

## Consumers Energy Will Not Use Original Route for New HVD Line in Van Buren County

*Energy provider will work to determine new route to provide more reliability for southwest Michigan*

Consumers Energy announced today that it will not use the original route proposed for the new 20-mile high voltage distribution line in Van Buren county. Community members provided valuable feedback and the energy provider will seek an alternative route to improve reliability in southwest Michigan while reducing the impacts to the surrounding community.

“Consumers Energy strives to be a strong partner with the communities we serve. We heard from a number of concerned community leaders and are listening. We will come up with an alternative route that works better for the region,” **said Greg Salisbury, Consumers Energy’s vice president of electric engineering.** “Our mission remains to find a prudent route to build this line in order to serve the future growth of Van Buren county as new residents, businesses, schools, libraries, and others choose to call southwest Michigan home. But as we listen to and work with the community, we will come up with a solution that minimizes the impact to the area while delivering reliable energy.”

Consumers Energy will remain in contact with members of the community and its leaders as it works through the process. The community is encouraged to call the project team at 800-647-8101 or email them at [POBoxCrandallProjects@cmsenergy.com](mailto:POBoxCrandallProjects@cmsenergy.com) if they have additional questions.

Consumers Energy is Michigan's largest energy provider, providing natural gas and/or electricity to 6.7 million of the state's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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