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**Re: Biers Run Substation Project 12-1361-EL-BSB**

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

Attached please find the public notice filed concerning the proposed major utility facility in the above-referenced case. The notice was published in pursuant of Rule 4906-5-08, Ohio Administrative Code.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

//s/Erin C. Miller  
Erin C. Miller

Attachments

## Audit

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bureaucracy, supervisor Bob Mercer said. Business owners have used his office to conduct employment interviews, and the office has opened on weekends to accommodate employed people seeking better-paying jobs.

"We want to manage this like a business operation. Employers think that time is money and we are trying to work like they do," Mercer said. Opportunity Job Network-Marion County had lower numbers than expected because the office filed staff wages under the wrong category, but Marion County Job

## WHERE JOB ASSISTANCE DOLLARS GO

Location	Core services	Supportive services	Training	Program management	Administration and overhead	Other
Pickaway	33%	13%	41%	0%	12%	0%
Ross	38%	8%	36%	15%	4%	0%
Pike	9%	1%	80%	9%	0%	0%
Area 20 (five counties including Ross and Pickaway)	35%	11%	28%	19%	7%	0%
Area 1 (four counties including Pike)	20%	9%	49%	14%	8%	0%
Ohio	36%	5%	35%	16%	8%	1%

Source: Audit of Workforce Development and One-Stop programs

and Family Services director Roxane Somerlot said she doubts they're alone. Many counties in the auditor's report listed no cost for program management even though they likely have a director, she said.

Although the data collection might be spotty, Somerlot said she agreed with the conclusions of the auditor's report, especially the need for a standardized performance measure that takes into account the number of people hired, the number of businesses assisted and how quickly those hired can stop using other state assistance.

"We don't have measures that accurately reflect what our effort is and what our outcome is," Somerlot said. Part of the problem is the levels of management, with 90 centers overseen by 20 workforce investment act areas and ultimately controlled by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, which has little insight into

the operations of individual job placement offices, according to the audit. "It's a really complex, dynamic system," Tercz said. The audit was requested by the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, a group established to align 91 workforce-related

ed programs currently overseen by 13 different state agencies, director Tracy Intihar said. The audit confirmed suspicions that the job placement organizations were fragmented and provided disparate services, she said.

"It was helpful to see data to support some of those thoughts and concerns," Intihar said.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the office of workforce transformation are already working to establish standards for the 90 offices and implementing a uniform cost accounting system to better track county-level data.

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## 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 high voltage 345/138/69-kilovolt (kV) substation in Ross County.

The project is known as the Biers Run 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.

### 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 Power Siting Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person. This non-adjudicatory hearing will begin at 6 p.m. June 11, 2013, at the Pioneer School of Developmental Disabilities, 11265 County Road 550, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601; and

(b) an adjudicatory hearing commencing at 10 a.m. June 25, 2013, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793. The hearing on June 25, 2013, at the PUCO offices is open to the public, but participation is limited to the parties in the case as defined by ORC 4906.08.

This notice is the second notice published regarding this project's respective hearing dates. The first notice was published March 31, 2013, in the Chillicothe Gazette.

The application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is pending before the state of Ohio Power Siting Board. This application has been assigned Case Number 12-1361-EL-BSS. 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-ORC(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, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number.

AEP is proposing to build the new 345/138/69-kV Biers Run Substation in rural Union Township northwest of Chillicothe in Ross County, make improvements at several existing substations, upgrade existing transmission lines and construct two new 138-kV transmission lines in the area. The substation will be approximately \$22 million of \$97 million AEP is investing in its transmission system in the area. The overall project will produce additional tax revenue for local schools and communities with the station alone estimated to provide between \$1,000,000 and \$1,135,000 in property taxes to local communities.

The Biers Run Project is a major transmission reinforcement project designed to help AEP maintain an adequate level of transmission reliability in southern Ohio. The new Biers Run Substation will allow AEP to address reliability concerns about potential low voltages and thermal overloads under certain conditions. Without this substation, in a worst case scenario, uncontrolled widespread power outages affecting major portions of southern Ohio may materialize. AEP studies indicate that without this reinforcement plan, the performance of the company's transmission system will be inadequate to provide the level of service that its customers expect.

To resolve these issues, AEP has proposed and PJM – the regional transmission organization to which AEP belongs – has approved a baseline project to construct the new 345/138/69-kV Biers Run Substation, to build two new 138-kV circuits, one from Biers Run



Station to Circleville Station and other from Biers Run to Delano Station and two new 69-kV circuits to reinforce the 138-kV and 69-kV transmission systems in the area. These new facilities will provide the much needed voltage and thermal capacity support, as well as ensure near- and long-term transmission reliability for the area. The proposed Biers Run Substation will be located between Biers Run Road and State Route 35.

A separate application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need will be submitted for the proposed 138-kV transmission lines later this year. Details about these proposed transmission lines and the routes will be available at that time.

The accompanying map depicts the two proposed sites. It should be noted that due to the reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide. Copies of the actual siting application, including specific details about the location and construction are available for public inspection at the following locations:

**Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library**  
140 South Point Street  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601  
740-702-4190

**Ohio Power Siting Board**  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793  
614-456-3292

An electronic version of the siting application can be found at the Ohio Power Siting Board website at <http://opsb.ohio.gov>. Search under current cases for case number 12-1361-EL-BSS.

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

**Ross County Commissioners**  
Mr. James M. Calkins, President  
2 North Point Street, Suite H  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**Ross County Commissioners**  
Mr. Robert D. Corcoran, Commissioner  
2 North Point Street, Suite H  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**Ross County Commissioners**  
Mr. Stephen A. Neal  
2 North Point Street, Suite H  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**Ross County Engineer's Office**  
Mr. Charles Ortman  
PO Box 458  
755 Fairgrounds Road  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**Union Township Trustee**  
Mr. Harold W. Bennett  
379 Shiloh Road  
Frankfort, Ohio 45628

**Union Township Trustee**  
Mr. Donald W. Arledge  
210 Yellowwood Road  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**Union Township Trustee**  
Mr. Robert L. Whitten  
144 Andersonville Road  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

The state power siting board has served the following state agencies with copies of the application:

- Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
- 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 Biers Run Substation Project:

- the basis of need for the facility. In the case of a majority utility facility described in division (B)(1) of Section 4905.01 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-media 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 829 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 4906.05 of the Revised Code, the power siting board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing, 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 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.

For more information about the project, please visit AEP Ohio's Transmission Project page at <http://www.aepohio.com/go/biersrun>.

To ask a question, make a comment or express a concern about the project, please call the AEP Ohio Transmission Project Information Line toll-free at 1-877-215-8261 or at 614-883-6929.



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Attention: Shawn Malone, 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 newspaper as ordered:

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6/2/13

Walter Dozier  
Walter Dozier

6/10/13  
Date

State of Ohio  
County of Franklin

On this day, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 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  
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