

July 23, 2025

[REDACTED]
Permanent Parcel: [REDACTED]**RE: Gore-Doubs-Goose Creek Improvements Project**

Dear Resident:

Potomac Edison, a FirstEnergy company, invites you and members of the community to learn more about the proposed Gore-Doubs-Goose Creek Improvements Project. As part of Potomac Edison's continuing efforts to engage the community in the vicinity of the project, this letter serves to provide a project update and describes how you and members of the community can engage with Potomac Edison to ask questions and discuss any concerns you may have regarding the project. **You are receiving this notice because your property is either crossed by, or adjacent to, the existing transmission line right-of-way.**

The public engagement process has three main components. First, accompanying this letter are materials that will provide you with a basic overview of the project and how it relates to your property. Second, Potomac Edison has created a project website and has posted to the website a presentation that explores many elements of the project. Third, Potomac Edison will be hosting an open house in your area to present the project formally to the public.

Finally, Potomac Edison is providing several ways to communicate your questions and concerns, including, if you wish, scheduling an individual conference call with Potomac Edison representatives to discuss the project.

Project Background

Potomac Edison has been awarded a project by regional transmission organization, PJM Interconnection LLC, to upgrade existing transmission lines in Frederick County, Clarke County, and Loudon County, Virginia and Jefferson County, West Virginia. The project will primarily utilize existing transmission rights-of-way, minimizing environmental and community impacts. The work will primarily take place within approximately 44 miles of existing rights-of-way, beginning at the Gore Substation in Frederick County, Virginia. The work will utilize an existing right of way that traverses east through Frederick County, Virginia (17.9 miles); Clarke County, Virginia (0.2 miles); Jefferson County, West Virginia (15.4 miles); and Loudoun County, Virginia (10.5 miles).

Potomac Edison will also build two new 138-kv lines between the Stonewall Substation in Clear Brook, Virginia, and the proposed Woodside Substation nearby.

Landowner Information

For your information, enclosed are the following:

- A project fact sheet
- A project overview map

Online Information

Potomac Edison has prepared a virtual public engagement platform available online that provides additional information on the project. This virtual public engagement platform includes instructions on how to contact Potomac Edison with questions, concerns or to schedule a meeting.

In addition, Potomac Edison is providing an interactive map platform that can be used to find your property in relation to the overall project by using your name, address or tax parcel identification number. Potomac Edison encourages you to use this tool to explore the project and how it relates to your property.

The virtual public engagement platform and the interactive map link can be found on the project website beginning August 12, 2025, at:

https://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/fecorp/about/transmission_projects/virginia/gore-doubs.html

Or

https://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/fecorp/about/transmission_projects/westvirginia/gore-doubs.html

Public Open House Information

Potomac Edison invites you and members of the community to a public open house meeting to learn more about the proposed Gore-Doubs-Goose Creek Improvements Project.

The public open house meeting will be held:

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

6 PM – 8 PM

Lovettsville Volunteer Fire Hall
12837 Berlin Turnpike
Lovettsville, VA 20180

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

6 PM – 8 PM

Shepherd University Wellness Center
164 University Drive
Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Thursday, August 14, 2025

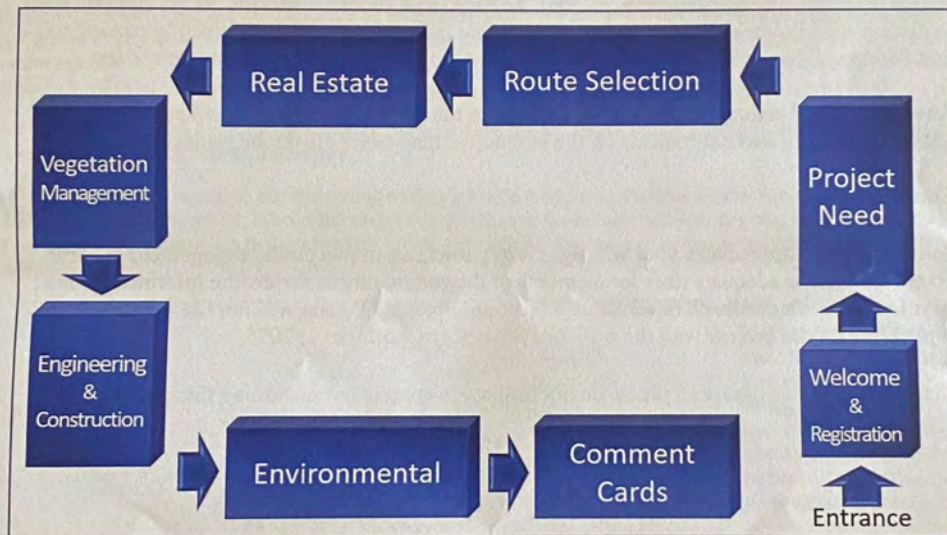
6 PM – 8 PM

Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

901 Amherst Street

Winchester, VA 22601

The public open house layout is included below for reference.



Virginia State Corporation Commission and West Virginia Public Service Commission Approval Process Overview

Potomac Edison must submit applications to the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("SCC") and the West Virginia Public Service Commission ("PSC") to secure approval for the project. The SCC and PSC are legally obligated to review the application and, if certain criteria are met, they may approve the project. SCC and PSC approval is obtained through the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN"). After Potomac Edison has completed the CPCN applications and submitted them to the SCC and PSC, more information will be provided on how to submit comments to the SCC and/or PSC.

For more information on the SCC and PSC, their composition, and the process they will follow in reviewing the project application, please visit the SCC website at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov> and the PSC website at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us>.

Please reference the project name – Potomac Edison's **Gore-Doubs-Goose Creek Improvements Project** – if you contact the PSC or SCC about the Project.

Contact Information

To provide the community with further opportunity to ask questions about the project and provide feedback, Potomac Edison will schedule individual (or small group) conference calls upon request. If you would like to request a conference call with Potomac Edison representatives, please contact us at 1-888-311-4737 or transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com. To the extent you have specific issues that you wish to discuss with Potomac Edison, please include that information with your meeting request so that Potomac Edison can include individuals on the call best suited to address those issues.

Any questions or comments can also be directed to the same telephone or email address. In addition, you may leave comments on the interactive map available on the project website.

Conclusion

Potomac Edison appreciates your willingness to participate in this public engagement process. To ensure there is adequate time for members of the community to review the information, ask questions, provide feedback or schedule a meeting, Potomac Edison will not file the CPCN application for the project with the SCC or PSC before December 1, 2025.

Thank you for your time, and please do not hesitate to contact us concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Scott Humphrys
Transmission Siting Supervisor
Transmission & Substation
Design

Enclosures

Gore-Doubs-Goose Creek Improvements Project

*Frederick, Clarke and Loudoun counties, Virginia
Jefferson County, West Virginia*

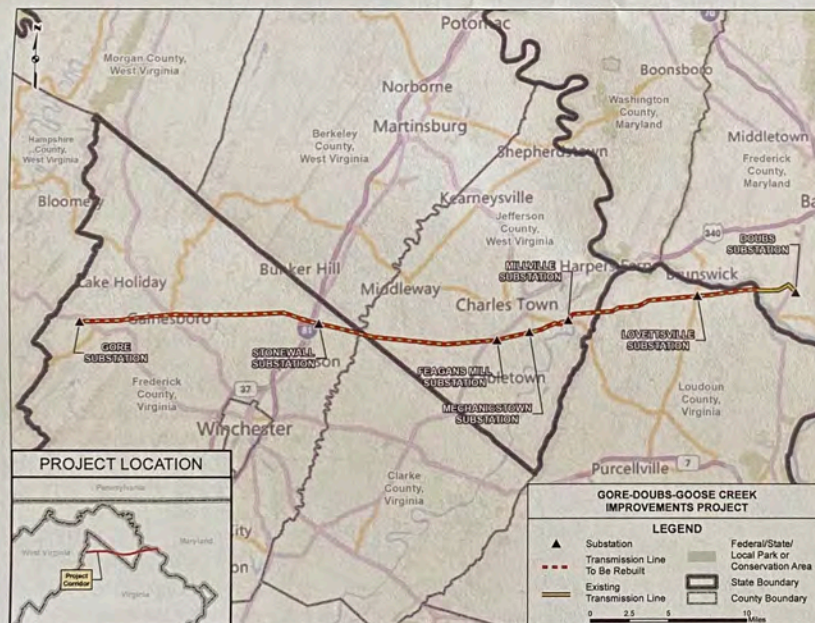
Project Overview

Potomac Edison has been awarded a project by regional transmission organization PJM Interconnection to upgrade its transmission lines in Virginia and West Virginia. The project will primarily utilize existing transmission rights of way, minimizing environmental and community impacts.

Potomac Edison will upgrade approximately 44 miles of an existing 138-kV transmission line to create a double-circuit line with 500-kV wires and 138-kV wires. Starting outside of the Gore Substation in Frederick County, Virginia, the work will utilize an existing right of way that traverses east through Frederick County (17.9 miles); Clarke County, Virginia (0.2 miles); Jefferson County, West Virginia (15.4 miles); and Loudoun County, Virginia (10.5 miles).

Potomac Edison will also build two new 138-kV lines between the Stonewall Substation in Clear Brook, Virginia, and the proposed Woodside Substation nearby.

The project will continue east to the Doubs Substation in Frederick County, Maryland, and then south through Montgomery County, Maryland, toward Dominion Energy's Goose Creek Substation in Virginia. For information about that scope of work, please see the related fact sheet at www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/maryland.html



Potomac Edison's project is related to work that was awarded by PJM to NextEra Energy Transmission, which will construct approximately 105 miles of 500-kV transmission line between Greene County, Pennsylvania, and Frederick County, Virginia. NextEra will also be responsible for constructing the Woodside Substation.

For more information about NextEra's project, please visit www.nexteraenergytransmission.com/midatlantic-resiliency-link.html

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Benefits

The project will enhance transmission system reliability, accommodate growing demand for electricity by residential and commercial customers, and facilitate the connection of new generation sources. It is one of multiple projects that was awarded in late 2023 by PJM, the grid operator for 13 states, after PJM solicited proposals to address the growing demand for electricity in its territory. The projects will enhance the flow of electricity across the system for all customers and help address the impact of recent power plant retirements in PJM's service territory.

Approvals

Potomac Edison plans to file applications in 2025 with the State Corporation Commission in Virginia and the Public Service Commission of West Virginia seeking approval for the project. In addition, Potomac Edison will obtain all required permits and authorizations from federal, state and local agencies prior to construction.

Preconstruction Activities

Potomac Edison is currently conducting preconstruction activities along the transmission rights of way. To ensure compliance with environmental regulations and complete necessary surveys, our personnel may be seen driving or walking the property, taking measurements, placing boundary flags and occasionally obtaining soil and/or vegetation samples. Some larger geotechnical boring equipment may be used to obtain underground samples. Company representatives will work to keep nearby landowners updated on the project.

Easements

The project will primarily utilize existing transmission rights of way to minimize impacts to landowners, the environment and the community. Potomac Edison plans to acquire new rights of way for the proposed 138-kV lines between the Stonewall and Woodside substations. Potomac Edison also plans to acquire new rights of way around the Stonewall substation as well as the Feagans Mill and Millville substations in Jefferson County.

In some limited areas, the rights of way may need to be expanded to establish required clearances around the transmission lines. Potomac Edison will contact landowners directly to discuss the additional easements required as well as temporary rights necessary to facilitate construction such as access routes, tree clearing and laydown yards.

Permitting

Detailed wetland, stream and other environmental and historical evaluations have been conducted along the existing transmission line corridor in coordination with appropriate governmental agencies. Potomac Edison will obtain all permits required by local, state and federal agencies prior to construction.

Preliminary Project Timeline

Summer 2025.....	Public information meetings
Fall 2025	Virginia State Corporation Commission and Public Service Commission of West Virginia applications
2027	Construction begins
2030	Project complete and in service

Contact

Please reach out to our dedicated hotline at 888-311-4737 with questions or email us at transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com.

About Energize365

Energize365 is a multi-year grid evolution program focused on transmission and distribution investments that will deliver the power FirstEnergy's customers depend on today while also meeting the challenges of tomorrow. With planned investments of \$26 billion between 2024 and 2028, the program will create a smarter, more secure grid that will meet and exceed reliability targets and accommodate electric vehicles, the electrification of homes and businesses, and clean energy sources.

About Us

Potomac Edison serves about 285,000 customers in seven counties in Maryland and 155,000 customers in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. The company owns and operates 1,200 miles of transmission lines in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia and has decades of extensive experience in constructing, operating and maintaining transmission facilities that enhance the reliability of the transmission system. For additional information about our transmission projects, please visit firstenergycorp.com/transmission.

