

**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of NRG	:	
Ohio Pipeline Company, LLC, for	:	Case No. 14-1717-GA-BLN
Approval of a Letter of Notification for	:	
the Avon Lake Gas Addition Project in	:	
Lorain County, Ohio.	:	
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**PREFILED TESTIMONY  
OF  
JAMES S. O'DELL  
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RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT  
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD STAFF**

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**April 15, 2015**

1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is James S. O'Dell, and my business address is 180 East Broad  
3 Street, Columbus OH 43215.  
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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission)  
7 as a senior Siting Specialist in the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
8 Division of the Commission's Rates and Analysis Department.  
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10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

11 A. I hold Bachelor's Degrees from The Ohio State University in Political  
12 Science (1988) and Sociology (1997). Additionally, I received a Master's  
13 Degree in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University in  
14 1992. I also have significant course work completed towards a Master's  
15 Degree in Public Policy from Central Michigan University.  
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17 I have been employed by the Commission since 1991. I have worked  
18 almost exclusively on power siting activities during that time. I have devel-  
19 oped analysis for over 250 cases before the Ohio Power Siting Board  
20 (Board). My responsibilities typically include application review and the  
21 preparation of analysis for major utility facilities in Ohio. Additionally, I

1 process and review minor filings such as Letters of Notification and Con-  
2 struction Notices. In the past, I also have been the primary author for the  
3 Board's annual reports. I have been the lead analyst in excess of 40 appli-  
4 cations, responsible for the preparation of staff reports and coordination of  
5 Staff review and field work for major utility facilities.

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7 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting  
8 Board?

9 A. Yes. Most recently, I testified as the lead analyst for the East Springfield-  
10 London-Tangy Transmission Line, Case No. 11-4884-EL-BTX, and the  
11 London Substation, Case No. 11-4885-EL-BSB.

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13 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

14 A. I am sponsoring the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was  
15 filed in the docket of this case on March 27, 2015. I was the Staff project  
16 lead on this case, and managed the Staff investigation and preparation of  
17 the Staff Report.

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19 6. Q. What kind of a case is this?

20 A. The Applicant proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain a 24-inch  
21 diameter high-grade steel natural gas pipeline from the existing Avon Lake

1 Power Plant and extending approximately 20 miles to the south, terminat-  
2 ing in the village of Grafton. The project is needed to provide a fuel source  
3 to the Avon Lake Power Plant.  
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5 7. Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to make to the Staff Report of  
6 Investigation?

7 A. No.  
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9 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

10 A. Yes. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony as  
11 described herein, as new information subsequently becomes available or in  
12 response to positions taken by other parties.

## PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of James S. O'Dell, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, hand-delivered, and/or delivered via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 15th day of April, 2015.

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