

Peermont Project



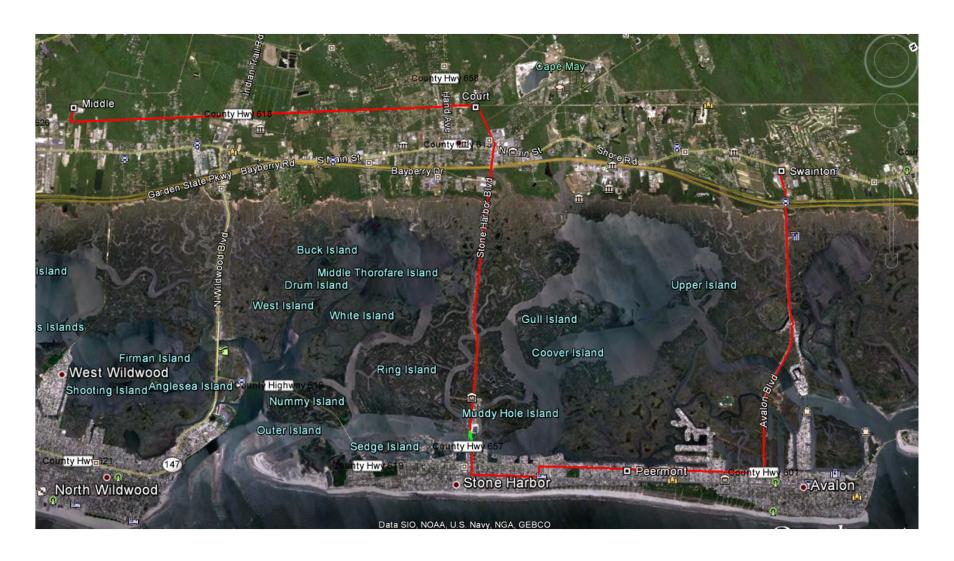
Borough of Stone Harbor Upgrades

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Purpose & Need

- Surrounding area has grown substantially over the years
- Existing substation and transmission lines are near their load capacity
- New infrastructure is required to meet growing electric demand
- Increased reliability from steel pole infrastructure during coastal storms & extreme weather

Peermont Project – Transmission Route Overview



Transmission Route Detail – Great Channel Crossing

UNDERGROUND 69 KV CROSSING OF THE GREAT CHANNEL

INTERCONNECTING MIDDLE TOWNSHIP WITH THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR



MIDDLE TOWNSHIP BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR

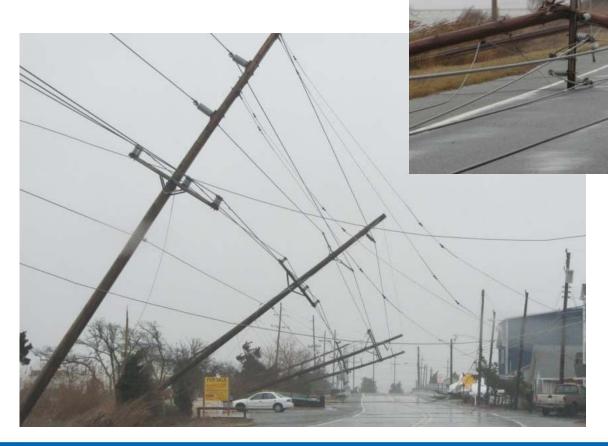
Summary of Upgrades for the Peermont Project

- Two existing 23kV transmission lines will be upgraded to new 69kV transmission lines to accommodate need for additional capacity
- Steel pole designs for transmission projects are now a standard across the Atlantic City Electric service territory to withstand extreme weather events
- Wood poles will be replaced with galvanized steel poles on the island and causeways
- 12kV distribution lines in Stone Harbor and Avalon will be reconductored as part of the project
- The existing Peermont Substation will be demolished and rebuilt with a new 69/12kV substation

Improving Reliability

- Some existing poles and wires on the island are approaching 45 years old
- The salty coastal environment puts wood utility poles and equipment at a higher risk for damage, especially during significant storm events such as Hurricane Sandy
- Upgrading wood poles to steel poles with additional capacity at 69kV will allow ACE to continue to provide safe reliable electric service to customers on 7 Mile Island well into the future
- New poles are designed to withstand 120 mph winds

March 2013 Storm Stone Harbor Blvd

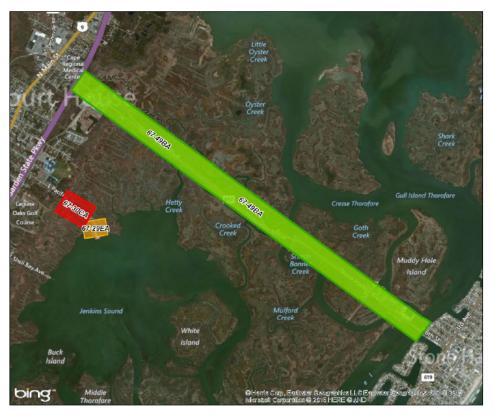


Benefits of Steel Poles

- Self Supporting
 - Steel poles can eliminate the need for guy wires, stub poles & push poles
- Longevity
 - Steel poles have a longer service life than wood poles and require much less maintenance over time
- Size
 - New poles will be taller and slightly larger in diameter due to National Electric Safety Code requirements and ACE electrical clearance standards
 - Regardless of the new pole material, many of the pole dimensions would be similar
 - Many of the new conductors will be raised
- Visual Impact
 - All steel poles are uniform in shape, size, and color

Avian Protection Standards – Addressing Collision Risk

 Line marking addresses collision risk for birds moving across water ways and marsh





Avian Protection Standards – Addressing Electrocution Risk

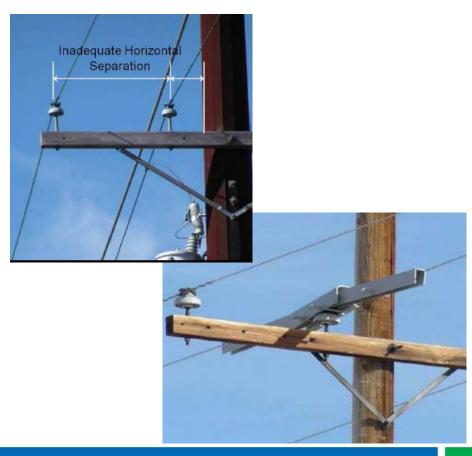
<u>Transmission</u> - Use of longer insulators to allow safe perching



Table 10-1. Recommended distances for horizontal and vertical wire clearances on transmission lines.

κV	HORIZONTAL SPACING (INCHES)	VERTICAL SPACING (INCHES)
≤60	60	40
69	62	42
115	71	51
138	76	56
230	94	74
ource: APLIC 2006; NESC calcu	lations	

 <u>Distribution Under Build</u> - Use of longer crossarms and protective covers to allow safe perching on crossarms



Avian Protection Standards – Mary Armacost Park

- Heron Rookery between 71st and 74th Street
 - Great Egrets
 - Black-crowned Night Herons



 Implementing line marking (collision risk) and protective covers (electrocution risk)

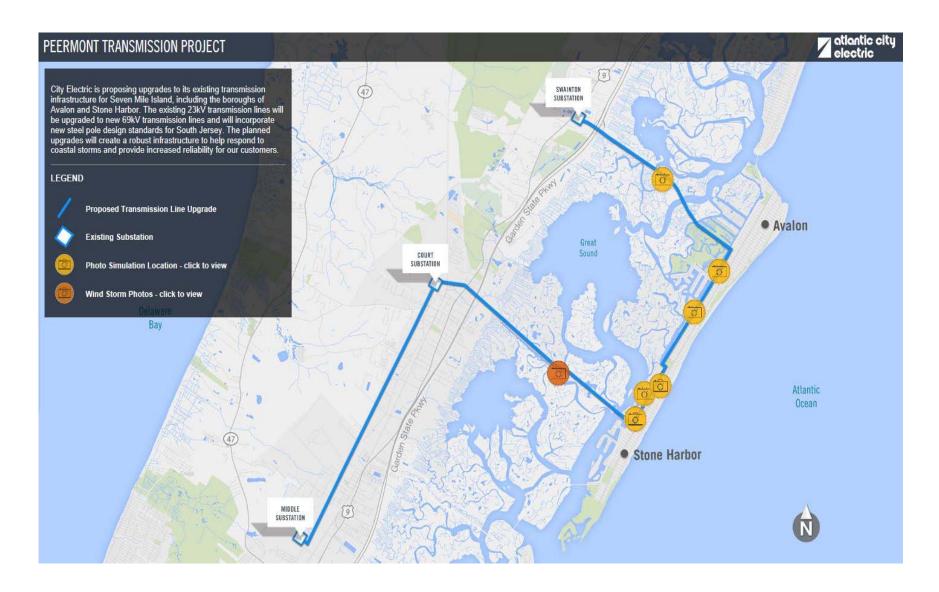




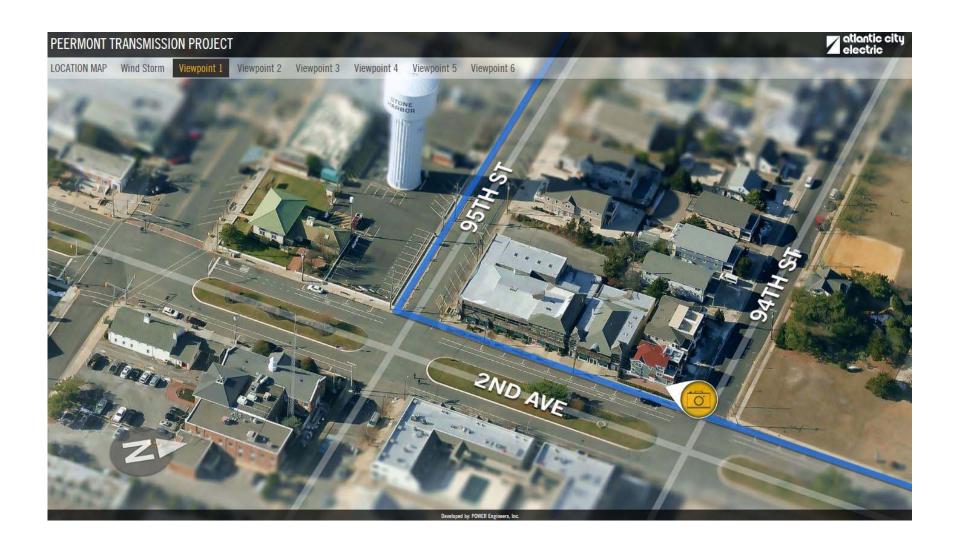
Underground vs Overhead

- Cost
 - Underground installation of transmission lines is eight to ten times more expensive than overhead
 - Additional cost of undergrounding would be passed on to ACE rate payers
- Maintenance Challenges
 - Underground transmission materials are not readily available resulting in longer outage durations
 - Locating underground faults can be time consuming and lead to longer repair times compared to overhead lines
- Installation Challenges
 - Significant dewatering would be needed in order to install trenches for underground duct bank
- Underground transmission installations are typically used in ACE service territory where there is not adequate clearances to buildings due to a higher voltage or lack of setbacks

Peermont Photo Simulations – Route



Peermont Photo Simulations: Viewpoint 1



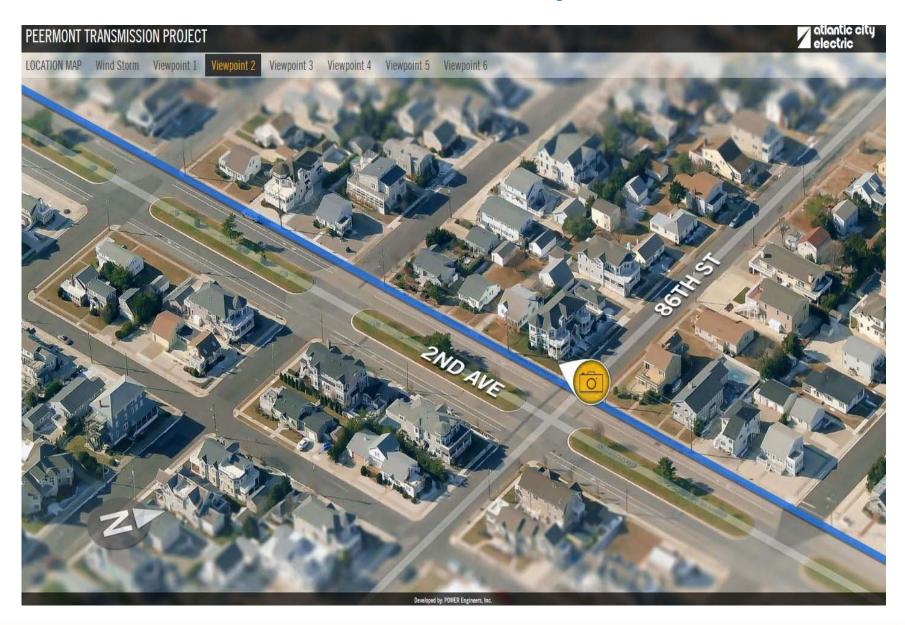
Peermont Photo Simulations – Viewpoint 1 Existing



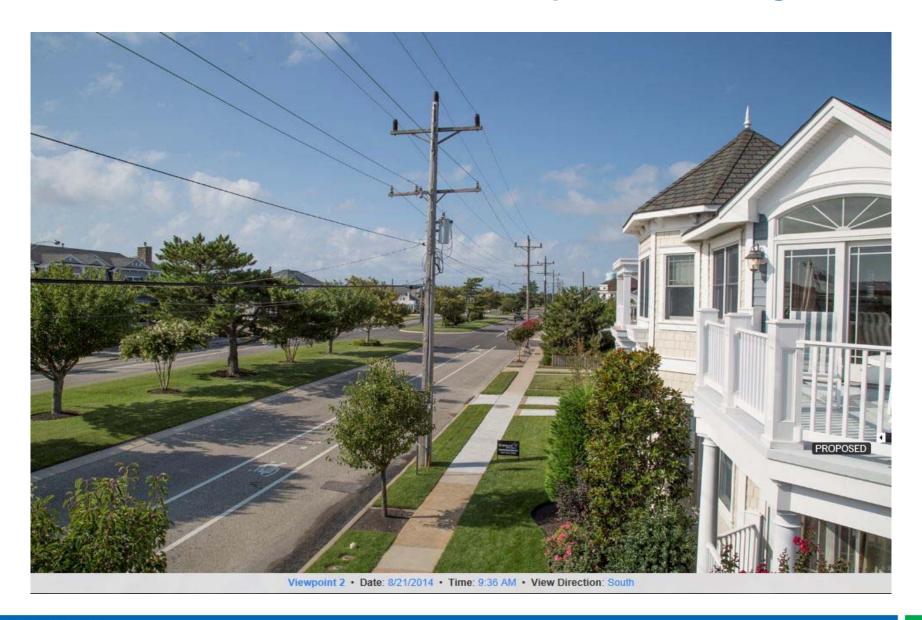
Peermont Photo Simulations – Viewpoint 1 Proposed



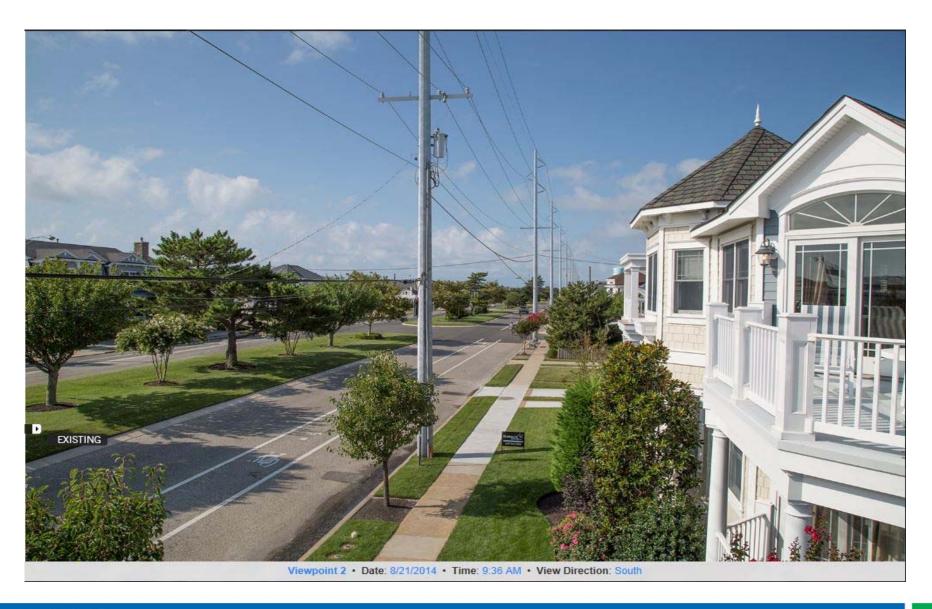
Peermont Photo Simulations – Viewpoint 2



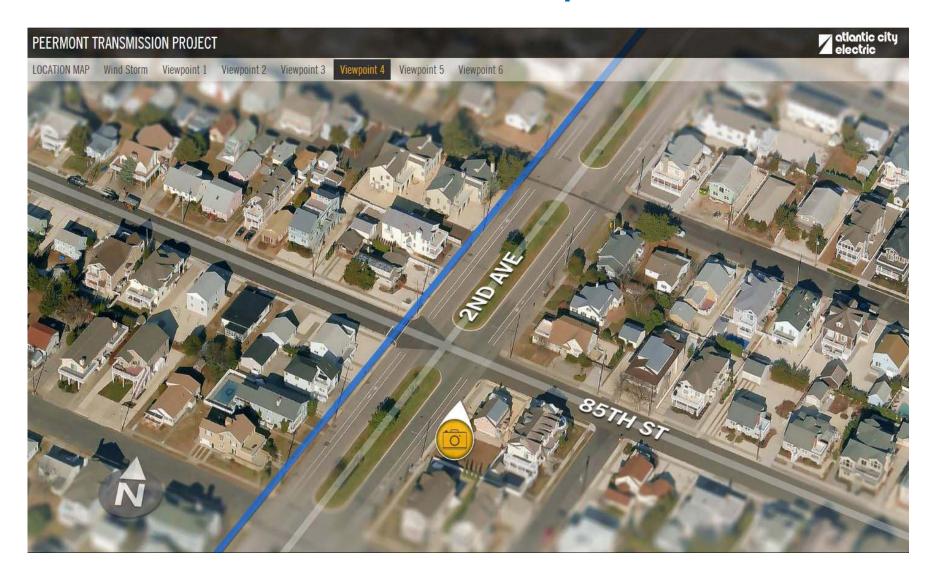
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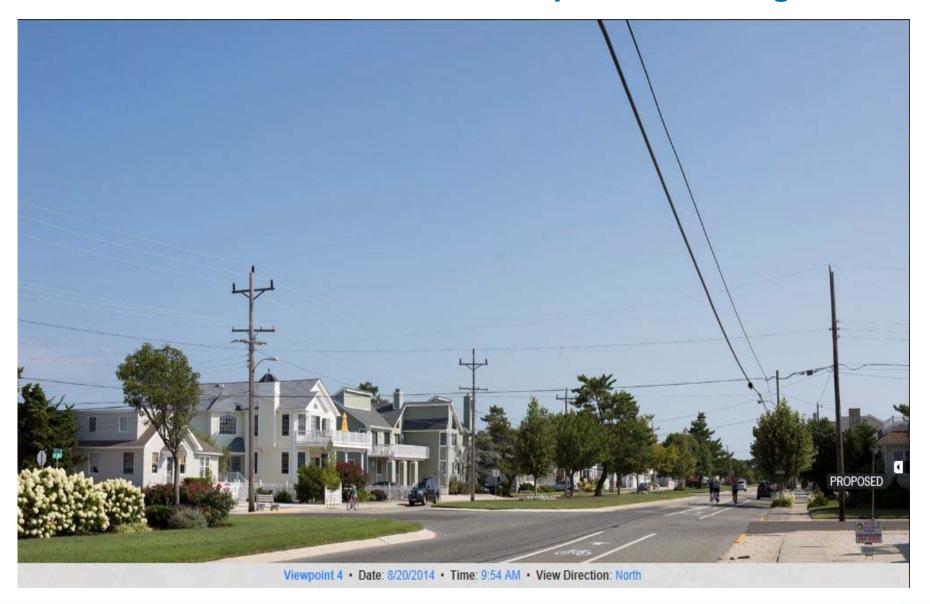
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Peermont Photo Simulations –Viewpoint 3



Peermont Photo Simulations –Viewpoint 3 Existing



Peermont Photo Simulations –Viewpoint 3 Proposed



Project Timeline

- Transmission line construction on 7-Mile Island will occur September 2015 – May 2016
- The majority of construction is scheduled to occur during the daytime and the work will be completed in the off season
- Some of our upgrades will require roadwork but we plan to minimize disruptions to customers whenever possible
- Notifications to property owners in the project area will provide updates on pre-construction and construction activities
- Additional 12kV distribution feeder upgrades on the island will continue into 2017