

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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

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before Mr. Bryce McKenney, Hearing Examiner, at the
Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Room
11-C, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:00 a.m. on
Thursday, April 3, 2014.

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Thursday Morning Session,
April 3, 2014.

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EXAMINER MCKENNEY: Let's go on the
record.

Good morning. The Ohio Power Siting
Board calls for hearing at this time and place Case
No. 13-522-EL-BSB being In the Matter of the
Application of the AEP Ohio Transmission Company for
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public
Need for the 138kV Melmore Substation Project.

My name is Bryce McKenney, I'm the
administrative law judge assigned to hear this case.

Before I take appearances I'd like to
note that a public hearing was held in this matter on
March 18, 2014, in Tiffin, Ohio. Today is the second
portion of the hearing process and represents the
evidentiary hearing in this matter. This hearing is
dedicated to the expert testimony in consideration of
the joint stipulation which has been filed in this
case.

At this time I'd like to take appearances
of the parties beginning with the company.

MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor. On
behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Yazen Alami,

1 One Riverside Plaza, 29th Floor, Columbus, Ohio,
2 43215.

3 EXAMINER McKENNEY: Thank you.

4 Mr. McNamee?

5 MR. McNAMEE: On behalf of the staff of
6 the Ohio Power Siting Board, Werner, W-e-r-n-e-r,
7 Margard, M-a-r-g-a-r-d, and I am Thomas McNamee,
8 M-c-N-a-m-e-e, Assistant Attorneys General, the
9 address is 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

10 EXAMINER McKENNEY: Before we proceed
11 further with testimony, do we have any issues that we
12 need to address from either of the company or from
13 staff?

14 MR. ALAMI: Not necessarily an issue,
15 your Honor, but I discussed with staff's counsel kind
16 of the way in which we would proceed today. As your
17 Honor noted, there has been a joint stipulation filed
18 and in that joint stipulation, specifically on page
19 8, it lists certain exhibits that are to be marked
20 and admitted into the record as exhibits without
21 cross-examination, as agreed to by the stipulating
22 parties.

23 So I was thinking that maybe we can
24 proceed by initially introducing those exhibits,
25 marking them for identification and then moving for

admission of them, and then proceed with Mr. Sides, who is available to take the stand, answer any questions that staff counsel may have or your Honor may have, and then we can address Mr. Sides' testimony after he's done with his cross-examination, to the extent there is any.

That would be --

MR. McNAMEE: There won't be any from me.

EXAMINER MCKENNEY: That works for me.

If you want to go ahead and mark the exhibits.

MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor. I'd like to have marked for identification AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 1, and that's the application filed on September 26, 2013, and certified as complete by the Board on November 22, 2013.

EXAMINER MCKENNEY: So marked AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 1.

(EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor.

I'd like to have marked for identification AEP-Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 2, that's the proof of publication filed on May 13, 2013.

EXAMINER MCKENNEY: It will be so marked.

(EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor.

1 And I'd like to have marked for
2 identification AEP-Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 3, which
3 is the proof of service filed on December 9, 2013.

4 EXAMINER McKENNEY: That will also be
5 marked.

6 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

7 MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor.

8 I'd also like to have marked for
9 identification as AEP-Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 4, and
10 that's the proof of publication filed on February 12,
11 2014.

12 EXAMINER McKENNEY: And that will be so
13 marked as well.

14 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

15 MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor.

16 Lastly, if I could have marked as Joint
17 Exhibit No. 1 the joint stipulation and
18 recommendation filed on behalf of the staff and the
19 company on March 26, 2014.

20 EXAMINER McKENNEY: That will be so
21 marked as well.

22 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

23 MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor.

24 And at this time Mr. Sides is available
25 for -- to take the stand and answer any questions

1 that your Honor may have or that staff counsel may
2 have.

3 EXAMINER McKENNEY: Before we proceed
4 with Mr. Sides, do you have testimony from him that
5 you would like marked?

6 MR. ALAMI: Yes, your Honor, I can mark
7 that now as well.

8 If I could have marked for identification
9 AEP-Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 5, the testimony of Todd
10 Sides on behalf of the company in support of the
11 joint stipulation and recommendation. That was filed
12 in this case at the same time as the stipulation on
13 March 26, 2014.

14 EXAMINER McKENNEY: It will be marked.

15 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

16 EXAMINER McKENNEY: Mr. Sides, if you
17 could take the stand.

18 (Witness sworn.)

19 EXAMINER McKENNEY: Please be seated.

20 Mr. Alami?

21 MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor.

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TODD A. SIDES

being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was
examined and testified as follows.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Alami:

Q. Mr. Sides, could you please state your
name and business address for the record, please?

A. Todd A. Sides, and my address is 700
Morrison Road, Gahanna, Ohio, 43230.

Q. And, Mr. Sides, did you cause to be filed
in this case testimony in a question-and-answer
format consisting of six pages in support of the
joint stipulation and recommendation?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you have any corrections, additions,
deletions to your testimony?

A. No, I do not.

Q. If I were to ask you the same questions
that are in your testimony today, would you give me
substantially the same answers?

A. Yes, I would.

Q. And do you adopt this testimony as your
testimony in this case?

A. Yes.

MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor. I

1 move for the admission, subject to cross-examination,
2 of AEP-Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 5.

3 EXAMINER McKENNEY: Mr. Alami.

4 Mr. McNamee, do you have any questions?

5 MR. McNAMEE: I have no questions.

6 EXAMINER McKENNEY: As you indicated.

7 Thank you.

8 Mr. Sides, I'd just like to ask you one
9 quick question.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 EXAMINER McKENNEY: Page 6 of your
12 testimony you talk about the stipulation benefit to
13 consumers and the public interest. At lines 8
14 through 10 you talk about the project will also
15 produce tax revenues for Seneca County and Eden
16 Township. Do you have a reference for where I could
17 find that?

18 THE WITNESS: That would be in our
19 application. Exactly I would have to find it. It
20 would be in 4906-15-05.

21 I'm sorry, that's the cost of the
22 project, total project. As far as taxes I know it's
23 in here, I just have to find it. One second.

24 EXAMINER McKENNEY: I have the same
25 difficulty finding it as you, that's why I asked.

1 THE WITNESS: It's in the frequent asked
2 questions section 4906-15-06. And it does say
3 approximately 300,000 in property taxes to Seneca
4 County.

5 EXAMINER McKENNEY: Looking through this
6 I seem to -- seems I found what I was looking for is
7 on page 0608. It is in this application.

8 I have no further questions. Answered my
9 own question. Thank you, Mr. Sides.

10 Mr. Alami.

11 MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor. The
12 company moves for the admission of AEP Ohio Transco
13 Exhibit No. 5.

14 EXAMINER McKENNEY: The Ohio Transco
15 Exhibit No. 5 will be so admitted.

16 MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor.

17 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

18 MR. ALAMI: The company has no further
19 witnesses.

20 EXAMINER McKENNEY: Do you seek to admit
21 AEP Ohio Transco Exhibits 1 through 4?

22 MR. ALAMI: Yes, your Honor, thank you.
23 As well as the Joint Exhibit No. 1.

24 EXAMINER McKENNEY: Any objections to the
25 admission of those exhibits?

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MR. McNAMEE: No objection.

EXAMINER McKENNEY: They will all be so
admitted.

(EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

EXAMINER McKENNEY: Anything further?

MR. McNAMEE: Yes. We'd actually have
marked and admitted the staff report of
investigation. I provided copies of that to the
reporter.

EXAMINER McKENNEY: Staff report of
investigation we mark Staff Exhibit No. 1. And it
will be so admitted.

(EXHIBIT MARKED/ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

MR. McNAMEE: Thank you.

EXAMINER McKENNEY: Anything further?

MR. McNAMEE: No.

MR. ALAMI: No, thank you, your Honor.

EXAMINER McKENNEY: Seeing nothing
further, we're adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

(Hearing adjourned at 10:12 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Thursday, April 3, 2014, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Julieanna Hennebert, Registered Professional Reporter and RMR and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires February 19, 2018.

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