

Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation

Case No.: 09-053-EL-BLN
Project: 138 kV Electric Radial Transmission Line
Applicant: Carroll Electric Cooperative

Report Date: March 2, 2009

Automatic Approval Date: March 9, 2009 (Letter of Notification process)

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

Inspection Date(s): February 17, 2009

Staff Assigned: J. Pawley, S. Malone (OEPA), C. Cunningham

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:

- Applicant shall undertake proper erosion and sediment control along Pipes Fork Creek, and shall mat the floodplain area adjacent to the creek for protection against vehicles entering the floodplain area for construction purposes.
- Applicant shall coordinate traffic control along Cobbler Road (County Road 71) during construction of the line with Carroll County transportation officials.

Projected Docket Closure Date (if approved by the Board): June 1, 2011

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Project Description: This project consists of constructing a 1.3 mile extension of a 138 kV transmission line in Carroll County. The extension will predominately follow an existing distribution line route. The project will provide 138 kV service to the Carroll Electric Cooperative's Washington Substation, which is currently being upgraded (Case No. 08-1307-EL-BLN involved a tap to this substation). The Washington Substation is served by a 12 kV distribution line from AEP's Carrollton Substation. The proposed transmission connection point will be to the west, from the Burger-Knox 138 kV line.

Site Description: This project is located north of Carrollton Village in Washington Township, Carroll County, Ohio. The immediate vicinity is rural in nature with some nearby residences and a township garage. All easements for the line have been secured by Carroll Electric Cooperative. The route will cross Pipes Fork Creek, and generally run parallel to Cobbler Road (County Road 71) providing adequate access.

Discussion/Comments/Concerns: Staff is not opposed to the Applicant's waiver request, in essence to begin tree clearing before April 1 to avoid impacts to the Indiana bat, and to time construction of this line with the Washington Substation. With the Staff recommended conditions, the construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and environmental impacts.

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