



Legal Department

October 31, 2014

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Re: PUCO Case No. 13-0430-EL-BTX Biers Run-Circleville

Dear Chairman Johnson:

Attached please find the public notice filed concerning the proposed major utility facility in the above-referenced case. The notice was published in pursuant of Rule 4906-5-08, Ohio Administrative Code.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

//s/Steven T. Nourse
Steven T. Nourse

Attachments

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power (AEP), and the AEP Ohio Transmission Company, propose to construct a new 138-kilovolt (KV) electric transmission line in Ross and Pickaway counties.

The project is known as the Biers Run-Circleville 138-KV Transmission Line Project. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 4906, AEP Ohio seeks a Certificate of Environmental Competitibility and Public Need from the state of Ohio Power Siting Board.

DATE, TIME AND LOCATIONS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The public hearing in this case shall consist of two parts:

(a) the first local public hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Power Siting Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person. This non-educational hearing will begin at 6 p.m., Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at the Pioneer School of Developmental Disabilities, 11289 County Road 550, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601, a second public hearing will begin at 6 p.m., Thursday, November 6, 2014, at the Armistead Post 2258, 818 Tartan Road, Circleville, Ohio 43113, and

(b) an educational hearing commencing at 10 a.m., Friday, November 14, 2014, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793. The hearing on November 14, 2014, at the PUOC offices is open to the public, but participation is limited to the parties in the case as defined by ORC 4906.08.

This is the second notice published regarding this project's respective hearing dates. The first notice was published September 17, 2014, in the Chillicothe Gazette and the Circleville Herald.

The application for a Certificate of Environmental Competitibility and Public Need is pending before the state of Ohio Power Siting Board. This application has been assigned Case Number 13-0430-EL-87X. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this project.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the board up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Rule 4309-5-08(C)(1), O.A.C. or by October 20, 2014, whichever is later. However, the board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and cite Case Number 13-0430-EL-87X.

The proposed Biers Run-Circleville transmission line is part of the overall Biers Run Project, which includes the proposed Biers Run Substation and the proposed Biers Run-Hopewell-Delano 138-KV transmission line. The Ohio Power Siting Board certified AEP Ohio's application for the proposed Biers Run Substation in Sept. 2013. AEP Ohio filed its application for the Biers Run-Hopewell-Delano line in January 2014.

The proposed Biers Run-Circleville line will extend from Biers Run Substation to the existing Circleville Substation. The Biers Run-Circleville line will be approximately 19 miles long, depending on the route selected. The line will likely traverse Deerfield and Union townships in Ross County and Circleville, Deer Creek, Jackson and Wayne townships in Pickaway County.

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To resolve these issues, AEP Ohio has proposed and PJM – the regional transmission organization to which AEP Ohio belongs – has approved a baseline project to construct the new 345/138/69-KV Biers Run Substation, to build two new 138-KV circuits, the proposed Biers Run-Hopewell-Delano line and a line from Biers Run-Circleville line, and two new 69-KV circuits to reinforce the 138-KV and 69-KV transmission systems in the area. These new facilities will provide the much needed voltage and thermal capacity support, as well as ensure short- and long-term transmission reliability for the area.

AEP Ohio will invest an estimated \$37 million in the overall project. The Biers Run-Circleville line investment will be approximately \$23 million. This line will provide an estimated \$1 million in tax revenue annually for the community. The Biers Run Substation investment is approximately \$16 million and is estimated to contribute more than \$1 million annually in tax revenue for the community. The Biers Run-Hopewell-Delano line investment will be approximately \$17 million. This line is expected to provide more than \$200,000 in tax revenue annually for the community.

The accompanying map depicts the two proposed line routes for the Biers Run-Circleville line. It should be noted that due to the reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide. Copies of the actual siting application, including specific details about the location and construction are available for public inspection at the following locations:

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The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the application as required by state of Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

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Circleville, Ohio 43113

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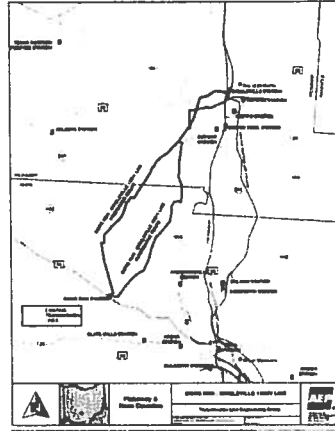
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Deerfield Township Trustee
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The following eight criteria are set forth in Section 4906.10 (A) of the Revised Code and will be used, along with additional information, by the board in reviewing the application for a certificate to construct, operate and maintain the Biers Run-Circleville transmission line.

- The basis of need for the facility.
- The nature of the probable environmental impact of the proposed facility.
- The facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology, the nature and economics of alternatives and other pertinent considerations.
- In the case of electric transmission lines, that the facility is consistent

with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving Ohio and interconnected systems, and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;

- The facility will comply with chapters 3704, 3734 and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.34 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the Department of Transportation under Section 4361.341 of the Revised Code.
- The facility will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity.
- The facility's impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 529 of the Revised Code that is located within the site of the proposed major utility facility; and
- The facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board considering available technology and the nature and economics of various alternatives.

Section 4906.07, Revised Code provides that:

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Attention: Shawn Malone, Project Manager

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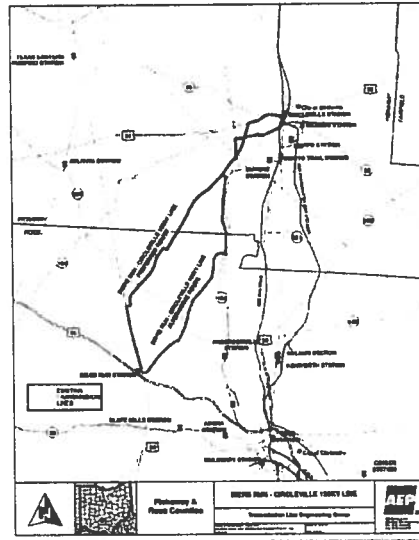
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Affidavit of Publication

State of Ohio
County of Franklin} ss.

Being duly sworn, Walter Dozier says as follows: the AEP Legal Notice did appear in the following newspaper as ordered:

Chillicothe Gazette
Circleville Herald

10/22/14
10/22/14

Walter Dozier
Walter Dozier

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 23 day of October, 2014



Patricia A. Conkle
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 06-17-19

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