



SPRINGFIELD AREA 138-kV REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

Proposed 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line extensions and substation expansion project to enhance service reliability and support economic development

At FirstEnergy, it's our responsibility to deliver the power our customers depend on in their daily lives. That's why we're proposing to build the Springfield Area 138-kV Reinforcement Project to enhance electric system reliability in Clark County and the surrounding area. The project 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.

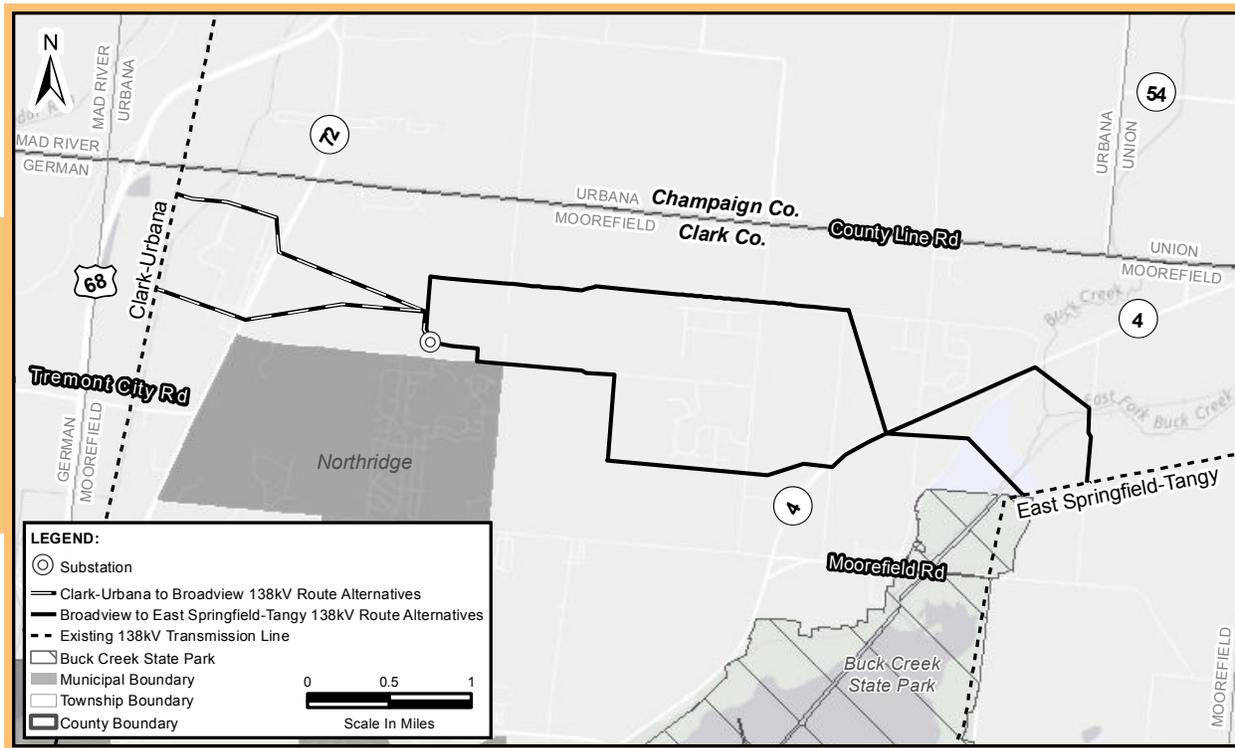
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project consists of three primary components:

- Expanding an existing 69-kV substation in Moorefield Township to support both 138-kV and 69-kV operation
- Constructing an approximately 2-mile transmission line that will connect the expanded substation to the nearby Clark-Urbana 138-kV transmission line
- Constructing an approximately 5.5-mile transmission line that will connect the expanded substation to the nearby East Springfield-Tangy 138-kV transmission line

American Transmission Systems, Inc. (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, will build the new facilities at an estimated cost of approximately \$40 million.

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PROJECT SITING

FirstEnergy carefully evaluated a number of routes for the transmission lines to minimize the impact on customers and avoid potentially sensitive areas. The study identified two potential routes for each new line, which are illustrated on the accompanying map.

REGULATORY APPROVAL

FirstEnergy will seek authorization from the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for all three project components. The application will identify both a preferred and an alternative route for each transmission line. ATSI will also file a Letter of Notification application with the Board for the substation expansion. A Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need must be granted by the OPSB for all three components before construction can begin.

ATSI expects to make the necessary submittals to the OPSB in early 2017. If approved, construction on the project will begin in December 2017.

We are just beginning this important process, and we value your feedback as we move forward. We encourage you to visit the project website at firstenergycorp.com/transmission.

ABOUT ENERGIZING THE FUTURE

Energizing the Future is a \$4.2 billion transmission initiative through 2017 that involves upgrading and strengthening the grid to meet the future demands of our customers and communities. Key factors driving this major investment in our transmission system include replacing existing equipment with advanced technologies designed to enhance system reliability; meeting projected load growth driven by shale gas-related activity and other development in our region; and reinforcing the system in light of power plant deactivations.

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