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**Re: PUCO Case No. 13-0733-EL-BSB Findlay Area Improvement Project  
(Ebersole Station)**

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/Yazen Alami

Yazen Alami

Attachments

## LAX shooting suspect to appear in court Wednesday

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man charged with killing a Transportation Security Administration officer during an attack at Los Angeles International Airport last month is scheduled to make his first court appearance Wednesday.

Paul Ciancia, 23, will have his first hearing at the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga, about 45 miles east of Los Angeles. He's been housed at the facility in federal custody, said Thom Blorck, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office.

Ciancia will not be asked to enter a plea during the hearing, Blorck said. Three messages left for Ciancia's attorneys, who are both deputy federal public defenders, were not immediately returned.

Investigators said Ciancia had

a vendetta against the federal government and targeted TSA officers when he pulled a bag and fatally shot Gerardo Hernandez.

Ciancia was shot and wounded by airport police in LAX's Terminal 3 on Nov. 19. Passengers scrambled to safety. He was initially listed in critical condition but was upgraded to fair at a Los Angeles hospital before being placed in federal custody.

An autopsy showed Hernandez, 39, was shot a dozen times with bullets grazing his heart and piercing his bladder and intestines.

Ciancia is charged with killing Hernandez and wounding three other people, including two other TSA officers. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

## Murder

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mother, also a Findlay resident, was willing to house him if he was freed on bond.

But Niemeyer said he needs more specifics on things like past employment and education before considering bond reductions. He also said the fact that Robinson's mother is now being supervised through the adult probation department for unrelated issues "flies in the face" of release rules for suspects facing serious charges.

Both defendants sat expressionless in the courtroom and neither spoke.

Supporters of both attended, sitting quietly before and during the arraignment hearings, which were held consecutively. Pretrial hearings for both

men were set for Dec. 19. Harris' hearing is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and Robinson's for 11:30 a.m.

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Results from Monday

Ohio Pick 3 - Day: 259, Night: 104

Pick 4 - Day: 3026, Night: 1447

Pick 5 - Day: 35206, Night: 10710

Rolling Cash 5 - 5, 12, 15, 16, 27

Classic Lotto - 6, 8, 26, 36, 38, 40

Nickel - 2, 6, 2, 5, 2, 0

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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 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission substation in Hancock County.

The project is known as the known as the Findlay Area Improvement 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. Dec. 16, 2013, at Owens Community College, Education Center, 111 Conference Center, 3200 Bright Road, Findlay, Ohio, and

(b) an evidentiary hearing commencing at 10 a.m. Jan. 6, 2014, 11th Floor Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793. The hearing on Jan. 6, 2014, at the PUCO offices is open to the public, but participation is limited to the parties in the case as defined by OHC 4906.08.

There is a second notice to be published regarding this project's respective hearing dates. The first notice was published Nov. 6, 2013, in the Findlay Courier.

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 13-0733-EL-BSB. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this proceeding.

Parties to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the board to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Rule 4906.5-08(C)(1) O.A.C. or by Dec. 2, 2013, whichever is later. However, the board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petition as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Ohio Power Siting Board, Docketing Division, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number 13-0733-EL-BSB.

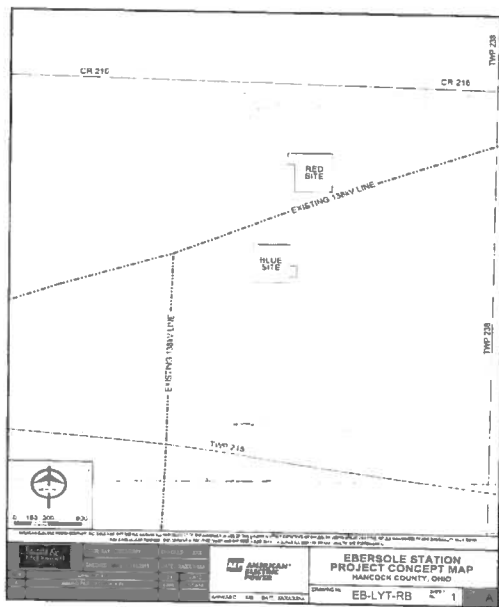
The Findlay Area Improvement Project is a major transmission reinforcement effort to help AEP accommodate development and maintain an adequate level of transmission reliability in northwestern Ohio and Hancock County. The proposed station will allow the company to address reliability concerns about potential low voltages during certain conditions. Without this substation, in a worst case scenario, uncontrolled widespread power outages may affect major portions of Hancock and nearby counties.

AEP proposes to build Ebersole Station on approximately 57 acres in Cass Township in Hancock County, approximately 1.7 miles northwest of Findlay. The property is near the intersection of Township Road 238 and County Road 218. The completed station will span approximately four acres with between one-half to one acre dedicated to an access drive.

The project also will make improvements at several existing substations and upgrade existing 138-kV transmission lines along existing rights of way. This includes replacing and upgrading several existing towers and structures.

This improvement work will resolve low voltage concerns discovered during PJM's Regional Transmission Expansion Plan studies. These studies found voltage issues at four Findlay area substations. This additional station will address these conditions as required by AEP and PJM for the area's 138-kV network. The work also will reinforce the company's lower voltage transmission systems in the Findlay area. PJM is the regional transmission organization that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in all or parts of 13 states and the District of Columbia.

The existing transmission system in the area includes the Fostoria Central and East Lima



345/138-kV lines. In addition, there are 138-kV interconnections with First Energy at West Fremont Station and Howard Stations, and 69-kV and 34.5-kV over voltage transmission loops around the Findlay area that feed AEP Ohio's distribution system.

AEP will invest an estimated \$11.2 million in the Ebersole Station project. The station is expected to provide approximately \$436,310 in property taxes to local schools and communities.

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:

**Findlay-Hancock County Public Library**  
Jeff Winkle - Director  
206 Broadway Street  
Findlay, Ohio 44840

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

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 13-0733-EL-BSB.

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:

**Hancock County Commissioners**  
Commissioner Phillip Ragle  
5145 Main Street  
Findlay, Ohio 44840

**Hancock County Engineer**  
Christopher Long  
1900 Lima Ave.  
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**Hancock County Regional Planning**  
Matt Cordovier  
318 Dorney Plaza, Room 304  
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The state power siting board has served the following state agencies with copies of this 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 Ebersole Station 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 official evaluation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the Department of Transportation under Section 4361.141 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 325 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 file 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 nature of the investigation and shall contain recommended findings with regard to 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 <http://www.aepohio.com/Ebersole>

To ask a question, express a concern or make a comment about the project, please call the AEP Ohio Transmission Project Information Line toll-free at 1-877-215-9261 or send an email inquiry to "contact us" through [aepohio.com](http://aepohio.com)

**AEP OHIO TRANSMISSION COMPANY**

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Walter Dozier  
Walter Dozier

12/10/13  
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On this day, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 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



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