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Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation

Case No.: 08-1070-EL-BLN
Project: Yellowbush 138 kV Extension
Applicant: Ohio Power Company (American Electric Power, Ohio)

Report Date: October 17, 2008

Automatic Approval Date: October 25, 2008 (Letter of Notification process)

Waiver Requests: 90-Day Filing Time Requirement for Letter of Notification

Inspection Date(s): October 15, 2008

Staff Assigned: J. Pawley

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see report text for discussion):

Application: ☒ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☐ Approval with Conditions
Waiver: ☒ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☐ Not Applicable

Summary of Staff Recommended Conditions:

- None

Projected Docket Closure Date (if approved by the Board): January 15, 2011

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Project Description: This project consists of tapping the existing Sporn-Kaiser #1 138 kV line and installing approximately 230 feet of new 138 kV transmission line in order to serve a proposed customer owned distribution station. The project will require the installation of one self-supporting switch pole and dead-end tap pole, and one direct embedded switch pole. The distribution station is proposed to service a coal mining and washing facility (Gatling Ohio LLC). All poles associated with this tap project will be steel, and all are located on property owned by Gatling Ohio LLC. Construction of the mining operation is presently underway.

Site Description: This project is located in Sutton Township, Meigs County, Ohio. The site has been previously graded and is under construction for the mining operation, including the distribution substation. Access to the site is directly from Yellowbush Road (T-100).

Discussion/Comments/Concerns: The Applicant has requested a waiver of the 90-day filing time requirement in order to coordinate timing of the tap with construction scheduling of the distribution station at the request of their customer. No ecological or cultural issues were identified at the site. The location of the distribution station and tap is on private property owned by the customer making the tap request. Staff is not opposed to the Applicant's waiver request to coordinate timing of the tap. The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and environmental impacts.

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