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Mr. James O'Dell  
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Re: Letter of Notification of Compliance for the Carroll County Energy LLC  
Phase II Access Plan for 345 kV Interconnection  
Case No.: 14-0591-EL-BLN

Dear Mr. O'Dell:

The Ohio Power Siting Board's May 6, 2014 Staff Report of Investigation issued in Case No. 14-0591-EL-BLN (the "Staff Report") established certain conditions that are to be met. Condition 3 to the Staff Report provides:

At least 30 days before the pre-construction conference(s), the Applicant shall submit to the Staff, for review and approval, a project construction access plan. This plan shall include all laydown areas, residential and environmentally sensitive area access points (walk in locations only), and any locations where vegetation clearing is required. The plan shall consider the location of residential fencing, private structures, streams, wetlands, wooded areas, conservation easement areas, and park lands.

CCE previously provided Staff with an access plan for the Phase I construction of the 345 kV interconnection on July 15, 2015. In further compliance with Condition 3, please find enclosed CCE's access plan for Phase II of the 345 kV interconnection.

As more fully described on the attachments, Phase II consists of (i) the installation of a transmission tower for the Interconnection and (ii) stringing conductor line from the Facility's switchyard on the Facility site to the Phase II tower over land currently disturbed for construction of the Facility. This Phase II work will require some tree clearing, which will occur only within CCE's existing transmission line right-of-way, and is anticipated to begin on October 1, 2015 to minimize impact to any endangered species potentially residing in the vicinity. CCE will hold a preconstruction conference with Staff prior to commencing the Phase II work.

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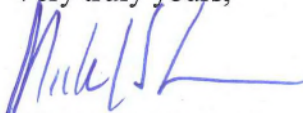
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A copy of this correspondence will be filed on the docket in the above-referenced proceedings along with a copy of the access plan for Phase II of the Interconnection.

Please call me or Amy Frazier, Associate General Counsel and Manager, Environmental Permitting, Advanced Power Services (NA) Inc. at 617-456-2209 if you have any questions regarding this correspondence.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Settineri

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cc: Ms. Barcy McNeal

# **Carroll County Energy Phase II Access Plan – 345 kV Interconnection**

## **Introduction**

Kenny Construction Company ("Kenny") is responsible for the installation of an approximately 0.45-mile 345 kV overhead transmission line to complete the interconnection of the Carroll County Energy Facility to the existing American Electric Power ("AEP") Canton Central-Tidd 345kV transmission line. Once constructed and energized, this transmission line will be turned over to AEP. Construction of this work is proposed to occur in two (2) phases. Phase One encompasses all of the work to the east of Ohio State Route 9 ("SR 9") with the exception of conducting, and will be carried out within the existing Limits of Disturbance ("LOD") of the Carroll County Energy Facility, which was approved for construction commencement from the Ohio Power Siting Board on March 25, 2015. Phase Two will encompass all of the work to the west of SR 9, including conducting of the transmission line structures erected on the east side of SR 9 during Phase One. This Access Plan addresses Phase Two work only. Phase One work, which includes work on the east side of Route 9, was the subject of a previous Access Plan submitted to the OPSB on July 14, 2015.

All Phase Two work will be accessed from SR 9, consistent with the access plan approved for the Carroll County Energy Facility. Phase Two work will be conducted within the 150-foot wide right of way ("ROW") corridor that Carroll County Energy LLC (the "Owner") has secured extending across SR 9 from the Carroll County Energy Facility switchyard to the existing AEP ROW on the west side of SR 9. Phase Two work will include installation of a two-pole structure ("Structure 1") on the west side of SR 9. Structure 1 will be accessed directly off SR 9 within the Owner's ROW corridor and is shown in the attached figure. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for the Phase Two work site is currently being developed jointly between Kenny and AEP.

## **Proposed Construction Sequence**

### **Mobilization**

Kenny will mobilize for tree clearing and construction of the Phase Two 345 kV transmission towers on October 1, 2015, following the Phase Two Pre-Construction conference with the OPSB. Tree clearing and construction activities will not commence until approval is obtained by the Ohio Power Siting Board.

### **Tree Clearing**

Kenny will mobilize a tree clearing contractor to the site on the west side of SR 9 starting October 1, 2015 for tree and brush clearing within the Owner's transmission line right of way (ROW). Tree clearing prior to October 1, 2015 is not planned due to the requirement to comply with bat habitat protection provisions. Trees and brush designated for cutting or mowing on the rights-of-way shall be cut as close to the ground as practicable, but not to exceed three inches in height above the ground line. All trees and brush cut shall be stump-treated with an AEP-approved herbicide as instructed on the label. All spraying procedures are to be fully explained to property owner if requested. As shown on the attached figure, tree clearing is to be performed in the 150-foot Owner ROW corridor connecting to the existing AEP ROW. Caution will be taken to avoid impact while cutting and physically removing trees while cutting near the intermittent stream crossing the 150-foot corridor. Mechanized equipment such as back hoes bulldozers with shear blades, mechanized discs will not be used for tree clearing within 25 feet of any stream channel. Temporary stream crossing, which will potentially be necessary to haul away trees and debris downhill of the existing stream channel, will be conducted in such a way to minimize wetland impact (e.g. via matting or temporary culverts).

### **Transmission Towers**

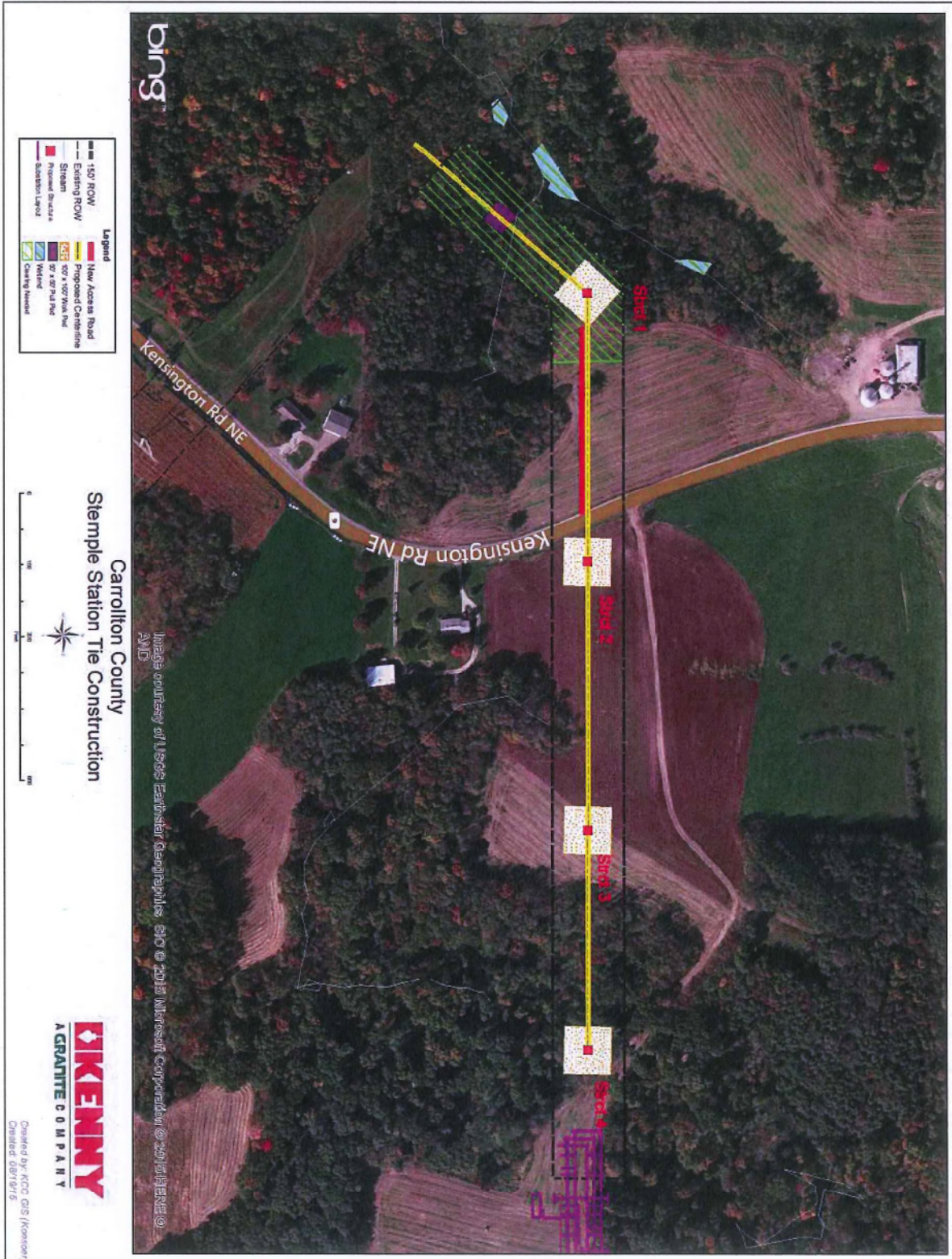
Following tree clearing, Kenny will mobilize a below grade contractor to the site on the west side of SR 9 to drill Structure 1 foundations. The below grade contractor will establish access from SR 9, construct a 100' X 120' work area around Structure 1, and then relocate materials from foundation installation to the work pad. Materials will be organized and checked against plans to ensure that Kenny has all appropriate materials to support its construction sequence. Following this work, drilling and foundation installation will commence and is expected to take approximately one week to complete. The work area around Structure 1 would then remain inactive while the concrete cures for structure installation. While the concrete is curing, structure materials will be delivered to the work site, checked against plans, and a 50' X 50' pull pad will be constructed. Structure 1 will then be erected and framed for conductor attachment. Due to the two-pole configuration of Structure 1, structure erection is expected to take five to six days.

### **Stringing Conductor**

After structure installation and 28 days of concrete cure time, conductor of the Transmission Line from the Carroll County Energy Facility switchyard to Structure 1 will be completed. Conductor will be terminated at Structure 1 until AEP is ready for tie-in within the AEP ROW.

Phase Two work and access is proposed to be as shown in the attached figure.





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