

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Gable Station Project for a Certificate of	:	Case No. 14-1280-EL-BSB
Environmental Compatibility and Public	:	
Need in Wells Township, Jefferson	:	
County, Ohio.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
DEREK F. COLLINS
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

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

Staff Exhibit _____

April 16, 2015

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

2 A. My name is Derek F. Collins, and my business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, 6th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
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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 Geology 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 a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio University in Geology (1980).
12 I have been employed by the State of Ohio from 1986 and specifically with
13 the Commission since 2010. I have worked exclusively on power siting
14 activities during that time. I have developed analysis for over 25 cases
15 before the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board). My responsibilities typically
16 include geotechnical review and the preparation of analysis for the siting of
17 major utility facilities in Ohio.
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19 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting
20 Board?

21 A. Yes. I gave oral and written testimony as the geology specialist for the
22 Buckeye II Wind Farm, Case No. 12-0160-EL-BGN.

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

2 A. I am sponsoring the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was
3 filed in the docket of this case on March 23, 2015. I was the Staff project
4 lead on this case, and managed the Staff investigation and preparation of
5 the Staff Report.

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

8 A. The Applicant proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain a 138 kilo-
9 volt (kV) switching substation and associated electric transmission line
10 interconnections in Wells Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. The project
11 is needed to avoid potential operating limitations, including thermal over-
12 loads and voltage concerns, in the AEP electric grid in eastern Ohio, includ-
13 ing the communities of Cadiz, Carrollton, and Brilliant.

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

17 A. No.

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19 8. Q. Does Staff support the Joint Stipulation that was filed to the docket in this
20 case on April 10, 2015?

21 A. Yes. Staff supports the Joint Stipulation.

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1 9. Q. Doe this conclude your testimony?

2 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
3 mony as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes avail-
4 able or in response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Derek F. Collins** 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 16th ay of April, 2015.

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