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Big Ferguson Transmission Line Project Open House – Improving reliability to help meet your community's future energy needs

Dear Neighbor,

Duke Energy is committed to providing customers with reliable, safe and increasingly cleaner energy – now and in the future. To help prepare our electric system for the forecasted growth of the area, we are advancing to the next phase of a routing study for the future Big Ferguson 100-kilovolt (kV) transmission line.

Since the first open house that was held for community members in the siting study area on Sept. 20, 2022, we have compiled and analyzed the input we received. This information has been combined with an array of environmental, cultural and scenic resource data, along with land use data from various sources, including extensive field studies conducted in the project vicinity. The collected data has allowed the development of a network of alternative route segments that can be connected in various ways to form 10 alternative route corridors between the Big Ferguson Substation site, located at the intersection of Green Pond Road and South Carolina Highway 417, and Duke Energy's existing electric transmission network.

Based on the feedback we received following the first open house, all landowners within the study area are invited to attend the second open house. Please join us to discuss how a preferred route will be selected, learn more about the routing study process and provide valuable feedback.

We invite you to attend an open house: Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023 | 3-7 p.m. (drop-in) Bellview Baptist Church 901 Bellview Road, Woodruff, SC 29388

The meeting will be an open house format, allowing you to attend as your schedule permits. Various information stations will be set up with Duke Energy subject matter specialists to address your questions and provide information. This will include visual displays of the project, an estimated timeline and other materials. Following the open house, the alternative route corridors will undergo further analysis and evaluation and only one will be selected as the preferred corridor for the future 100-kV transmission line. After the preferred corridor is selected, landowners will receive a communication from Duke Energy regarding the selection.

A map of the study area is enclosed. To view the digital map and learn more about the transmission line routing study, visit our website at duke-energy.com/BigFerguson. You may also call us at 800.365.8979 or send an email to CarolinasTransmissionEnhancements@duke-energy.com. We look forward to seeing you at the open house.