

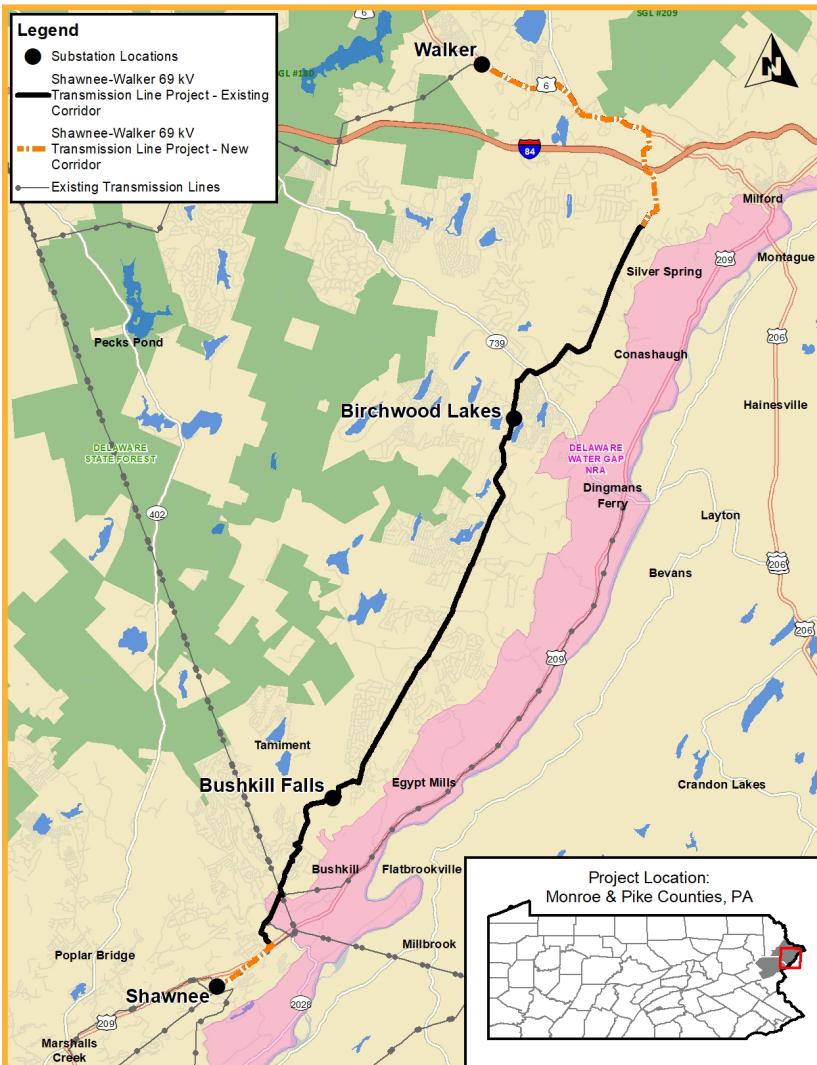
SHAWNEE-WALKER 69-KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

At FirstEnergy, it is our responsibility to deliver the power our customers depend on in their daily lives. Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC (MAIT), a FirstEnergy transmission subsidiary, is planning to strengthen the regional electric system in northeastern Pennsylvania to improve electric service reliability for approximately 13,600 customers in Monroe and Pike counties, including Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company, Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Bushkill Elementary School and East Stroudsburg North High School Campus.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The approximately 30-mile Shawnee-Walker 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line will provide a new transmission source extending from the existing Shawnee Substation in East Stroudsburg to the existing Walker Substation in Dingman Township. The new line will connect to two additional substations in Bushkill and Dingmans Ferry, and upgrades to all four substations along with construction of the new line will help enhance system capacity, reduce overloading conditions and mitigate reliability concerns on the existing 13.2-kV and 34.5-kV systems.

After the events of Winter Storm Riley and Winter Storm Quinn in 2018, which left tens of thousands of Met-Ed customers without power in Pike and Monroe counties for an extended period, FirstEnergy identified a need for enhanced transmission service in the area, among other commitments, which is aligned with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission’s 2019 recommendations following the storms.



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The project will enhance operational flexibility and will be able to provide electric service from both the north and south, which will aid restoration efforts if a portion of the transmission line becomes damaged or requires maintenance. The project will also provide additional capacity to accommodate future demand for electricity.

The project area includes Middle Smithfield Township in Monroe County and Delaware, Dingman, Lehman and Shohola Townships in Pike County.

TRANSMISSION LINE SITING

A detailed routing study was performed to identify potential transmission line routes for the project. These routes were carefully evaluated to minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas, property owners and communities. The proposed line route will utilize a combination of existing right-of-way, roadways and other utility corridors where feasible.

EASEMENTS

The new 69-kV transmission line will be located within a 60-foot-wide right-of-way. Field representatives will contact property owners to discuss transmission line easements and/or any temporary access needed during construction.

PRELIMINARY PROJECT TIMELINE

Due to the length of this project, MAIT anticipates a phased approach to construction. Below is a preliminary schedule, which is subject to change as work progresses:

- Virtual Public Outreach Program July 2022
- Environmental Field Surveys Ongoing
- Right of Way Negotiations..... 3rd Quarter 2022 - 2nd Quarter 2024
- Anticipated Construction Start 2nd Quarter 2024
- Project Completed and Placed in Service..... 4th Quarter 2025

ABOUT ENERGIZING THE FUTURE

Through *Energizing the Future*, FirstEnergy is upgrading and strengthening the transmission grid to meet the existing and future needs of our customers and communities. Projects are focused on upgrading or replacing aging equipment to strengthen our transmission infrastructure, reduce outages and cut maintenance costs; enhancing performance by building a smarter, more secure transmission system; and adding flexibility by building in redundancy and allowing system operators to react more swiftly to changing grid conditions.

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