

Reliability Projects in Derry Township

Hummelstown - S. Hershey

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are you rebuilding these power lines?

These lines need to be rebuilt to address aging poles and wires and to make the grid more resistant to strong wind and storms, which will help prevent power outages for customers. This project also enhances reliable electric service to the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Where is this project located?

Work will occur in an existing transmission line corridor from a PPL Electric Utilities substation near Route 322 and Shank Park. The line continues to another PPL substation near Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

How long will construction last?

Construction will start in May 2017 and will continue intermittently through the end of the year in the area between Hershey Medical Center and Shank Park. For areas between Shank Park and the substation near Route 322, construction will continue through 2018 as crews work on rebuilding the second transmission line.

Why can't you rebuild both power lines at the same time?

To help ensure reliable electricity supply, the work needs to be staggered so that the grid can remain strong while work is occurring.

Will you get approvals and permits for this work?

PPL applied for and received approval from the Dauphin County Conservation District and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

What construction equipment will you be using?

Crews will use equipment including excavators, bucket trucks, drilling equipment and possibly helicopters. Crews may choose to use helicopters to help build the lines to limit the number of workers who need to be on someone's property during certain phases of construction.

What hours of the day will construction typically occur?

Typically, construction work will occur during daylight hours Monday through Saturday.

What will the new power lines look like?

The new lines will be attached to steel poles, some of which will require foundations. The poles are made of special steel that is designed to weather to a dark brown protective coating. These poles are stronger, to help prevent power outages, and require less maintenance than wooden poles.

Will the poles be in the same location?

Many poles will be placed in similar locations as existing poles. In a small number of cases, locations will need to shift, but will remain along the center of the right of way. Overall, these upgrades will result in a reduced number of poles in PPL's transmission corridor.

Will you fix my yard and plant grass afterward? What happens if something gets damaged?

PPL is committed to restoring project areas to their original condition. If property is damaged by crews, a representative will work with you to repair or replace the damaged item.

How can I stay informed?

If you have questions about the project or the construction process, please call us at 717-560-2436 and someone from the project team will contact you.

