

# **Upgrades are Coming Your Way**

We work hard to provide you with safe, reliable service; and to ensure that's possible, in January, we'll begin contacting landowners about a project to improve electric reliability in Van Buren County. We will be constructing a new electric line along the route indicated in red on the map below. While we strive to ensure our efforts don't interrupt our customers, when they do, it's our commitment to let you know as many details as possible. We will notify you of future open houses where customers will be able to learn more. We will contact landowners along the route to discuss the project plan and necessary access needs. Forestry work and construction is planned to be completed by the end of 2025. This work includes:

#### **Forestry:**

The new corridor for the new line will be cleared to allow room for construction of the lines. Trees, brush and all vegetation will be cleared ground to sky to 40 feet on either side of the poles. Additionally, trees within 80 feet on either side of the pole will be assessed for trimming or removal to prevent future outages from occurring.

### **Construction:**

Crews will set new electrical poles along the right of way pictured on the map. They may not work sequentially along the route, moving around depending on material availability and work plan. We will utilize our existing line route whenever possible.

## **Electrical:**

Once new electrical poles are installed, crews will be back in your area to string upgraded wire and make any equipment upgrades necessary.



**Duration** January 2023 — December 2025

# Traffic

Minor traffic disruptions throughout the project are to be expected, especially when the infrastructure we are building crosses roads or highways.

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