

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP TO THE WILDWOODS RELIABILITY PROJECT



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the project?

The Middle Township to the Wildwoods Reliability Project includes rebuilding a critical transmission line that serves more than 24,000 customers between Middle Township and the Wildwoods to reduce the impacts of more powerful storms. These upgrades will strengthen the local energy grid and enhance resiliency, leading to fewer storm-related outages and better reliability for customers.

Why is it needed?

The existing transmission line was originally built in 1955 and is currently comprised of aging wood poles, which are more vulnerable to storm damage. Additionally, 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, and are having lasting impacts, particularly across the barrier islands. To confront this, 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 four miles of existing transmission line between Middle Township and the Wildwoods. The existing transmission line is comprised of mostly wood poles and are more vulnerable to storm damage. We will replace existing wood poles with stronger, state-of-the-art steel utility poles along parts of Route 9, King Street and East Edgewood Avenue in Middle Township and in Wildwood along portions of Glenwood Avenue, Maple Avenue, Pine Avenue and R Avenue. On average, poles will range from 70 to 80 feet tall in residential areas



and have a diameter on average of 20 inches. Current poles are about 50 to 55 feet tall and about 15 inches in diameter. The upgraded transmission line will create a stronger and more resilient connection to the regional energy grid.

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 Dennis Township, Avalon, Stone Harbor, Monroe Township, Woodstown, and Winslow Township.

What impacts are expected during construction?

To minimize potential project impacts on local traffic, businesses and the community as a whole, construction for rebuilding the transmission line will only occur during the “off-season.” 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. Work will generally occur between 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. 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 will Atlantic City Electric minimize any environmental impacts associated with this project?

We have conducted a thorough environmental analysis of the project and will be monitoring the nesting of osprey and salamander throughout the project. We are committed to minimizing any impacts to the local community or the environment and will mitigate any potential impacts, as required by regulatory agencies. A helicopter will be used to replace 26 of the new poles east of the Garden State Parkway due to limited accessibility and to reduce the environmental impact of our work on the island portion of the project.

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

The project represents about \$14 million in work that will occur from 2020–2022 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 expect construction to begin in Fall 2020 and be completed by May 2021. We will continue to keep the community informed throughout the entire project. We have a dedicated point of contact, Ronnie Town, who can be reached at **609-909-3930** or **MT-WildwoodsReliability@exeloncorp.com** with questions and webpage **atlanticcityelectric.com/reliability** where you can find out more about the project’s status.

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