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Valley Link Donates \$35,000 to Support West Virginians Recovering from Historic July Floods

FAIRMONT, W.Va. – Valley Link Transmission Company LLC (Valley Link) has donated a total of \$35,000 to two nonprofit organizations providing critical relief and recovery assistance to West Virginia families impacted by the historic flooding that swept through the state in July.

The devastating floods struck communities across north-central West Virginia just as the Valley Link team was conducting its first round of public open houses for the Valley North Project. As team members met with residents and local stakeholders throughout the region, they witnessed firsthand the challenges facing families, businesses and communities as flooding and recovery efforts unfolded. In the weeks that followed, Valley Link maintained its presence in the region, continuing to engage with residents and local leaders as recovery work got underway.

“When our team was in the region this summer, we witnessed firsthand the destructive impact these floods had on families and communities. We also saw something else: neighbors helping neighbors and communities coming together in times of need,” said Alex Weld, Valley Link Project Outreach Lead in West Virginia. “Valley Link is proud to support those recovery efforts through this donation, and we remain committed to being a long-term partner in the communities where we work.”

To help meet urgent and ongoing recovery needs, Valley Link has provided financial support to the following organizations leading relief efforts in affected communities:

- **Tygart Valley United Way (\$20,000)** supports the Lewis Upshur Flood Assistance Fund, providing flood relief and recovery assistance, including direct payments to eligible households impacted by the July flooding.
- **The Upshur Parish House (\$15,000)** provides emergency assistance to residents in Upshur County, including food security, housing and utility support, transportation assistance and other critical services for families facing hardship.

The funding will help the organizations address immediate and long-term recovery needs, including food assistance, emergency housing and utility support, transportation services, family assistance programs and broader community recovery efforts.

While each organization will determine how the funding is allocated based on local needs, the combined \$35,000 donation represents a meaningful investment in flood recovery efforts.

Based on national food bank and emergency assistance cost estimates, \$35,000 could help provide:

- More than 10,000 meals for families facing food insecurity
- Emergency food boxes for 500 to 1,000 households
- Utility assistance that helps hundreds of families avoid service disconnections
- Transportation support for medical appointments, work and essential services
- Emergency housing and stabilization assistance for families displaced by flooding

“The road to recovery is long for many families affected by July’s flooding, and partnerships like this help us meet both immediate needs and ongoing challenges,” said Brett White, Chief Executive Officer of Tygart Valley United Way. “We appreciate Valley Link’s support and their commitment to the communities they are getting to know through the Valley North Project. This contribution demonstrates that they are not only interested in building infrastructure in our region, but also in investing in the well-being of local families and helping our communities recover and move forward.”

About Valley Link

Valley Link is a joint venture of Dominion Energy, FirstEnergy Transmission LLC and Transource Energy LLC (jointly owned by American Electric Power and Evergy). PJM Interconnection, the regional transmission operator, selected and approved Valley Link's Valley North Project as part of a broader effort to maintain reliability and meet growing energy needs across PJM's 13-state region, including West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia.

The Valley North Project includes approximately 260 miles of new 765-kilovolt (kV) transmission lines between Putnam County, W.Va., and Frederick County, Md., and two new substations in Hardy County, W.Va., and Frederick County, Md. A final route has not yet been selected. Route options under consideration will be available for public review during a second round of open houses planned for later this fall in communities along the potential routes.

For more information about Valley Link and the Valley North Project, please visit vltransmission.com/valley-north.

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