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Chairman Todd A. Snitchler
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

December 12, 2012

**RE: Elk 138 kV Transmission Line Project Proofs of Publication
Case Number 11-4505-EL-BTX**

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

Pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-05-09, please find attached proofs of publication of the Public Hearing and Adjudicatory Hearing that were filed in the Jackson County Telegram and the Vinton County Courier.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

//s// Erin C. Miller
Erin C. Miller, Counsel

Attachments



Nov. 8
Jackson Business and Social Women will meet at the community Education of Holzer Medical Jackson, Marsha McCorkle is Growing Oaks program speaking. All members are to bring a donation for grant. Two new members inducted and a special session will be made. Anyone not in learning about BPW come to attend. Contact Kim for more info at 418-5884 eJIMW Solid Waste present District Board of men will meet in special 1. at 3:30 p.m. at the district 1056 S. New Hampshire e. Wellston. The purpose of meeting is to discuss the bid and in conjunction with the 2 RFP. The Executive Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Veterans' Day Assembly

at 1:30 p.m. in the high school gym. All community veterans are invited to attend. Also, students who have a veteran in their family are encouraged to have them attend as well. The guest speaker this year will be Ryan Corbett, a 1998 Eastern High School graduate who served in the U.S. Army. There will be a short reception following the assembly for the veterans and their family in the high school cafeteria.

• The American Legion will have a baked steak dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, roll, coffee, iced tea. Cost is \$7 per person. Eat in or carry out. Serving from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Don't forget breakfast. Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-noon and on Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All open to the public.

• The American Legion Post of Kent Mitzler Post #261 will hold a Veterans' Day dinner at 6 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

• The SERLS Board will hold their regular monthly Board meeting at 10:45 a.m. The Southeast Regional Library System (SERLS) provides the library community of Southeastern Ohio with effective and innovative professional and technical training, support services, leadership, and cooperative opportunities through collaborative efforts among the members and other service providers.

• The Jackson County Newcomer's Club will meet at 10 a.m. for a brunch at Four Winds Community, 215 Seth Avenue. There is no charge for the brunch, but donations to the resident's activity fund are welcome. Funds will be used for Christmas gifts for the residents. All newcomers are welcome.

• The Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center (ESCC) Governing Board will hold its regular monthly board meeting at 5 p.m. in Room 131, Wood Hall, on the University of Rio Grande campus. Fri., Nov. 9, 30th, Dec. 14

• Come, select your favorite song and dance with your favorite star, Dick Newman, music host, 7 p.m.-11 p.m. at the Junior League Hallroom, 617 9th Ave. Huntington, WV. \$7.50 per person. Bring a treat and receive a chance for the door prize. Questions - dnb1@msn.com and 304-736-5380.

• Volunteers with the Marlee Foster Foundation will be "busin' for nps" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Card's Pizza, 19 W. South St., and will be available to answer questions and provide further information. The organization also is planning to wrap presents for contributions at Barnes & Noble's Papyrus site on Nov. 24 and Dec. 2. All donations are greatly appreciated.

• The Humane Society of Jackson County will be having registration for low cost spay/neuter clinics. This is not based on your income any one can get in on this great deal. You must come to the Jackson city library, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to register. Please bring a \$30 cash deposit with you; this will be credited back to you the day of the clinic toward the final cost. Cash only please. You do not bring your pet to the registration. You will be given a clinic date at the registration. Any county may attend. If you are not able to attend the registration, you may send someone else for you. For more information call 418-6630 or 288-7297.

• The Jackson County Veterans Commissions will be celebrating the 27th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. All marines (active, retired and marine veterans), Navy, Currier and doctors who served with marines, and members of the Navy's Chaplain Corps who have served with marines, are invited to attend. The event will take place at the Jackson Ponderosa beginning at 6 p.m. all attending are asked to wear an item of clothing that has something Marine showing. For more info please call 418-2500 or 418-9234.

• The Community of Christ will be providing a free Thanksgiving meal at their church to all who wish to come and dine. Bring

your family and dine in our Social Room. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue until the food is depleted. Meals will be delivered to shut-ins only and they can call the church starting at 10 a.m. for a delivery time. Carry out meals are also available. Radcliff Lane is off West "D" Street and Route 327. Our menu will consist of: Choice of turkey or ham; mashed potatoes; stuffing; dressing; noodles; green beans; slaw; rolls; dessert and drink.

• Stuart's Opera House in Nelsonville, hosts their Annual Fall Fundraiser at 8 p.m. Stuart's will host an evening of music from one of the most authentic Beatles tribute acts around, BritishMania and a big fundraising raffle with amazing prizes including vacation stays! You do not need to be present to win the raffle, and raffle tickets are available in advance. Tickets are on sale right now for the concert and the raffle! Tickets and more information are available at 753-1924 or, on the web, at www.stuartsoperahouse.org.

• End Time Harvest Church, 1215 Dixon Run Rd., Jackson, will be hosting special singers. The Anointed Hearts from Salsbury, Ky. Directives: "Take exit 327 off of SR 35. For more info call Pastor David Rahaman at (740) 645-3052. Service starting at 11 a.m. and all are welcome.

• The Jackson County Veterans Commissions will be observing Veterans Day with activities to be held on the Jackson County courthouse steps beginning at 11 a.m. A reading of the History of Veterans Day, patriotic music, laying of the memorial wreath and awards will be some of the activities planned. The public is invited to attend.

• Southern Hills Arts Council proudly presents Gail Evans watercolor with opening reception at 7 p.m. in The Gallery at the Mayday Cultural Arts Center, 269 East Main St., Jackson. Phone 286-6355 or info@maydayjackson.org or www.maydayjackson.org. Gallery Hours: Wednesday to Friday, noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 to 3 p.m.

• Stuart's Opera House in Nelsonville presents a special FREE presentation of The U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers Chorus at 7 p.m. at the Nelsonville-York High School Gymnasium at 1 Buckeye Drive in Nelsonville. From Boston to Brantley, Tokyo to Toronto, The United States Army Field Band has been thrilling audiences of all ages for more than six decades. This will be a perfect way to mark Veterans Day on November 11. This is a free show but you must reserve tickets in advance by calling us at (740) 753-1924 or online at www.stuartsoperahouse.org.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power (AEP), and the AEP Ohio Transmission Company, propose to construct a new 17.5-mile, 138,000-volt (138 kV) transmission line from a tap east of Elk Station off of State Route 50 near McArthur south to a tap near Wellston. The project is known as the Elk Transmission Line Project. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 4906, AEP Ohio seeks a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the state of Ohio Power Siting Board to build this project.

DATE, TIME AND LOCATIONS OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing in this case shall consist of two parts:

(a) a local public hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Ohio Power Siting Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person. This non-adjudicatory hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2012, at the Vinton County Community Building, 31135 State Route 93, McArthur, Ohio 45651; and

(b) an adjudicatory hearing commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2012, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 160 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, 43215 will take place. The hearing on December 13 at the PUCO offices is open to the public, but participation is limited to the parties in the case as defined by ORC 4906.06.

This notice is the first notice published regarding this project's respective hearing dates. A second notice will be published approximately seven days prior to the first hearing date.

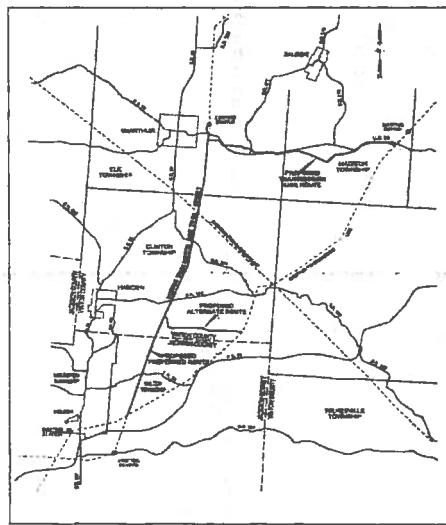
The application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board. This application has been assigned Case Number 11-4505-EL-87K. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this proceeding.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the board up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Rule 4906-5-08(C)(1), O.A.C., or later if good cause is shown. However, the board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 160 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number.

The new Elk 138 kV line is an approximate 10.5-mile overhead line that will be placed where the existing 69 kV line is now located south of Elk Station. In addition, a new 7-mile overhead line will run along State Route 50 east of Elk Station. The lines will be connected to tap points on AEP's existing 138 kV Poston-Lick line that extends through Zaleski State Forest and Vinton Furnace State Natural Forest. The new line is designed to prevent overloading of critical facilities and provide sufficient capacity for future growth and development. Studies indicate a growth rate of approximately 1 percent annually for the next 10 years. In conjunction with the reinforcement project, additional elements are planned for existing facilities that is system.

Accompanying map depicts the proposed project is located in southeastern Vinton and northeastern Jackson County in Ohio. It is noted that due to the reduced scale of detail, this map should be used only as a guide. Copies of the actual siting application, including specific details about the location, are available for public inspection during the following locations:

Jeret Westcott Memorial Library
County Library
Barlet St.
Jr., Ohio 45651
5691



Jackson City Library
21 Broadway St.
Jackson, OH 45640
Oak Hill Public Library
226 S. Front St.
Oak Hill, OH 45656

Sylvester Memorial Wellston Public Library
(Wellston Public Library)
135 E. Second St.
Wellston, Ohio 45692
740-384-0660

Ohio Power Siting Board
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160 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793
614-466-3292

An electronic version of the siting application. The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the application as required by Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

VINTON COUNTY
Vinton County Commissioners
109 East Main Street
McArthur, Ohio 45651
(740) 596-4571

Clinton Township Trustees
P.O. Box 44
Hamden, Ohio 45634
(740) 384-2467 (Trustee President)

Elk Township Trustees
132 West Main Street
McArthur, Ohio 45651
(740) 596-5060 (Fiscal Officer)

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34120 Vinton Station Rd.
McArthur, OH 45651

Madison Township Trustees
P.O. Box 159
Zaleski, Ohio 45698
740 596-5643 (Trustee President)

JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Commissioners
275 Portsmouth Street
Jackson, Ohio 45640
(740) 286-3381

Wilton Township Trustees
Attn: Mr. James Johnson, Fiscal Officer
228 Mohawk Coal Road
Wellston, Ohio 45692
(740) 384-4719 (Trustee President)

The Ohio Power Siting Board has served the following state agencies with copies of the application:

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- Ohio Department of Agriculture
- Ohio Department of Development
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Ohio Historical Society

CRITERIA USED TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION

The following eight criteria are set forth in Section 4906.10 (A) of the Revised Code and will be used, along with additional information, by the board in reviewing the application for a certificate to construct, operate and maintain the Elk Transmission Line Project:

- The basis of need for the facility. (In the case of a majority utility facility described in division (B) (1) of Section 4906.01 of the Revised Code, the board shall presume the need for the facility as that need is stated in an application pursuant to division (A)(3) of Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code;
- The nature of the probable environmental impact of the proposed facility;
- The facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology, the nature and economics of alternatives and other pertinent considerations;

• In the case of electric transmission lines, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving Ohio and interconnected systems, and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;

• The facility will comply with chapters 3704, 3734 and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.34 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the Department of Transportation under Section 4361.341 of the Revised Code;

• The facility will comply with all air and water pollution control and solid waste disposal laws and regulations;

• The facility will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. The facility's impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site of the proposed major utility facility; and

• The facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board considering available technology and the nature and economics of various alternatives.

Section 4906.07, Revised Code provides that:

Upon the receipt of an application, complying with Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the power siting board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon not less than 60 or more than 90 days after such receipt and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.

On the application for an amendment of a certificate, the board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held for an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternatives set forth in the application.

The chairman of the power siting board shall cause each application filed with the board to be investigated and shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date any application is set for hearing, submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the results of the investigation and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of Section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

For more information about the project, please visit AEP Ohio's Transmission Project webpage at https://www.aepohio.com/tpo/elt.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call the AEP Ohio Transmission Project Information Line at 614-883-6929, or toll-free at 877-215-9261.



AEP Ohio Transmission Company
700 Morrison Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Attention: Elaine R. Manning, Project Manager

local briefs

ESC meeting

The Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center (ESC) Governing Board will hold its regular monthly board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. in Room 131, Wood Hall, on the University of Rio Grande campus.

Health board reschedules

The Vinton County Board of Health will meet on Nov. 28, instead of Nov. 21, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Vinton County Health Department, 31927 Route 93 in McArthur.

SCO Jobs and Family Services Board meeting

The South Central Ohio Job and Family Services Board of Commissioners will hold a meeting open to the public on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m., in the conference room at Hocking County Job and Family Services, 389 West Front St. in Logan, to discuss Board business.

Tickets available for library basket raffle

The Friends of Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library are selling raffle tickets for three book baskets. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 and may be purchased at the library's circulation desk.

The drawing will be held on Nov. 9. The baskets have each been designed around a theme and include items for bakers/cooks, quilters, and inspirational readers. The baskets are on display at the library.

For information call (740) 596-5691.

Free movie night at Wescoat Library

The movie "Mada's Witness Protection" will be presented Thursday, Nov. 9, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library in McArthur. The movie is rated PG-13 and is 1 hr 54 mins in length. Light refreshments will be provided.



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FINAL HOME GAME, SENIOR DAY, LET'S SHOWCASE OUR TEAM TO THE NATION!

\$5 TICKETS

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OHIO FOOTBALL (8-1) VS BOWLING GREEN

WEDNESDAY - 8:00 PM

OhioBobcats.com 800-575-2287

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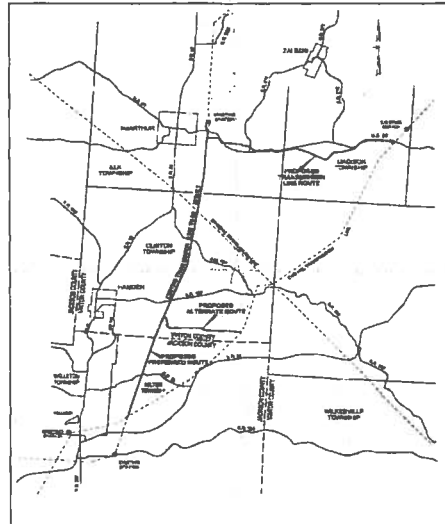
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Attention: Elaine R. Manning, Project Manager



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Proof of Publication

I, Walter Dozier, do hereby attest that the AEP Legal Notice did appear in the following newspapers as ordered:

Jackson County Telegram	11/6//12
Vinton County Courier	11/7/12

Walter Dozier
Walter Dozier

12/10/12
Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 10th day of December, 2012 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walter Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Patricia A. Conkle
Notary Public

Patricia A. Conkle
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 06-17-2014

Jackson County's
Guidelines for EventsClassic Cleaners cleaning and
collecting used coats for Secret
Santa

Classic Cleaners and Laundry at 400 E. Huron Street in Jackson is once again cleaning used coats that are in good shape for Secret Santa. Deadline for coat drop-off at Classic Cleaners is December 13. The coats will be distributed by Secret Santa on December 15 to those less fortunate families needing help this Christmas season.

Calvary Connection Church
collecting coats

Calvary Connection Church 1499 Hartschmidt Rd., Wellston will be collecting coats used or new through the month of November. If you have any in your closet that you don't wear anymore or that the children have outgrown, we will gladly accept them. We will be distributing them on December 1st at the Church.

All aboard the Mitten Express.
All aboard the Mitten Express.
and make someone's Christmas a

little warmer! Through the month of November the Sylvester Memorial Wellston Public Library will be accepting donations of new coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, earmuffs, socks, and gifts for all ages. All items should be new and unworn. All donations will be given to Secret Santa of Jackson County. For more information please call the library 784-6660. Jackson City Library Toddler Time Sign ups starting Monday, Nov. 26.

The Jackson City Library will be having Toddler Time Sign ups starting Monday, Nov. 26 for toddlers age 18 months to 36 months. This interactive playtime is for toddlers and their caregiver/parent. It lasts approximately 20 minutes and we will read, play games, learn finger plays and other associated action games suited to the young child. Toddler time will be held on the first three Thursdays in December, December 6, 13, and 20. Please call 740-286-4111 to register or for more information.

Tues., Nov. 27

The Jackson Rotary Club will hold its Annual Rotary Auction will be held at the Family Life Center of the Christ United Methodist Church (150 Portsmouth Street). Hot dogs, soft drinks and desserts will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bidding will begin at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will be used by the Jackson Rotary Club to fund com-

munity projects and scholarships for Jackson High School graduates. Come and eat dinner and stay to bid.

Thurs., Nov. 29

A food distribution will take place at 9 a.m. at the Jackson County Water Company, 121 W. Huron Street in Jackson. This is made possible through funds from the Federal Government and designated to be used by non-profit organizations committed to offer either food or shelter assistance.

Fri., Nov. 30

The Red Hat Razzle Dazzle Ladies will meet at Cardo's Pizza in Jackson at noon. All are welcome and please bring a non-perishable food item. This will go to the Jackson Food Bank.

The next meeting of the Christian Fellowship will be held at the Savageville Community Church, 101 S. Rt. 35 with Canaan Section preaching on Nov. 30, 2012 at 6 p.m.

Fri., Sat., Nov. 30-Dec. 1

A Christmas Craft Bazaar will be held at the Freedom Chapel Church, 1015 W. Broadway St., Wellston, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be crafts, candies, baked goods and much more. Come and find some great affordable Christmas gifts.

Fri., Nov. 30, Dec. 1

Come, select your favorite songs and dance with your favorite star, Dick Newman, music host, 7 p.m.-11 p.m. at the Junior

League Ballroom, 617 9th Ave., Huntington, W.V. \$7.50 per person. Bring a treat and receive a chance for the door prize. Questions - dub@msn.com and 304-736-5380.

Sat., Dec. 1

Breakfast with Santa at the Jackson Fire Station, located at 152 Pearl St., Jackson from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All the pancakes you can eat, adults \$4, children 10 and under \$2. Pictures with Santa \$2. All proceeds benefit the Jackson Firefighter's Association.

The Jackson Jaycees' and the Retail Merchants Association

2012 Jackson Christmas Parade will be held at 11 a.m. All units are asked to be in the line-up area at the Baptist Church field on west Broadway Street by 10:30 a.m. The parade will follow the following route: up Broadway Street, right on Pearl Street, proceed two blocks and turn left on Columbia Street, proceed one block and turn left on Main Street, continue two blocks, turn left onto Broadway Street. For insurance and safety reasons, we ask that nothing be thrown from any parade units. Questions can be directed to Brad Burnside at 418-1741.

Breakfast with Santa will be held at Dayton College, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be pictures, breakfast served, and a raffle on a boy and a girl's bike. This is all free to anyone that wants to join in on the fun.

LaRosa's Pizzeria in Jackson will be hosting a meet and greet with Santa, Mrs. Claus and two of his Elves from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Children will also be able to create their own holiday craft and decorate a sugar cookie. Ornaments will also be available for purchase. During this time, LaRosa's will also be accepting toy donations for the Jackson Secret Santa Free refreshments will be offered. So while you're out and about for all of the Christmas parades, stop by LaRosa's to see Santa.

The Wellston Lions' Club

Annual Christmas Parade, will be held at 1 p.m. Those, whom wish to participate, please be at the old high school lot by 12:30 p.m. to line up. Parade route will be North on Penn., East on 2nd St., North on Ohio Ave., West on Broadway to the City Building, where Santa will greet and treat the children. Please try to attend. For more info call Jim Rice at 418-2626, Charlie Patton at 384-3011, Richard Kisor at 384-4910.

The Madison Jefferson Fire

Department will be holding their annual auction at their bingo hall on Main Street, Oak Hill. The Friends Club will again be selling food at the auction. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Food may be eaten at the auction or can be carried out. The money raised by the food concession will be used

to help make Christmas a happier time through the Santa's Helper project.

The Faith Lutheran Church, located at 245 East Huron Street, Jackson will be holding its Christmas bazaar at the church from 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to stop by for some great bargains.

Hope United Methodist

Church in Wellston will be hosting their annual Christmas craft, vendor, bake goods, and lunch sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Make plans now to shop from local vendors and crafters at this event. Ven-

ues does include: Mary Kay, Scentys, Tassell's Simple, Pampered Chef, Candles by Steve and Shirley, Nichols Crafts, and Gail Tuttle Crafts. Stop by for Vegetable soup and sandwiches that will be for sale all day. The ladies of the church will be selling delicious baked goods and candy too. The church is located at 219 East First Street in Wellston.

Come ring in the holiday

season with entertainment by Rick K & the Allnighters at the annual Sleighbell Ball to be held at the Jackson Memorial Building, 145 Broadway St., Jackson. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available in advance or at the door. For tickets or to reserve a table please contact Becky Mayhew at 384-1522. Finger food and soft drinks provided. You may also bring your own refreshments.

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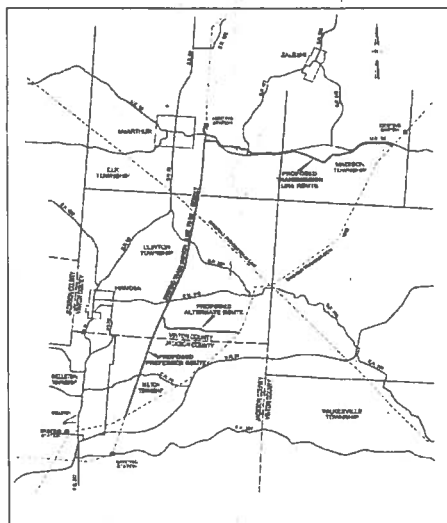
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Jackson, OH 45640

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Oak Hill, OH 45656

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135 E. Second St.
Wellston, Ohio 45692
740-384-6660

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Hamden, Ohio 45634
(740) 384-2467 (Trustee President)

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132 West Main Street
McArthur, Ohio 45651
(740) 596-5066 (Fiscal Officer)

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34120 Vinton Station Rd.
McArthur, Ohio 45651
Madison Township Trustees
Zanesville, Ohio 45698
740 596-5643 (Trustee President)

JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Commissioners
275 Portsmouth Street
Jackson, Ohio 45640
(740) 286-3301

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- The facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology, the nature and economics of alternatives and other pertinent considerations.

In the case of electric transmission lines, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving Ohio and interconnected systems, and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;

The facility will comply with chapters 3704, 3734 and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.34 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the Department of Transportation under Section 4361.341 of the Revised Code.

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The chairman of the power siting board shall cause each application filed with the board to be investigated and shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date any application is set for hearing, submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of Section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

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To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call the AEP Ohio Transmission Project Information Line at 614-883-6529, or toll-free at 877 215-9261.



AEP Ohio Transmission Company
700 Morrisville Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230
Attention: Elaine R. Manning, Project Manager

Supreme Court lets Ohio legislative map stand

Disputed map of state districts stays the same in Democratic defeat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Supreme Court let stand a newly drawn state legislative map Tuesday in a defeat for Democrats.

In a 4-3 ruling, the divided high court upheld the map approved last year on grounds that Ohio's Constitution does not require political neutrality in the process.

Democrats, who brought the challenge on behalf of a group of voters, had argued the five-member Ohio Apportionment Board intentionally sought political advantage with the maps as prohibited in the constitution, in a maneuver known as gerrymandering.

Republicans in the case argued the state constitution asks the map-drawing board to consider minimizing county, township, city and precinct splits but sets no absolute rule.

The court ruled that opponents of the maps didn't present convincing evidence the Republican-controlled apportionment board manipulated the districts for GOP political gain.

"The role of a supreme court in considering constitutional challenges to an apportionment plan is restricted to determining whether the plan meets their burden to prove that the map adopted by the board is unconstitutional beyond

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a reasonable doubt," Justice Terrence O'Donnell wrote for the majority. In his dissent, Justice Paul Pfeifer said the Constitution does not set the stringent proof standard perceived by the majority.

"In order to justify its finding of constitutionality, the majority opinion expresses two conclusions of questionable legitimacy; these anchors of the majority opinion fail the tests of logic and fairness," he wrote. "First, the majority opinion erects a nearly insurmountable barrier to a successful constitutional challenge by assigning to

the board's actions a blanket presumption of constitutionality and requiring proof beyond a reasonable doubt to establish that the plan fails to meet all constitutional requirements.

Pfeifer went on, "Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is typically necessary only in criminal cases. Such a high burden of proof in the current constitutional matter turns this court into a rubber stamp, not the guardian of the constitution that it is designed to be."

O'Donnell was joined in the majority by justices Judith Ann Lanzinger, Robert Cupp and John Williamson, sitting in for Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, who had recused herself for unstated reasons.

Pfeifer, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor, and Justice Yvette McGee Brown, the court's only Democrat, dissented. O'Connor signed both Pfeifer's and McGee Brown's dissenting opinions.

Besides the proof burden, the majority cited limits in the court's ability to judge legislative maps.

"This court does not sit as a super apportionment board to determine whether a plan presented by the ratifiers is better than the plan adopted by the board," O'Donnell wrote. "Instead, we determine whether the board acted within the broad discretion conferred upon it

by the provisions of (the Constitution) when it adopted its plan."

Ohio, like other states, redraws its congressional and legislative maps once every decade to reflect population shifts records in the U.S. Census.

The litigation says the latest state legislative map of 99 House and 33 Senate districts split cities, counties and other community units more than 250 times. Democrats said a more neutral map was possible that split only 30, rather than 50, of Ohio's 88 counties.

The Apportionment Board was made up of the governor, secretary of state, state auditor, Senate president and House minority party. In 2011, four of five of those were Republicans. The panel voted 4-1 along party lines in September 2011 on the map challenged in the lawsuit. During 2012 elections run using the new district boundaries, the GOP retained majorities in both legislative chambers.

The court had delayed its ruling to keep from affecting the 2012 election — allowing the disputed map to remain in place for legislative races this fall.

Voters First, a coalition of voter advocacy groups that advanced an unsuccessful 2012 ballot proposal to overhaul Ohio's map-making process, found in a post-election analysis that 97 of 99 Ohio

House districts went to the party favored by new district lines. They pointed to the review as proof that map makers, not voters, control Ohio elections.

House Democratic Leader Amodeo Budish, who served on the apportionment board and was not sued, criticized Tuesday's decision for legalizing a system of political self-interest.

"This does not serve the broad interest of Ohio voters," Budish said. "Instead, it perpetuates a broken political system which will continue to favor extremism, not responsible governing." Budish said the ruling signals an urgent need to reform Ohio's redistricting process — a statement where he and Republican House Speaker William Batchelder appeared in agreement.

Batchelder praised the ruling as "a recognition that the system works," but left open the question of whether Ohio's way of drawing lines could be amended. "I absolutely think we should look into it," he told reporters after a House session Tuesday. "I don't think there's any question about that."

Batchelder said he wants the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission, a bipartisan panel charged with reviewing Ohio's constitution, to hear testimony on how the state draws its political boundaries.

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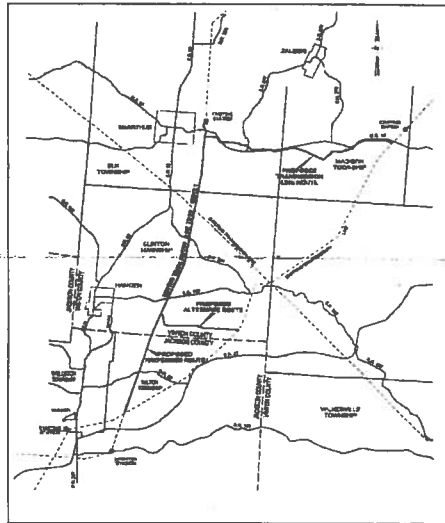
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Attention: Elaine R. Manning, Project Manager



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Walter Dozier
Walter Dozier

12/10/12
Date

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County of Franklin

On this day, the 10th day of December, 2012 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walter Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.



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