

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of)
AEP Ohio Transmission Company)
for a Certificate of Environmental) Case No. 13-522-EL-BSB
Compatibility and Public Need for the)
138 kV Melmore Substation Project.)

ENTRY

The administrative law judge finds:

- (1) On September 26, 2013, AEP Ohio Transmission Company (AEP) filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct a new 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission substation (Melmore Substation).
- (2) By Entry issued on January 17, 2014, the administrative law judge (ALJ) established a procedural schedule in this matter. Pursuant to the Entry, any expert or factual testimony to be offered by AEP was to be filed by March 20, 2014, and any expert or factual testimony to be offered by Staff was to be filed by March 24, 2014.
- (3) On March 19, 2014, AEP filed a motion for an extension of time to file testimony, requesting its deadline to file any expert or factual testimony be extended to March 26, 2014, and that Staff's date for submission of written direct testimony be extended to March 31, 2014. In support of its motion, AEP asserts that the parties are engaged in meaningful settlement negotiations and are in the process of finalizing a stipulation and recommendation in this matter. Therefore, AEP states that good cause exists to extend the deadline for the submission of expert and factual testimony. The motion also includes a request for an expedited ruling and indicates that no party opposes the request.
- (4) In light of the ongoing settlement discussions between the parties, the ALJ finds that AEP's motion to extend the deadlines to submit expert and factual testimony is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, AEP should file its expert and factual testimony by March 26, 2014, and Staff should file its testimony by March 31, 2014.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That AEP's motion for an extension of time to file testimony is granted, in accordance with finding (4). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

s/Bryce McKenney

By: Bryce A. McKenney
Administrative Law Judge

JRJ/sc

This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on

3/20/2014 1:35:41 PM

in

Case No(s). 13-0522-EL-BSB

Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry granting AEP's motion for an extension of time to file testimony. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Bryce McKenney, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio