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Mr. Jerrel C. Anderson
22 Ashwood Drive
Vienna, West Virginia 26105

Re: Biers Run – Hopetown – Delano 138 kV Transmission Line Project
Case No. 13-0429-EL-BTX

Mr. Anderson,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding American Electric Power Transmission Company's (AEP Transco) proposed Biers Run – Hopetown – Delano 138 kV Transmission Line Project. Your correspondence in regards to the project has been docketed in case number 13-0429-EL-BTX.

Specifically, it is noted that you oppose the "Blue Route" of AEP Transco's proposal. In their application to the OSPB, AEP Transco will designate routes as "preferred" or "alternate." However, to date, the OPSB has not received an application from AEP Transco concerning this project. Once an application is filed, specific plans for the line will be available on the OPSB website at www.opsb.ohio.gov.

When reviewing an electric transmission application, OPSB staff investigates each route to determine many criteria. When determining impacts to cultural and historical resources, the OPSB staff consults with the Ohio State Historical Preservation Office to identify and minimize any such potential impacts. An enclosed copy of the OPSB's Electric Transmission FAQ provides additional clarification of the OPSB process and siting criteria.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the OPSB at (866) 270-6772. Again, thank you for your continued interest in this case.

Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director
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Attn.: Steve Irwin

Subject: Biers Run – Hopetown – Delano Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Irwin:

I oppose the proposed “Blue Route” for the Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano Transmission Line project because of the deleterious effects it would have on (1) the ancient Hopewell Indian “Anderson Earthwork” located just east of Biers Run Creek (see the attached maps), and (2) the capability to carry out geophysical investigations on the earthwork and immediately surrounding areas.

This earthwork was discovered by me in 1975 and I published the discovery in the “Ohio Archaeologist” journal in 1980 (“Ohio Archaeologist”, Volume 30, No. 1, Winter, 1980). A copy of my map of the Anderson Work is enclosed. This major earthwork has not received any substantial investigation by professional archaeologists, but it begs for such investigation as it is one of several important large earthworks lying along the course of the North Fork of Paint creek. In fact, it lies in the middle of the five major earthworks along this creek (Frankfort, Hopewell, Steel, and Junction), and is of major importance in the potential investigation of the purpose(s) for such 2,000 year old archaeological mysteries.

A recently acquired LIDAR image (enclosed) of the Anderson Works area was supplied to me recently by Dr. Jarrod Burks, and surprisingly the Anderson Earthwork walls are visible! It is surprising because the Anderson Earthwork walls are not very high but are quite broad and it is for this reason that the earthwork was not discovered until 1975, and from an aerial photograph at that. The LIDAR evidence shows that the walls contained a large volume of soil and that they must have been much higher in ancient times. Were they destroyed and spread out in ancient times in a friendly or antagonistic way? The new evidence suggests that they were destroyed in ancient times and this begs the question as to why and when. Such destruction of a major earthwork has not been evidenced before, and this adds to the mystery of this earthwork.

Very limited professional archeological work (Pickard and Pahdopony, "Hopewell Archeology", Volume 1, Number 2, December, 1995) was allowed on the northern section of the earthwork before it was destroyed by the housing development now occupying that area. This work established an age for the earthwork using AMS radiocarbon dating: 2010 +/- 60 Years B.P. or 73 years B.C. This is an early date for large earthworks in Ohio and indicates that the Anderson Earthwork could have been seminal in the development of such large geometric enclosures. It is and was a very important feature on the landscape of Ohio.

Recent developments in instrumentation designed for the investigation of large areas have finally allowed for the precision needed to explore earthworks such as Anderson. I and Dr. Jarrod Burks have been in contact with the owners of the land holding the Anderson Work (Brenda and Murray Johnson), and they have given us permission to investigate the earthwork using magnetometry and whatever other geophysical means are required to adequately uncover the secrets hidden in the Anderson Work terrain.

The potential for new discoveries at Anderson is great. I just discovered that the Anderson Earthwork map published in my 1980 article is probably not complete as a pair of parallel walls existed coming out of the south entrance. This new discovery will be published soon. This development illustrates the point that new features of this earthwork await discovery.

The power line projected along the northern part of the earthwork could pose severe problems for the use of geophysical devices being contemplated for use in the future at Anderson. Also, the power lines would interfere with visual integrity for what remains of the Anderson Work.

For the reasons given above, I strongly urge that the power line be rerouted to avoid compromising the Anderson Earthwork and its surrounding terrain.

Sincerely yours,

Jerrel C. Anderson

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ANDERSON WORK

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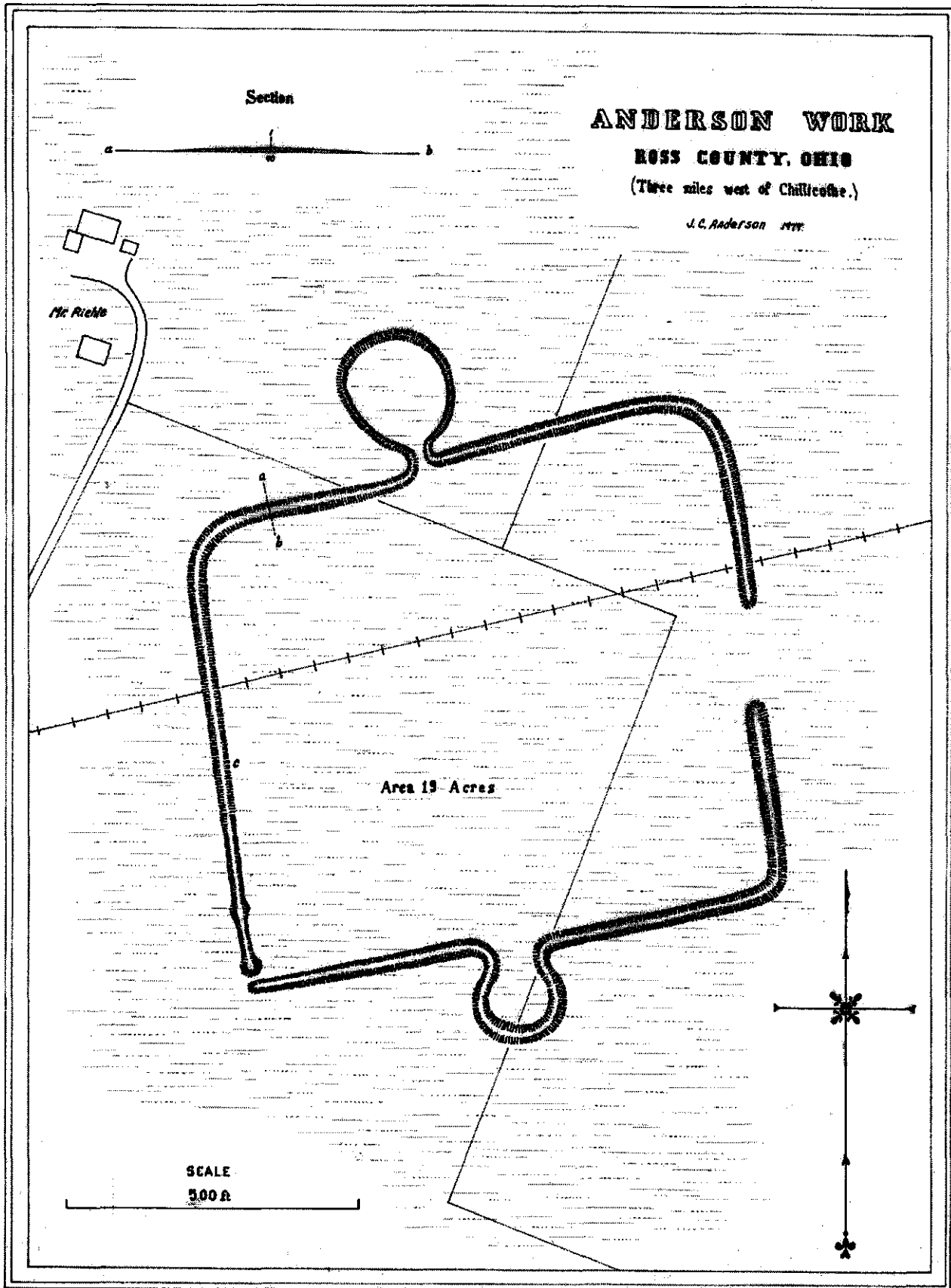
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Anderson Works Topography (2006 LiDAR)

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