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RE: **Pre-Application Notification Letter
In the matter of the application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company for
a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the
Gable Substation Project. Case No. 14-1280-EL-BSB**

Dear Chairman Johnson:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company (AEP Ohio Transco) files this pre-application notification letter in accordance with Rule 4906-5-08 Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). According to this provision, a prospective applicant must hold a public informational meeting and provide this notice to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). Specifically, 4906-5-08 O.A.C. requires:

- (1) A basic description of the project that shall include information about the anticipated function, equipment size, approximate aerial extent, general location, and purpose of the project.**

There is a need to increase the reliability of the electric transmission grid in eastern Ohio. AEP Ohio Transmission Company, an affiliate of AEP Ohio, proposes to build a new electric substation and relocate electric transmission lines in eastern Ohio. To accomplish this, the company proposes to build a new 138-kV Gable Substation in Wells Township, Jefferson County.

This project will allow AEP Ohio to increase the reliability of the electric transmission grid and address anticipated system overloads. The new substation will reduce the likelihood of outages and speed restoration by dividing the existing transmission lines into smaller sections. AEP can also better direct the flow of electric power with the installation of the Gable Substation.

The company plans to build Gable Substation on a three-acre property owned by AEP Ohio in Wells Township near the intersection of County Road 17 and County Road 15 in Jefferson County southeast of Smithfield, Ohio. Approximately 1.6 acres will be used for the substation and the access road.

The company plans to invest approximate \$2 million to construct the Gable Substation.

AEP will propose “Blue” and “Red” substation sites for public input.

(2) The date, time, and location of the public informational meeting to be held pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule.

AEP Ohio Transco plans to hold the Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Wells Township Community Center, which is located at 107 Steuben Street, Brilliant, Ohio 43913. If there is any change to the meeting date, time or place, the OPSB Staff will be notified.

(3) A list of any anticipated waivers of the board’s rules that the applicant will be requesting for the project.

AEP Ohio Transco anticipates filing a waiver request from the requirement for a fully developed alternative pursuant to Section 4906.5.04(B), O.A.C.

Cordially,

/s/ Yazen Alami
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cc: Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff

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Summary: Application Pre-Application Notification Letter electronically filed by Mr. Yazen Alami on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company