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RE: **Pre-Application Notification Letter
In the matter of the application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company for
a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the
138kV Biers Run-Circleville Project. Case No. 13-0430-EL-BTX.**

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company (AEP Ohio Transco) files this pre-application notification letter in accordance with Rule 4906-5-08 Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). According to this provision, a prospective applicant must hold a public informational meeting and provide this notice to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). Specifically, 4906-5-08(A) O.A.C. requires:

- (1) A basic description of the project that shall include information about the anticipated function, equipment size, approximate aerial extent, general location, and purpose of the project.**

AEP has a critical need to reinforce its transmission system in the southern Ohio area of Columbus Southern Power Company (now known as AEP Ohio), in the regions of Chillicothe and Circleville due to continued development and the need for an upgraded transmission system. To accomplish this, the company proposes to build a new 138kV Biers Run-Circleville transmission line between the Chillicothe and Circleville, Ohio areas.

This project is part of a major transmission reinforcement effort designed to help AEP maintain an adequate level of transmission reliability in southern Ohio. The 138kV Biers Run-Circleville Transmission Line Project will enhance service reliability and provide capacity for economic growth in the area. Additionally, AEP's 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.

AEP Ohio Transco is proposing to build an approximate 19 mile 138kV transmission line between the new Biers Run Substation and the existing Circleville Substation located on the corner of West Mound Street and West Circle Street, in Circleville, Ohio. AEP will propose “Green” and “Purple” line routes between the two stations for public input.

The new transmission line will have the following major equipment:

- Steel Poles
- Conductor
- Shield Wire
- Associated Hardware

(2) The date, time, and location of the public informational meeting to be held pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule.

AEP Ohio Transco is finalizing the public informational meeting now, but expects the first meeting to take place on Wednesday, October 16th, at the Pioneer School of Developmental Disabilities, 11268 Co. Rd. 550, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601, in the evening from 6:00-8:00 P.M. The second meeting will take place on Thursday, October 17th, at the Amvets Post 2256, Hall 1, 818 Tarlton Road, Circleville, Ohio 43113, in the evening from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. If there is any change OPSB staff will be notified.

(3) A list of any anticipated waivers of the board’s rules that the applicant will be requesting for the project.

AEP Ohio Transco does not anticipate the need for any waivers for this project.

Cordially,

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Summary: Correspondence Pre-Application Notification Letter electronically filed by Mr. Yazen Alami on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company