

**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  
ED STEELE  
SITING, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION  
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT  
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD STAFF**

**STAFF EX. \_\_\_\_**

**April 15, 2015**

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

2           A.     My name is Ed Steele, and my business address is 180 East Broad Street,  
3           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 Public Utilities Administrator in the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable  
8           Energy 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 a Bachelor's Degree from The University of Pittsburgh (1983).

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13           I have been employed by the Commission since 1986. I have worked in the  
14           Gas Pipeline Safety Section from 1986 to 2009. My responsibilities  
15           included inspecting pipeline operators for compliance with Federal and  
16           State pipeline safety regulations. I also was a supervisor in the Pipeline  
17           Safety Section for approximately 20 years. These duties included dealing  
18           with safety issues, reviewing reports and plans from the gas operators, and  
19           developing new safety regulations. I also was a member of the National  
20           Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) for over 20 years,  
21           including being the national chairman in 2004 and 2005. I moved to the  
22           Ohio Power Siting Board in 2010. My responsibilities typically include

1 application review and the preparation of analysis for major utility facilities  
2 in Ohio. Additionally, I process and review minor filings such as Letters of  
3 Notification and Construction Notices. This includes being responsible for  
4 the preparation of staff reports and coordination of Staff review and field  
5 work for major utility facilities as well as supervising eight employees in  
6 the Power Siting Section.

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

10 A. No I have not, but I have testified before the Public Utilities Commission of  
11 Ohio.

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

14 A. I assisted with the preparation of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff  
15 Report) that was filed in the docket of this case on March 27, 2015. I was  
16 responsible for the engineering and safety part of the Staff investigation.

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

19 A. The Applicant proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain a 24-inch  
20 diameter high-grade steel natural gas pipeline from the existing Avon Lake  
21 Power Plant and extending approximately 20 miles to the south, terminat-  
22 ing in the village of Grafton.

1 7. Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to make to the Staff Report of  
2 Investigation?

3 A. No.  
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5 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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

## PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Ed Steele, 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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