

## DELMARVA POWER TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY WITH NEW TRANSMISSION PROJECT

### Seaford to Laurel Overview

Delmarva Power is committed to provide safe and reliable electric service to more than 500,000 customers in Delaware and Maryland. We have a long tradition of community service and look forward to continuing to be a good neighbor and a reliable source of energy for our customers.

To maintain reliable electric service in Sussex County, Delmarva Power will rebuild a 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission line along established right-of-way between Seaford and Laurel, Del.

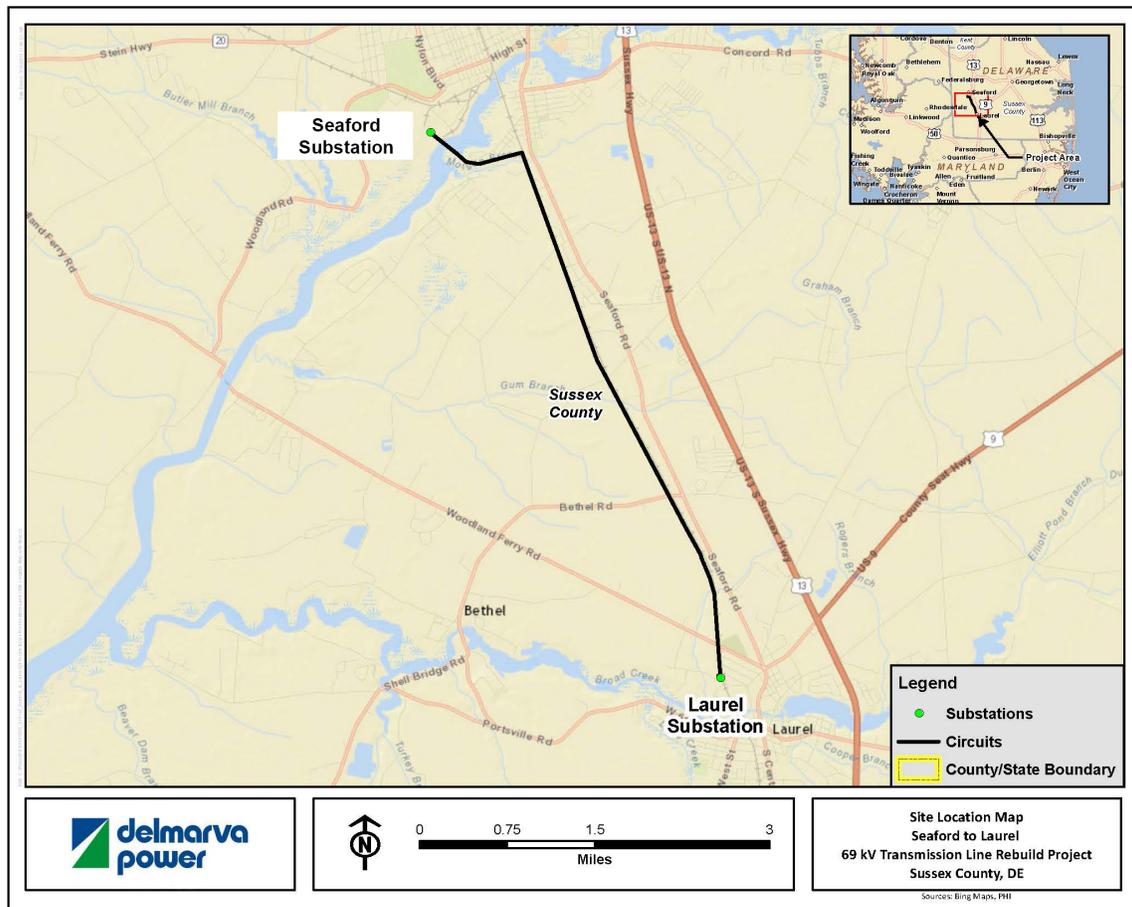
The project is intended to improve electric service reliability and features modernization of infrastructure which includes installation of steel poles, new conductors and fiber optic cable.

The rebuild of the approximately six mile transmission line is needed to provide transmission system redundancy in western Sussex County and Dorchester County, Md.

In addition, most of the current infrastructure was built in the mid-1950s. Delmarva Power determined that the replacement of the infrastructure, such as poles, wires and associated equipment is required to maintain the reliability of the transmission system.

Over the last several years, Delmarva Power has invested more than \$550 million to strengthen its transmission and distribution systems to improve electric service reliability. Improvements include the construction of new power lines, substations and other electrical infrastructure.

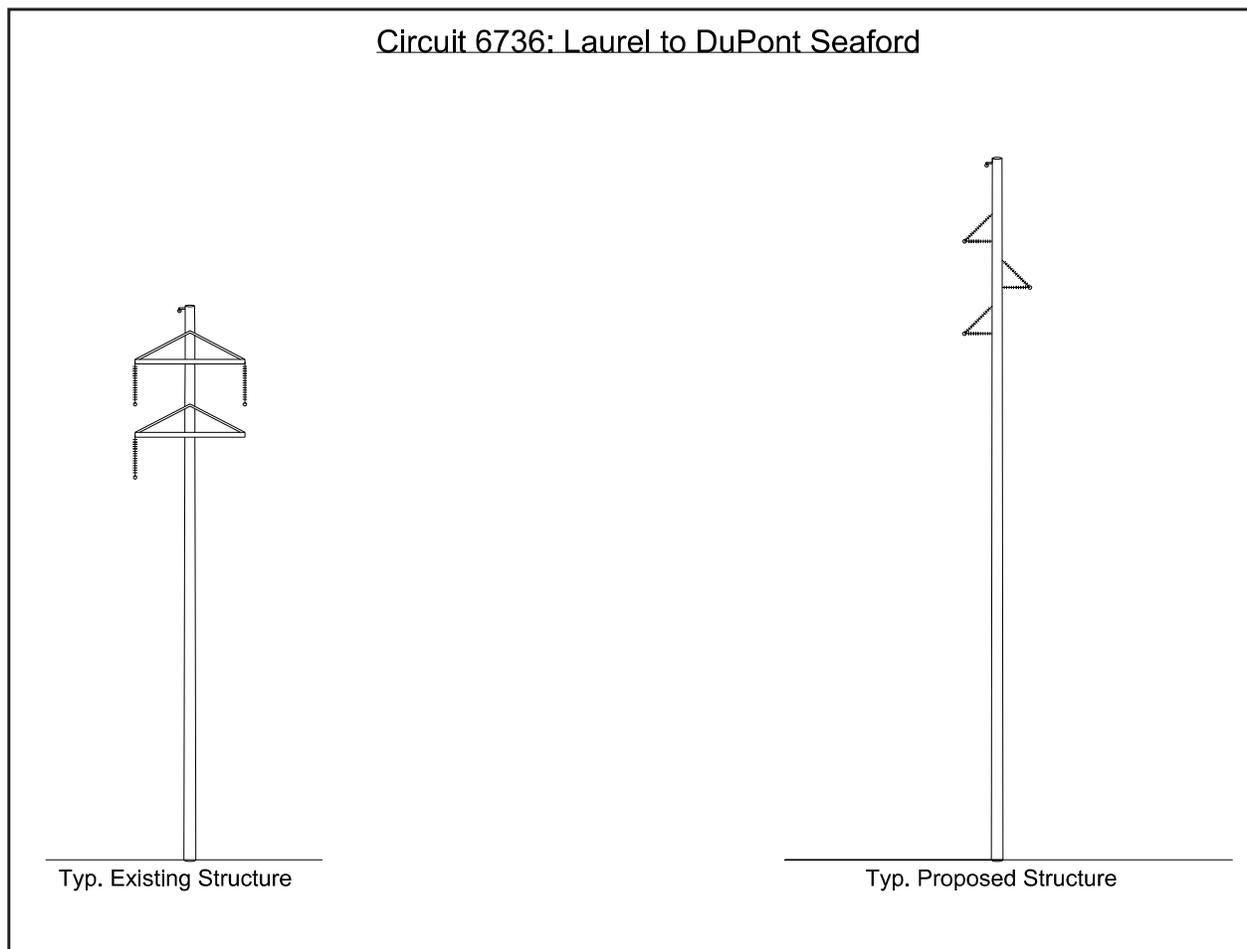
“This work will enhance electric service reliability and ensure that we continue to meet our customers’ needs,” said John Allen, Delmarva Power region vice president. “This project is one of numerous infrastructure improvements planned throughout our service territory over the next several years.”



## KEY FACTS

- Delmarva Power plans to rebuild an approximately six mile, 69 kV transmission line between Seaford and Laurel, Del.
- The project will replace 91 wooden poles that range in height from 50 to 60 feet with steel poles that will be 75 to 90 feet tall.
- The seven existing lattice towers in the Blades-Seaford area range in height from 82 to 135 feet and will be replaced with steel poles that are 95 to 140 feet tall.
- Steel poles are more durable, require less maintenance and can withstand hurricane force winds up to 120 mph.
- Construction on the project is expected to begin in October 2016 and be completed by March 2017.
- The transmission line serves Delmarva Power and Delaware Electric Cooperative customers, meaning the project will have a direct benefit for customers of both companies.
- The cost of the approximately \$9 million project will be borne by Delmarva Power customers as well as by customers of electric cooperatives and municipally-owned electric utilities in Delaware and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia (Delmarva Peninsula).

## POLE RENDERINGS



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