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Re: Bruce Nutley
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September 7, 2011

The Ohio Power Siting Board
Todd Snitchler, Chairman
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 45215

Mr. Snitchler:

Please find enclosed correspondence that I have received from my constituents, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Nutley of Felicity, Ohio. The letter contains information concerning the Mehldahl Project involving American Municipal Power building a hydroelectric power plant on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River and crossing to the Ohio side onto several pieces of property owned by local residents.

I was very disappointed to learn that on multiple occasions, the Nutley's have tried to discuss different options with the board, however, no attention has been given to their concerns and questions.

I have explained to the Nutley's that as their federal representative, I have no jurisdiction over the issue. However, I wanted to bring this matter to your attention, in hopes that you could begin an open line of communication with the Nutley's and other local residents. I have also requested that the Ohio Legislative delegation look into the matter.

The contact information for Bruce and Neda Nutley:
2646 US Highway 52
Felicity, Ohio 45120
Home phone: 513-876-2534

I appreciate your attention to this matter, in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.

Please don't hesitate to contact my District Representative, Stephen Caraway, at 740-354-1440 should you have questions.

Sincerely,

Jean Schmidt
Member of Congress

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Date: August 4, 2011

To: Stephen Caraway, Field Representative for U. S. Congresswoman Jean Schmidt

Subject: Mehldahl Project with Hamilton, Ohio & AMP- Hydroelectric Power Plant being
Built on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River and crossing to the Ohio side onto
Our residence

This project has seven families involved at this time and two of the seven have settled with Hamilton for right of way easement. The other five are still in process of negotiating. My understanding is that no-one is in favor of the proposed route with each family having their own issues to be addressed.

Our contact with Hamilton AMP at this time is Jim Piriano who works for Hamilton, Ohio. He was hired out of retirement to help resolve issues stemming from the easement right of way. He has an associate by the name of Liggett that confers with others with their issues. We have tried to be flexible, allowing Hamilton to survey the proposed route and we have met with our contact Jim Piriano about several concerns.

I might add that the route is tentative with the Ohio power sighting board. I really do not know if this is true because everything told to us today is changed after they tell us within days and even hours by Hamilton or whoever is in charge of engineering this project. This should not be a moving target as far as proposed route as well as poles used in construction. Ohio Power sighting board representatives were supposed to be here Wed 08/03/11 but I do not know if any of the owners had a chance to meet with them as they viewed the route.

After the layout of the proposed route by the surveyors we now must contract a Geo Technical engineer concerning placement of poles and anchors, which have now been added because someone on Hamilton's side felt cost effectiveness went from originally 3 metal structures to 2 wood structures. This can change again from what we have seen thus far with consistency within this group.

We have shown and discussed with Jim Piriano one major concern we have over these lines on our property. These 135KV lines will hang directly over our incoming service of power as well as phone service and Internet service. We have voiced our concerns many times and all anyone from the Engineering group can tell us it should not be a problem according to National Stds. However we are already experiencing noise in our phone line and the service tech told us it is because of the electric energy in the atmosphere. We only have a minimal amount of electric coming into our house now, multiply that 10 times and it will only be worse.

We have Strike Stop through Duke Energy on our house to stop surges or lightning strikes. I contacted them Monday, August 1, and was told that there is no UNIT ON THE Market that will stop a possible surge from these lines to our residence, result destroy the wiring and possible fire of residence and contents.

The path proposed will definitely impact our property in an unfavorable way, perhaps creating unlivable conditions.

We have requested that Hamilton move the 300 foot towers parallel to the river, in Kentucky where there are no homes or pasture affected, and come across the South entrance wall of the Dam and place the other 300 foot tower on government property and change the route by one mile along a corridor that is not affected by residency. If this is a government funded project why would the Corps of Engineers care if power line support poles are on property they do not use for parks or recreation, if the line runs parallel to the river in Ky and then come across? These lines will not affect their cranes for work. If so they will affect the actual proposed route above on the North side of the damn. But, again, no action from Hamilton as to this suggestion and proposal.

We have contacted Senator Niehaus and U. S. Congressperson, Jean Schmidt to see if there are any alternatives.

We have an eminent domain lawyer by the name of Tom Tepe. He is with Klekamp, Muething, and Keating in Cincinnati. We have all correspondence from Hamilton Amp going through him.

We are very frustrated that the Ohio Power Sighting Board is more concerned about Environmental impacts than personal issues and safety. I find that very frustrating when the agent mentioned this to me Monday when I met with him that the environment is more important than humans well being. Hamilton AMP did a survey on our property for the Indiana Bat and certain wildflowers. If either of these had been found the project could not come on our property. They said neither was found although the survey was done in November when wildflowers are not in season.

Our understanding that property can be taken by eminent domain for a roadway but can this be done for high voltage electric lines for a hydro-electric plant with allocated funds in escrow?

Any help from your office will greatly be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Bruce Nutley
Neda Nutley

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