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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

To Whom It May Concern:

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I want to convey my deepest sympathy to you and your staff, as it must be very difficult to live with yourselves, knowing the infinite damage you are doing to your immediate Vassell Substation neighbors and to the greater community of Sunbury/Galena.

The consideration is made only for the convenience and financial savings for AEP because of the convergence of the 745 and 365 kV lines. I'm quite sure that AEP has the financial solvency to place this huge, ugly, voltage-belching, facility further away from community, schools, and a thriving rural village. Not to mention that you are flanking our property on two sides (South and East) with a thirty-six acre Vassell substation rendering this Ohio, Sunbury, landmark worthless and non-salable: It is the home of Billy Southworth of National Baseball Hall of Fame. There are documentaries being made and books written (with many photos) of his life. Do you want photos of what surrounds his home in this book? I have no control over the continued filming of the documentaries.

Where is the <u>alternate</u> plan? There is only lip service to that issue as you only offered up a different configuration on the same parcel of land! That in and of itself does not make it an alternate plan. You are also placing this project on the "eastern gateway" (Route 37) to Delaware County and the selected site of Ohio's Fallen Heroes Memorial.

As the "little people" appealing to your consideration and compassion we will be "bulldozed" by the Giant that needs to consider saving its company money. Is it not of concern to you that the <u>impact</u> rests on those whose voices are not loud enough or important enough?

Messing with the real estate value of many is unconscionable and we are the "little people" that made you big!

Yours Truly, larale Vataon

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