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BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of AEP )  
Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. for a )  
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility )  
and Public Need for the Trent-Vassell )  
138 kV Transmission Line Project. )

Case No. 11-1314-EL-BTX

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF SCOTT JOSEPH

1 Q: Please state your name and business address

2 A: My name is Scott Joseph and my business address is 700 Morrison Road, Gahanna, Ohio  
3 43230.

4 Q: By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

5 A: I am employed by AEP Service Corporation (AEP). My present position is a Transmission  
6 Project Manager.

7 Q: Please describe your duties and responsibilities in that position.

8 A: I am responsible for the project management of activities and project teams required for the  
9 successful installation of Transmission Line and T&D Station facilities including management  
10 of logistics, communication, planning, scheduling, siting, right-of-way, real estate acquisition,  
11 engineering, procurement, contracting, construction and financial aspects of each project.  
12 Projects range from transmission line and station improvements to distribution station projects.

13 Q: Please describe your educational background and professional experience.

14 A: I obtained a BSEE in Electrical Engineering from The University of Toledo in 1984.

15 For almost 28 years, I have been continuously employed by AEP from 1984 – 2012.

16 AEP Transmission:

17 From 2006 – Present: I have performed the responsibilities of a Transmission Project Manager,  
18 as discussed above.

19 From 2003 -2006: I was the Project & Construction Management – Controls Manager.

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1 From 2000 – 2003: I was the Supervisor of Project Management Support.

2 **AEP Transmission – Columbus, Ohio Region:**

3 From 1998 – 2000: I was Supervisor of Project Administration.

4 **AEP – Ohio, Central Ohio Transmission Station Region:**

5 From 1996 – 1998: I was a Sr. Electrical Engineer for AEP.

6 **AEP – Ohio, Central Ohio Distribution Region:**

7 From 1994 – 1996: I was a Sr. Electrical Engineer.

8 From 1991 – 1994: I was an Electrical Engineer I.

9 From 1989 – 1990: I was an Energy Services Engineer.

10 From 1984 – 1989: I was an Electrical Engineer.

11 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

12 A: The purpose of my testimony is to support the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation (“Joint  
13 Stipulation”) filed on May 11, 2012, and entered into by the Ohio Power Siting Board Staff,  
14 AEP Ohio Transmission Company (“AEP Transco”), Media Investments, LLC and Dantomka,  
15 Ltd. (hereinafter, the “Signatory Parties”). The Signatory Parties recommend that the  
16 Commission approve the Joint Stipulation and issue its Opinion and Order in accordance with  
17 the recommendations made in the Joint Stipulation. This testimony demonstrates that: (1) the  
18 Joint Stipulation is a product of serious bargaining among capable, knowledgeable parties; (2)  
19 the Joint Stipulation does not violate any important regulatory principle or practice; and (3) the  
20 Joint Stipulation, as a whole, will benefit customers and the public interest.

21 **Q: Please summarize the major provision of the Joint Stipulation.**

22 A: The Joint Stipulation supports the selection of the Alternate Route, which is outlined in the  
23 Application. Specifically, AEP Transco proposes to construct the 138 kV Transmission Line  
24 between the existing Trent substation and the recently approved Vassell substation (case  
25 number 11-1313-EL-BSB) in Delaware County, Ohio, which are located approximately two

1 miles apart. The proposed 3.1 mile Alternate Route will exit the 138 kV yard of the Vassell  
2 substation slightly north and head east across the station property and two agricultural fields to  
3 the east of the station property before turning north along agricultural fields, crossing State  
4 Route 37, Hartford Road and State Route 3.

5 **Q: Does the Joint Stipulation represent a product of serious bargaining among capable,**  
6 **knowledgeable parties?**

7 A: Yes, it does. All Parties to the Joint Stipulation were represented by experienced, competent  
8 counsel. Also, the Parties to the Joint Stipulation are knowledgeable in matters before the Ohio  
9 Power Siting Board. All parties were invited to participate in settlement discussions regarding  
10 the Joint Stipulation. All parties who participated in settlement discussions were provided  
11 copies of the draft Joint Stipulation. Versions of the agreement were traded among the parties  
12 and each party was provided an opportunity to join the agreement. Therefore, the Joint  
13 Stipulation represents a product of capable, knowledgeable parties.

14 **Q: Does the Joint Stipulation benefit consumers and the public interest?**

15 A: Yes, it does. The Joint Stipulation, which provides for the construction and installation of the  
16 Alternate Route, benefits consumers insofar as the 138 kV Trent-Vassell Transmission Line  
17 will provide support to distribution stations that service AEP Ohio customers. Furthermore, the  
18 proposed 138 kV transmission line will provide vital support to alleviate contingency outages.  
19 The Joint Stipulation benefits the public interest insofar as the Applicant has agreed to comply  
20 with numerous conditions outlined in the Joint Stipulation to minimize the impact to the project  
21 area.

22 **Q: Does the Joint Stipulation violate any important regulatory principles and practices?**

23 A: No. The Joint Stipulation is designed to comply with the requirements of R.C. 4906.10, which  
24 provides the basis for decision granting or denying a certificate.

1   **Q:    Does AEP Transco recommend the Commission accept and approve the Joint Stipulation**  
2       **as submitted?**

3   **A:**    Yes. The Joint Stipulation in this case will provide benefits to AEP's customers.

4   **Q:    Should the Commission approve the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation?**

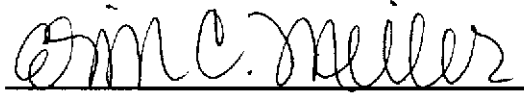
5   **A:**    Yes.

6   **Q:    Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

7   **A:**    Yes.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing testimony of Scott Joseph has been served upon the below-named counsel via traditional and electronic mail this 11th day of May, 2012.

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