommodate the longer span. Adjacent tree rights will also be needed to support and protect the future line from potential outages due to falling limbs and/or trees. Field representatives may also be in contact with property owners to discuss temporary access roads needed during construction.

PERMITTING

Detailed wetland, stream and other environmental and cultural resource evaluations will be performed along the proposed line route and necessary permits will be secured from state and federal agencies before construction.

CONSTRUCTION

The majority of the Project will utilize single wood poles to support the new line. In some cases, additional structure types may be needed due to engineering constraints or terrain and access considerations.

PRELIMINARY PROJECT TIMELINE

Due to the length of this project, we anticipate a phased approach to construction with the earliest construction slated to begin June 2023. Below is a preliminary schedule which is subject to change as the Project progresses.

Initial Outreach to Property Owners..... January 2021
Environmental Field SurveysApril 2021
Right of Way Negotiations.....June 2021-June 2023
Construction StartJune 2023
Project Complete & Placed in Service May 2025

ABOUT ENERGIZING THE FUTURE

FirstEnergy launched “*Energizing the Future*” in May 2012 as part of an ongoing commitment to enhance its high-voltage transmission system. Many of these projects – including new or rebuilt high voltage power lines, new substations and the installation of specialized voltage regulating equipment – support increased electric demand as a result of the economic recovery. *Energizing the Future* projects represent a substantial investment in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, New Jersey and Maryland over the next five years to improve service reliability.

For more information and project updates, visit firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/pennsylvania

