



March 6, 2015

Mayor Abigail McNinch  
Town of Denton  
13 N Third St  
Denton, MD 21629

Dear Mayor McNinch:

Delmarva Power will hold community meetings at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18 at Greensboro Fire Hall at 116 N. Main St. in Greensboro, Md., and Thursday, March 19 at Sudlersville Fire Hall at 203 S. Church St. in Sudlersville, Md., to provide details regarding a proposed rebuild of a 60-year old, high-voltage transmission line between the Church substation near Millington, Md., and the Steele substation in Denton, Md. This project is designed to enhance electric service reliability in Caroline and Queen Anne's counties. The meetings will consist of a brief presentation followed by an opportunity for the public to meet with Delmarva Power representatives who will answer questions about the project.

The new 138-kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission line will be built on 25.5 miles of the existing right-of-way, using more durable, weathering steel poles that are 95- to 125-feet tall, whereas the existing structures are 55- to 80-feet tall. These durable, weathering steel poles can withstand hurricane force winds of 120 mph, are resistant to corrosion, and have a rust-like appearance that eliminates the need for painting.

Construction on the approximately \$29.6 million project in Caroline and Queen Anne's counties is expected to begin in February 2016 with a completion date of June 2017.

We will make every effort not to disturb any customers' properties near the work area. You may have noticed we have already started some survey and other utility-related work in the right-of-way in preparation for this rebuild project.

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We thank you for your patience and understanding as we improve the electric infrastructure for the region.

This project is one of several transmission upgrade projects that are planned for the Delmarva Peninsula over the next several years, all of which are designed to maintain safe and reliable electric service.

A project fact sheet is included with this letter. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl", written in a cursive style.

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## DELMARVA POWER TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY WITH NEW TRANSMISSION PROJECT

### Millington to Denton Transmission Rebuild Overview

Delmarva Power is committed to provide safe and reliable electric service to more than 500,000 customers in Maryland and Delaware. We have a long tradition of community service and look forward to continuing to be a good neighbor and a reliable source of energy for our customers.

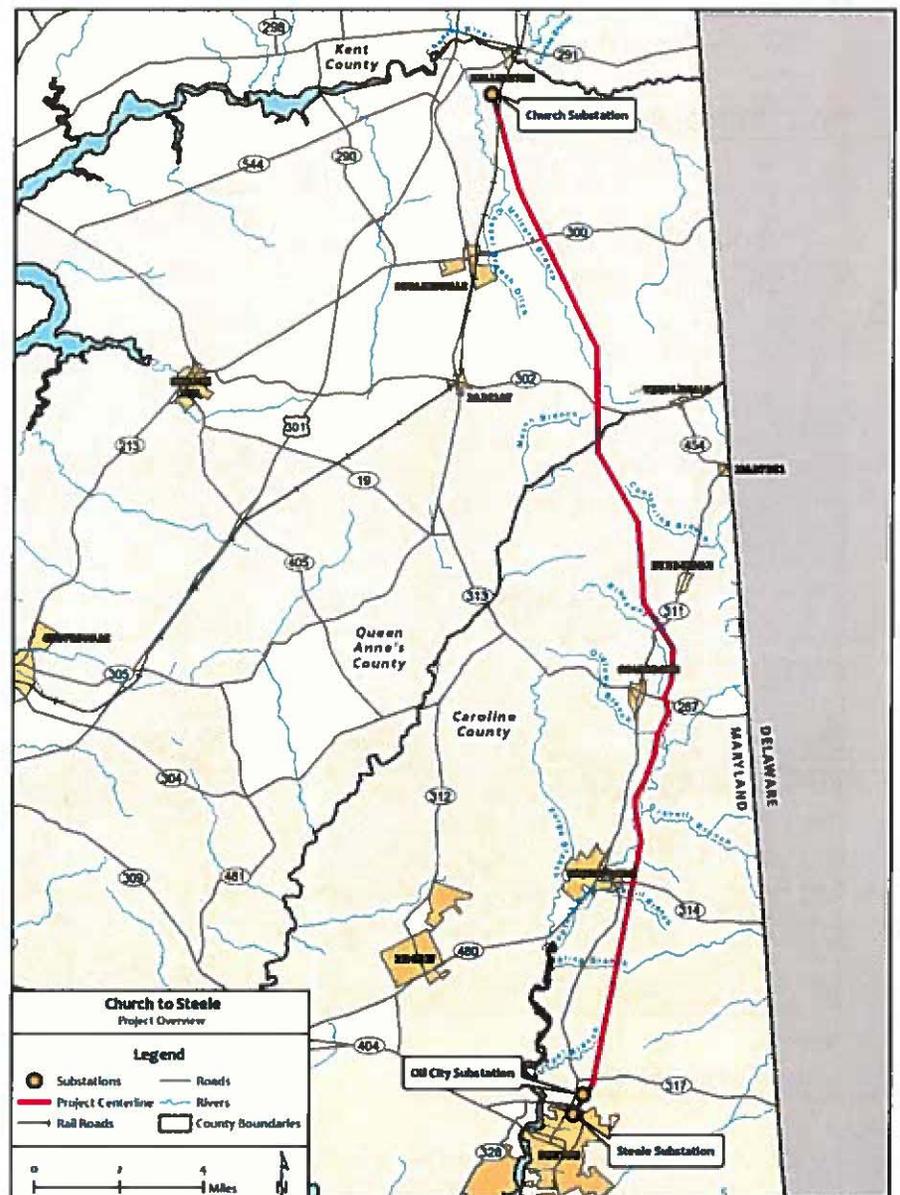
To maintain reliable electric service in Caroline and Queen Anne's counties in Maryland, Delmarva Power will rebuild a 25.5-mile, 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Church substation near Millington and the Steele substation in Denton.

The project features modernization of infrastructure and increases electric system capacity.

The current infrastructure was built in 1955 and is approaching the end of its useful life. Delmarva Power determined that the replacement of the infrastructure, such as poles, wires and associated equipment would maintain the reliability of the transmission system.

Over the last five years, Delmarva Power has invested approximately \$1 billion to strengthen its transmission and distribution systems to improve electric reliability and plans to equal that system investment pace over the next five years. Improvements include the construction of new power lines, substations and other electrical infrastructure.

"This work will enhance electric service reliability in Queen Anne's and Caroline counties and ensure that we continue to meet our customers' needs," said John Allen, Delmarva Power Region Vice President. "This project is one of numerous infrastructure improvements planned throughout our service territory over the next several years."



## KEY FACTS

- Delmarva Power plans to rebuild a 25.5-mile, 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Church substation near Millington and the Steele substation in Denton.
- The new single-circuit line will feature new poles designed to be able to accommodate a future, 230-kilovolt (kV), double-circuit configuration.
- The project will replace 182 wooden poles, which range in height from 55- to 80-feet, with steel poles that are 95- to 125-feet tall. Steel poles are more durable, require less maintenance and can withstand hurricane force winds of 120 miles per hour.
- Construction is expected to start in February 2016 and be completed by June 2017.
- The transmission line serves Delmarva Power and Choptank Electric Cooperative customers, meaning the project will have a direct benefit for customers of both companies.
- The cost of the approximately \$29.6 million project will be borne by customers of Delmarva Power and Choptank Electric Cooperative.

## POLE RENDERINGS



Proposed

Existing

*Simulations are for discussion purposes only and may change pending public, regulatory and utility review.*

If you have questions or concerns about this project, please contact Cheryl Russell, Senior Public Affairs Manager for Delmarva Power at 410-758-4127 or [cheryl.russell@delmarva.com](mailto:cheryl.russell@delmarva.com).