

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the project?

The Greater Gloucester and Camden Counties Reliability Project includes rebuilding a critical transmission line between Monroe Township and Pine Hill that serves more than 13,600 customers. These upgrades will strengthen the local energy grid and enhance resiliency, leading to fewer storm-related outages and better reliability for customers. The upgraded transmission line will create a stronger and more resilient connection to the regional energy grid.

Why is it needed?

Across South Jersey, we are seeing the impacts of more frequent and more severe weather. These storms and hurricanes are bringing stronger and more damaging winds and extreme flooding. The existing transmission line was originally built in 1955 and is currently comprised of aging wood poles, which are more vulnerable to storm damage. We are installing stronger utility poles and new, modern equipment in communities across South Jersey to harden the local energy grid and provide our customers and communities with safer and more reliable energy service.

What will the transmission line look like?

The project includes rebuilding approximately 10 miles of existing transmission line that goes through Monroe Township, Gloucester Township and Pine Hill. The existing transmission line is comprised of mostly wood poles, which are more vulnerable to storm damage. We will replace existing wood poles with stronger, state-of-the-art steel utility poles. On average, poles will range from 60 to 85 feet tall and have a diameter of 28 inches. Current poles are about 50 to 55 feet tall and about 20 inches in diameter. When possible, we will use the "Pole of the

Future"—a modern steel utility pole that is more similar in size to the existing wood poles, minimizing the project's potential visual impacts in the community.

Why are steel utility poles necessary for this project?

New, stronger steel utility poles, capable of withstanding winds up to 120 mph, are being installed across our system to help make the local energy grid stronger and more resilient. Steel poles offer significant improvements in reliability, longevity, and durability when compared to wood poles, and require less maintenance over time. We have installed similar steel utility poles in other South Jersey communities, including Avalon, Stone Harbor, Monroe Township, Woodstown, and Winslow Township.

How are you incorporating community feedback into the project?

We value input from our customers and communities. We are continuing to design this project and will determine the final locations for the new poles based on a number of considerations, including community input and engineering requirements. Please attend our virtual open house where our team will provide project details, answer questions and collect your feedback as we finalize the project.

Why are you moving the transmission line from its existing route?

To minimize potential impacts to the community we are moving a portion of the route. The new route will travel through fewer residential neighborhoods, and fits best with the local energy grid's configuration, minimizing potential impacts to the surrounding community and project cost.

How was this new route selected for the project?

We conducted a comprehensive review of potential options and identified these upgrades and this route as the least impactful and most cost-effective option to enhance service for our customers. We considered a number of factors, including configuration of the local energy grid to minimize the route's length and impacts on residential areas, as well as minimizing the environmental footprint of our project. Additionally, we select routes that meet our engineering requirements and ensure easy access for construction and maintenance. We also consider potential zoning or land use conflicts and look for opportunities to minimize project cost for our customers.

How are you minimizing impacts during construction?

The work will be completed as efficiently as possible to meet the project timeline and we will continue to keep the community informed during the process. We will work to keep noise levels from construction activities within permitted levels. We will confine project activities to the utility right-of-way as much as possible and restore all areas affected by construction.

How much does the project cost and who will pay for it?

The project represents about \$40 million in work that will occur from 2022–2023 as part of our comprehensive effort to modernize the South Jersey energy grid. The costs of reliability projects such as this are spread across all of our customer base and are paid for through the delivery charges on customer bills. Delivery charges are reviewed and set by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities through a transparent regulatory rate review process. These processes are essential to providing the funding necessary to continue modernizing the local energy grid and improving reliability and service for customers.

What's next regarding the process and timeline?

We are gathering community feedback and are holding open houses this year as part of this process. We expect construction to begin summer 2022 and be completed by spring 2023. We will continue to keep the community informed throughout the entire project. We have a dedicated point of contact, Chris Cavaliero, who can be reached at **856-351-7395** or **GlouCamReliability@exeloncorp.com** with questions and webpage **atlanticcityelectric.com/Reliability** where you can find out more about the project's status.

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