



Legal Department

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Re: PUCO Case No. 14-1280-EL-BSB Gable Substation Project

Dear Chairman Johnson:

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

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

Sincerely,

//s// Ajay K. Kumar
Ajay K. Kumar

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 substation in Jefferson County.

The project is known as the Gable Substation Project. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Power Siting Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person. This non-adjudicatory hearing will begin at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at the Wells Township Community Center, 107 Steuben Street, Brilliant, Ohio 43913, and

DATE, TIME AND LOCATIONS OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

(a) a 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-adjudicatory hearing will begin at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at the Wells Township Community Center, 107 Steuben Street, Brilliant, Ohio 43913, and

(b) an adjudicatory hearing commencing at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2015, 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 April 23, 2015, at the PUCO offices is open to the public, but participation is limited to the parties in the case as defined by ORC 4906.08

This notice is the first notice published regarding this project's respective hearing dates. A second notice will be published in the same newspaper in April 2015.

The application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is pending before the state of Ohio Power Siting Board. This application has been assigned Case Number 14-1280-EL-BSB. 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 this notice required by Rule 4906.5-08(C)(1), O.A.C., or by March 9, 2015, 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 14-1280-EL-BSB.

The company plans to construct the new estimated 16-acre Gable Substation about 10 miles southwest of Steubenville, Ohio in the Wells Township of Jefferson County. The proposed substation will likely be constructed near the intersection of County Road 17 and County Road 15, depending on the site selected.

Gable Substation will allow AEP Ohio to increase the reliability of the electric transmission grid. 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.

AEP projects Gable Substation, an approximate \$2 million investment, will contribute approximately \$67,000 in property taxes to the community.

The accompanying map depicts the two proposed sites for the Gable Substation. 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:

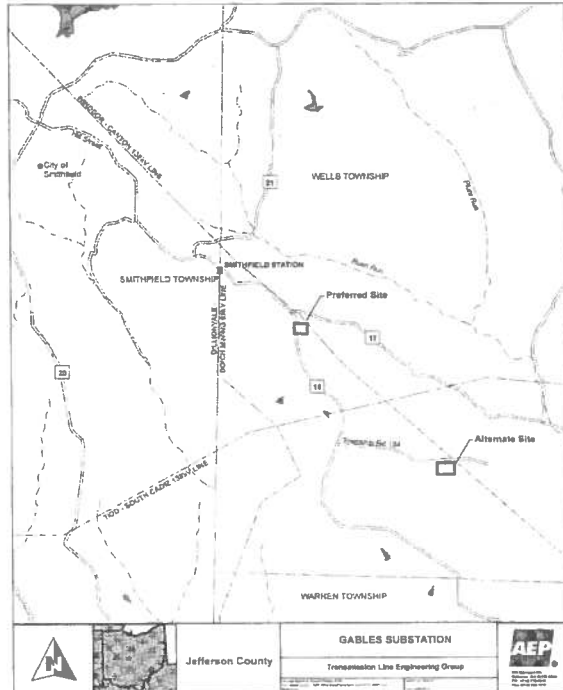
Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County
Mr. Alan Hall, Director
407 South 4th Street
Steubenville, Ohio 43952
740-282-9782

Ohio Power Siting Board
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793
614-466-3292

An electronic version of the siting application can be found at the Ohio Power Siting Board website at <http://opsb.ohio.gov>. Search under current cases for Case Number 14-1280-EL-BSB.

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.

Jefferson County Board of Commissioners
Mr. David C. Maple, Jr., President
Mr. Thomas G. Gentile
Dr. Thomas E. Graham
301 Market Street, 1st Floor
Steubenville, Ohio 43952



Jefferson County Engineer
Mr. James F. Branagan
598 State Route 43
Steubenville, Ohio 43952

Jefferson County Regional Planning Department
Mr. Domenick Mucci, Jr., Director
500 Market Street, Suite 614
Steubenville, Ohio 43952

Mayer Richard Boyd
Village of Smithfield
1347 Main Street
Smithfield, Ohio 43948

Wells Township Board of Trustees
Mr. John T. Goosman, Trustee
Mr. Brian A. Harvey, Sr., Trustee
Mr. Joseph W. Ellis, Trustee
Mr. Joseph S. Matthews, Fiscal Officer
409 Prospect Street
Brilliant, Ohio 43913

The state power siting board has served the following state agencies with copies of the application:

- Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
- Ohio Department of Agriculture
- Ohio Department of Development
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Ohio Historical Society

CRITERIA USED TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION

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 Gable Substation:

- 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 929 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:

Upon the receipt of an application, complying with Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the power siting board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon not less than 60 or more than 90 days after such receipt and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.

On the application for an amendment of a certificate, the board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held for an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternates set forth in the application.

The chairman of the power siting board shall cause each application filed with the board to be investigated and shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date any application is set for hearing, submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of Section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

For more information about the Gable Substation Project, please visit AEP Ohio's Transmission Project web page at <http://aeptransmission.com/ohio/Gable>.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call 614-552-1929 or send an email inquiry to bschmid@aep.com. Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company
Attention: Brett Schmid
700 Morrison Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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Proof of Publication

I, Walter Dozier, do hereby attest that the AEP Legal Notice did appear in the following newspaper as ordered:

Steubenville Herald Star

2/4/15

Walter Dozier
Walter Dozier

2/23/15
Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 23rd day of February, 2015 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walter Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Patricia A. Conkle
Notary Public



Patricia A. Conkle
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 08-17-19

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Summary: Proof of Pub -Gable Substation Project electronically filed by Mr. Ajay K Kumar on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company