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DELMARVA POWER PROJECT TO BENEFIT DELAWARE

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ODESSA, Del. — Delmarva Power will hold a

community meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Odessa Fire Company at 304 Main St. in Odessa, Del., to provide details on its plan to rebuild a more than 50- year old electric transmission line between Red Lion and Milford, Del.

The approximately \$71 million project to rebuild the existing, 58-mile, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line is necessary to maintain the company's commitment to safe, reliable service for its customers and to meet compliance standards set by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. Work on the first phase from Red Lion to Cedar Creek is expected to occur between June 2015 and December 2016. Construction on the second phase from Cedar Creek to Milford is scheduled from June 2016 to December 2017.

The project involves the replacement of more than 800, 65- to 100-foot tall, wooden poles (H-frame construction) with over 400, 110- to 140-foot tall, single steel poles that are more durable, require less maintenance and can withstand hurricane force winds of 100 mph.

The replacement transmission line will be built along the eastern border of the existing right-of-way so that service will not be affected during construction. The original transmission line will be removed once the entire project is completed.

Several of the new poles that cross waterways will be 25 feet taller than the other steel poles.

"This project will strengthen our system and ensure that we can continue to meet our customers' energy needs," said Gary Stockbridge, Delmarva Power region president.

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