

Fact Sheet : Whitpain-Buxmont transmission line upgrade project

Rebuilding an aging power line to improve reliability in Montgomery County

Introduction

PPL Electric Utilities plans to replace an existing 8-mile transmission line to improve reliability and invest in future power needs for customers in Montgomery County.

Built more than 80 years ago, the Whitpain-Buxmont line is a 230-kilovolt transmission line that runs through Salford, Franconia, Lower Salford and Towamencin townships.

Transmission lines like this serve regional substations that, in turn, reduce voltage for eventual distribution to customers.

This project must be reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. PPL Electric Utilities will request this approval in fall 2011. The PUC will provide an opportunity for residents to participate in its review process.

Why this project is needed

Power lines - like all infrastructure - need to be replaced from time to time to ensure safe and reliable operation. PPL Electric Utilities has an excellent dependability and service record, and projects like this support that legacy.

Replacing aging poles and wires is just one of several ways we are upgrading our electric transmission and distribution systems across our service area.

Details on the right of way

PPL Electric Utilities will rebuild the line in the existing right of way, and work will be conducted under existing easement agreements.

Work to occur in this area

The new single-shaft steel poles will be about 110-120 feet tall, compared with the height of the current towers of about 90 feet.

This additional height is required to comply with today's power line construction standards.

The new poles will not take up as much room on the ground as the current lattice structures.

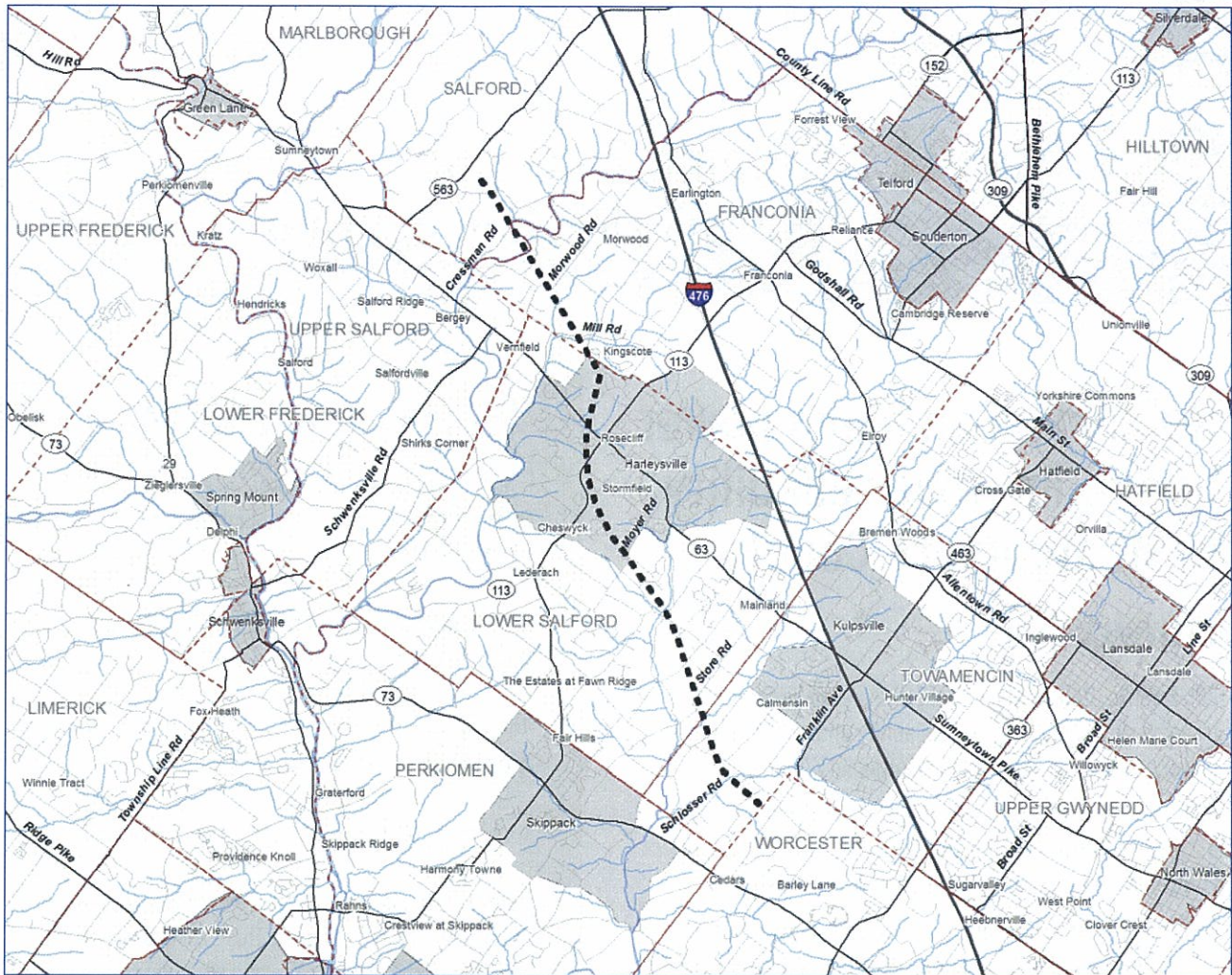
We expect construction to take about 10 months.

Before we begin construction, we will conduct an extensive study of the area. This includes surveying the area of the existing line and planning the project to minimize inconvenience to nearby property owners and potential impacts to the environment.

We expect construction of the project to begin in fall 2013. The line is expected to begin operation in spring 2014.

A very important part of the process will be staying in touch with you. We want to answer any questions and keep you informed as work proceeds.

For more information about this project, please contact Kathy Frazier, PPL's regional community relations director at 610-774-3372.



We want to hear from you

Our goal is to keep you informed every step of the way. To learn more, you are invited to an open house on:

Jan. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m.

**Franconia Heritage Restaurant and Conference Center
Route 113 and Allentown Road
508 Harleysville Pike
Telford, PA 18969**

Our project team will be on hand to provide information and to answer any questions you may have. There is no set agenda or formal presentation for this open house, so feel free to visit anytime between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Project Schedule

PPL Electric Utilities plans to begin construction in fall 2013. The rebuilt power line is expected to be complete in spring 2014.

About PPL Electric Utilities

PPL Electric Utilities is a subsidiary of PPL Corporation that provides electric delivery services to about 1.4 million customers in 29 counties across central and eastern Pennsylvania. One of our primary goals is to keep our electric system reliable for our customers, and this project is part of ongoing work to upgrade our power delivery system.