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Lisa C. Easterday Manager, Brown Shoemaker LLC 56 Tanager Court Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

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

Ms. Easterday,

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. It is noted that you are opposed to the Blue Route of the project and are in favor a route through the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area.

In an application to the OPSB, the applicant must provide detailed information on the probable impact of the proposed facility, taking several criteria, including environmental and ecological impacts, public interest, and the impact on agricultural land. The OPSB has determined that AEP Transco has submitted sufficient information for this case to be deemed complete.

The OPSB Staff is currently investigating the project and their findings and recommendation to the Board will be published in a *Staff Report of Investigation*, which is made available to the public through the OPSB website. The *Staff Report of Investigation* serves as a recommendation to the Board, who ultimately decides to certificate the Preferred or Alternate route of the project.

A local public hearing will be held in the case at a date scheduled by the Administrative Law Judge. Information about this hearing will be published by the Applicant and available on the OPSB website at www.opsb.ohio.gov. The OPSB website also hosts an interactive map developed with data from the application that portrays the proposed Preferred and Alternate routes.

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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(866) 270-6772 www.OPSB.ohio.gov Ohio Power Siting Board Attention: Chairman Todd Snitchler 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Dear Mr. Snitchler and the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in regards to AEP's application for the Biers Run-Hopeton-Delano Transmission Line Project, 13-0429-EL-8TX. It is my understanding that the Siting Board will soon be asked to approve AEP's recommendation to utilize the Blue Line route.

My family along with farming neighbors and friends are asking you to reject the Blue Line application and encourage AEP to explore alternative routes for the project. The Red Line and the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area are other areas that have been considered. We feel that both of these areas should be examined closer by AEP before a final decision is made. In fact, the Wildlife Area seems to be a logical direct path for the line and would create less destruction to valuable farm land.

We all realize the need and importance of power lines; however we do not feel that the best option has been chosen for this project. Not only does the Blue Line cross many productive farms, it runs very near a public school and golf course.

Please consider this request and encourage AEP to study further all the facts and findings to find the best route with the least impact on the farms and families of Ross County. We believe the Blue Line is not the answer.

Sincerely,

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