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Via Hand Delivery

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Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street – 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**RE: OPSB Case No. 06-1357-EL-BTX
Correspondence Submitted to Staff**

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

As required by Ohio Administrative Code §4906-5-09, enclosed please find the proof of publication in the local newspaper of the initial public notice regarding Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 06-1357-EL-BTX, In the Matter of the Application of American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc., for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for an Electric Power Transmission Line and Related Facilities. Also enclosed is a copy of the notice as it appeared in *The Daily Sentinel*.

Respectfully,



Nathaniel S. Orosz
Counsel for American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc.

cc: Judge Gregory Price – 12th Floor

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Pomeroy, OH

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The State of Ohio,

Meigs County, ss:

I, Charlene Hoefflich, General Manager,

The Daily Sentinel

Make solemn oath that notice, of which the attached

is a true copy, was published in The Pomeroy Daily Sentinel,

a newspaper printed in the Village of Pomeroy in said

County of Meigs, and of general circulation in said

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we can compete against anybody every night now." best on the team with 34 points. enth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs on Wednesday in Chicago.

Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility

Columbus. His Stars won the Stanley Cup in 1999. He said this is the first time he's come into a job where the team wasn't "ready-made" and poised to make a run at a title.

"I don't just want to be a coach who hops on the bandwagon of a team that's already emerged. I want to be on the building side of things, from the ground floor up," he said. "We're really looking forward to what's going to take place here."

In his first full season behind the Columbus bench, Hitchcock's Blue Jackets set franchise records for wins (34) and points (80) while going 34-36-12 in 2007-8.

General manager Scott Howson said it was important for the Blue Jackets to lock up Hitchcock to continue the franchise's development. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

"I don't think there's anyone in the hockey industry who wouldn't have Hitch at the top or near the top of the list of coaches," Howson said. "This is a really critical step for us, to have some stability and credibility at the head coaching position. It's a great day for us to know that Hitch is going to be here with us as we seek to become a playoff team and then a Stanley Cup team."

The Blue Jackets have been active in the past month, making major trades that brought center/winger R.J. Umberger from Philadelphia, forward Rafi Torres from Edmonton and defenseman Fedor Tyutin and Christian Backman from the New York Rangers, along with the free-agent signings of forward Kristian Husejans and defenseman Mike Commodore. The club traded away inconsistent and disappointing young players Gilbert Brule, Nikolai Zherdev and Dan Fritsche.

The Blue Jackets finished 11 points out of the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference a year ago. "Last year I was really proud of our team because we maxed out a lot,"

Name and Description of the Proposed Facility

American Municipal Power-Ohio (AMP-Ohio) proposes to construct an electric transmission line and associated interconnection switchyard located in Levan Township and Sutton Township, Meigs County, Ohio. This project is known as the AMP-OGS Transmission Line. As required by the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4906, AMP-Ohio seeks a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the State of Ohio's Power Siting Board.

Date, Time and Location of Public Hearing

The Ohio Power Siting Board will be holding hearings where the public is invited to provide written or oral comments regarding this proposed transmission line. A non-adjudicatory hearing will be held on September 17, 2008, at 6 p.m. at Meigs High School, 42091 Pomeroy Pike, Pomeroy, Ohio, 45769.

An adjudicatory hearing will be held September 22, 2008, beginning at 10 a.m. at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793, Hearing Room 11C.

The deadline for filing a petition to intervene as established by the administrative law judge is within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Petitions should be addressed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

This notice is the first notice published regarding this project and the project's respective hearing dates.

The project includes construction of an approximately 5-mile long 345 kilovolt transmission line and related facilities necessary to transmit the electricity generated by a proposed 960 Megawatt net electric generation facility, consisting of two 480 MW net electric generating units, to be built in the vicinity of Levan Trails, Meigs County, Ohio. To honor its public power function, the proposed generation facility is named the American Municipal Power Generating Station ("AMP-GS"). The transmission project is an inextricable component of the



AMP-GS project, and is not being undertaken on a stand-alone basis.

The application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is now pending before the State of Ohio Power Siting Board. This application has been assigned Case Number 06-1357-EL-BTX. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this proceeding.

The accompanying map depicts the proposed and alternate routes. The project is located in Meigs County, Ohio. It should be noted that due to the reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide. Copies of the actual siting application, including specific details of location and construction, are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Meigs County District Library
Ms. Kristi Eblin, Director
216 West Main Street
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
(740) 992-5813
- Ohio Power Siting Board
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793
(866) 270-6772
- American Municipal Power-Ohio
Kent Carson, Director of Communications
2600 Airport Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43219
(614) 337-6222

An electronic version of the application can be found at the Ohio Power Siting Board's Web site at <http://psb.ohio.gov>. To retrieve the application, search under "Current Cases" for case number 06-1357-EL-BTX.

Pursuant to Rule 4906-5-06 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the following local government officials in Meigs County have been served with a copy of the application:

- Meigs County Commissioners
Mr. Michael Davenport, President
100 East Second Street
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
- Meigs County Health Department
Mr. Larry Marshall, Health Commissioner
112 East Memorial Drive
Pomeroy, Ohio 45771
- Mr. Robert Morris
Levan Township Trustee
49435 Lighthouse Road
Racine, Ohio 45771
- Meigs County District Library
Ms. Kristi Eblin, Director
216 West Main Street
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
- Meigs SWCD
Mr. Joe Bolin, Chairman
33101 Highland Road
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
- Thruppers Plains-Chester Water District
Mr. Donald Poole, Operations General Manager
39561 Holly Lane
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
- Meigs County Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Mr. Perry Varnadoe, Executive Director
228 West Main Street
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
- Meigs County Engineer
Mr. Eugene Triplett
106 Holly Lane
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
- Sutton Township Trustee
Mr. Larry Bersbach
P.O. Box 147
Syracuse, Ohio 45779

The Ohio Power Siting Board has served the following state agencies

with copies of the application: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; Ohio Department of Agriculture; Ohio Department of Development; Ohio Department of Health; Ohio Department of Natural Resources; Ohio Department of Transportation; Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; Ohio Historical Society.

Criteria Used to Review the Application

The following eight criteria are set forth in Section 4906.10 (A) of the Revised Code and will be used, along with additional information, by the Board in the reviewing of the application for a certificate to construct, operate and maintain the AMP-GS Transmission Line:

- The basis of the need for the facility. In the case of a major utility facility described in division (B)(1) of Section 4906.01 of the Revised Code, the Board shall presume the need for the facility as that need is stated in an application pursuant to division (A)(3) of Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code.
- The nature of the probable environmental impact of the proposed facility.
- Whether the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology, the nature and economics of various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations.
- In the case of electric transmission lines, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the regional power grid of electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems, and the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability.
- The facility will comply with Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under Sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the Board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of the multi-modal planning and programs of the Department of Transportation.

under Section 4561.341 of the Revised Code:

- The facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
 - The facility's impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site of the proposed major utility facility; and
 - The facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.
- Section 4906.07 of the Revised Code provides that:
- (A) Upon the receipt of an application complying with Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the Power Siting Board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.
 - (B) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the Board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such a facility other than as provided in the alternatives set forth in the application.
 - (C) The Chairman of the Power Siting Board shall cause each application filed with the Board to be investigated and shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date of any application is set for hearing, submit a written report to the Board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.



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