

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Expedited Letter of Notification
Application by Blue Racer Midstream for a Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the
South Central Power Company Blue Racer 138kV
Transmission Line Project.**)
) **Case Number**
) **14-0750-EL-BLN**
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Members of the Board:

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Director, Environmental Protection Agency	
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To the Honorable Power Siting Board:

Please review the attached Staff Report of Investigation, which has been filed in accordance with the Board's rules. The accelerated certificate application in this case is subject to an automatic approval process as required by Section 4906.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The application will be automatically approved on **June 13, 2014**, unless suspended by the Board's chairperson, the Executive Director, or an administrative law judge. If suspended, the Board must render a decision on the application within 90 days.

The Staff Report includes recommended conditions of the certificate. Prior to the automatic approval date, the applicant must file a supplement to its application that adopts these conditions. Absent such supplement, Staff will recommend that the case be suspended.

Any concerns you or your designee may have with this case must be presented to the Executive Director of the Power Siting Board at least four business days prior to **June 13, 2014**, which is the automatic approval date. To contact the Executive Director with concerns, you can reply to the email to which this document was attached, or use the ContactOPSB email address listed below.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 14-0750-EL-BLN
Project Name: South Central Power Company Blue Racer 138kV
Transmission Line Project
Project Location: Monroe County
Applicant: Blue Racer Midstream
Application Filing Date: May 2, 2014
Filing Type: **Expedited** Letter of Notification
Inspection Date: May 14, 2014
Report Date: June 4, 2014
Automatic Approval Date: June 13, 2014
Applicant's Waiver Requests: None
Staff Assigned: G. Zeto, C. Burri, E. Steele

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

Application: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Approval with Conditions
Waiver: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Not Applicable

Project Description

The purpose of this project is to provide electric service to the proposed Blue Racer Berne cryogenic natural gas processing facility. The cryogenic facility and transmission line would be located on the same property, which is owned by the Applicant. The project consists of the installation of approximately 1,975 feet (0.37 miles) of 138 kilovolt (kV) single circuit transmission line. The line will be supported on five new structures outside of the cryogenic facility and switchyard. The five new structures consist of two 75-foot wood poles, one 80-foot wood pole, one 90-foot wood pole, and one 70-foot steel angle structure. The cost of the project is estimated at \$590,000. Construction is expected to commence in June 2014 and be completed by August 2014.

Site Description

The project is located in Franklin Township, Monroe County. There is adjacent industrial construction work occurring for the Blue Racer Midstream, LLC natural gas processing facility. The area has numerous gas pipelines and industrial complexes nearby. The existing Texas Eastern industrial gas processing facility is located immediately north of the project area. No vegetative clearing is required. No residential or institutional land uses are located within 1,000 feet of the proposed project area.

Nature of Impacts

Social

Aesthetic impacts are expected to be similar to the present, as the project is in close proximity to numerous existing industrial facilities. The project would be constructed in a fallow field owned by the Applicant. No residential or other sensitive land uses would be impacted by the project.

The Applicant conducted a Phase I archaeological survey in March 2014. No archaeological resources were discovered during the survey and no additional survey work was recommended in the Phase I report.

Surface Waters

No wetlands would be impacted. The right-of-way crosses one perennial stream, but no in-water work is proposed. The stream could be impacted by sedimentation resulting from construction activities. Staff recommends that the Applicant use stormwater best management practices to reduce impacts.

Conclusion

The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts. Staff recommends automatic approval of this case on June 13, 2014.

Staff Recommended Condition:

- (1) The Applicant shall utilize best management practices when working in the vicinity of environmentally sensitive areas. This includes, but is not limited to, the installation of silt fencing (or similarly effective tool) prior to initiating construction near streams and wetlands. The installation shall be done in accordance with generally accepted construction methods and shall be inspected regularly.

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Summary: Staff Report of Investigation electronically filed by Mr. Matt Butler on behalf of Staff of OPSB