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RE: Case No. 08-0170-EL-BTX  
Roberts-OSU 138 kV Transmission Line Project

In response to a letter dated June 10, 2009 from American Electric Power, I am requesting that consideration be given to following the proposed alternate route for the Roberts Road-OSU transmission line.

My home is located on the preferred route, in an area that would be impacted by the installation of the new overhead lines. While the increase in pole height of 15' may not appear to create any substantial impact to my property, the additional changes to the area will have permanent, negative impact to my residence.

I have lived at 3217 Dublin Road for more than 21 years, and have taken care to properly maintain and improve the property. As with most individuals, my residence is my most valuable, and valued, asset. The potential changes to the property will negatively affect the aesthetics, value, and marketability of my property.

The proposed preferred route has potential to damage the stream that is located on my property, as the Staff Report of Investigations states, including "potential for erosion and sedimentation, and aesthetic impacts." Clearing my property of mature trees will result in a loss of protection to the stream, wildlife sanctuary for deer, and will virtually erase my privacy from the busy Dublin Road traffic. Retention of tree stumps to prevent further erosion, as prescribed by the Report, will further reduce the aesthetics and marketability of the property. The property will be permanently scarred.

Although I understand that the need exists for the installation of the line, it is apparent that an alternative exists. It appears that none of the residences located on the alternate route, where lines would run overhead, would have these placed at the front of their properties. I would ask that that line be installed on the alternate route. If that is found to be unacceptable, that I am asking that the same consideration be given to those of us living in Columbus as those who have been represented by the City of Arlington. If the line must go in front of my property, then bury it.

I find it difficult to imagine the personal loss that would result with the installation of the proposed line in front of my home. No amount of compensation would restore my property to its current condition. Please take the alternate route so that my neighbors and I may continue to enjoy the properties in which we have so much invested.

Sincerely,



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