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Hector Garcia
Senior Counsel, Regulatory Services
AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Garcia:

On October 26, 2015, AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco) filed an application to amend its June 2, 2014 application for the Biers Run-Circleville 138 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project in Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) Case No. 13-0430-EL-BTX. This application to amend proposed five additional adjustments to the certificated route and was assigned OPSB Case No. 15-1291-EL-BTA (the Amendment Application).

During a December 4, 2015 field visit for Staff's investigation of Case No. 15-1291-EL-BTA, Staff found that Adjustment No. 5 of the Amendment Application was completed prior to Staff's report and OPSB approval of the Amendment Application. Staff notes that the work completed consisted of the installation of three steel electric transmission structures. The installation was completed on AEP property at the Biers Run substation site. It did not appear to Staff at that time that environmental damage was done to any wetlands or an adjacent stream.

The OPSB approved the transmission line route under Case No. 13-0430-EL-BTX on March 9, 2015, however, the structures at issue were not installed in the locations approved in that case. Rather, each structure was installed at the location that is currently requested as part of the pending case, Case No. 15-1291-EL-BTA.

During the field visit, Staff referenced Chapter 4906 of the Ohio Revised Code and indicated this matter would be reported by Staff to the OPSB.



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Through this letter, filed to the docket in Case No. 15-1291-EL-BTA, Staff is hereby notifying the OPSB of this matter.

Please refer to Sections 4906.04 and 4906.98 of the Ohio Revised Code that relate to the unauthorized construction of major utility facilities as AEP Ohio Transco continues the work authorized in Case No. 13-0430-EL-BTX and considers the appropriate scope of work to conduct prior to the OPSB approval of any modifications in Case No. 15-1291-EL-BTA.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the OPSB at 866-270-6772 or visit our website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Patrick Donlon
Director, Rates and Analysis

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