

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Letter of Notification)
Application by American Electric Power)
Ohio Transmission Company for a) Case No. 14-1819-EL-BLN
Certificate Relative to the Nottingham-)
Freebyrd 138 kV Electric Transmission Line)
Project.)

ENTRY

The Ohio Power Siting Board finds:

- (1) American Electric Power (AEP) Ohio Transmission Company is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.
- (2) R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).
- (3) R.C. 4906.03(F) requires the Board to adopt rules to provide for an accelerated review of an application for a construction certificate involving an electric transmission line that is primarily needed to meet the requirements of a specific customer or specific customers. The statute specifies that the Board must adopt rules that provide for the automatic certification of such electric transmission line when the application is not suspended by the Board, administrative law judge, or chairperson or executive director of the Board for good cause shown, within 90 days of submission of the application. If an application is suspended, the Board shall approve, disapprove, or modify and approve the application not later than 90 days after the date of the suspension.
- (4) On January 27, 2015, AEP Ohio Transmission Company filed a letter of notification application for the purpose of constructing a 4.5 mile 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line originating at the Nottingham switch station and extending to the Freebyrd station. AEP Ohio Transmission Company asserted that the project qualified for the Board's letter of notification process, because the project is primarily needed to meet the

requirements of a specific customer or specific customers and, therefore, satisfies the criteria set forth in R.C. 4906.03(F). AEP Ohio Transmission Company explained that the project is primarily needed to meet the needs of a specific customer, MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P., which has requested an increase in load capacity from 20 megawatts (MW) to 94 MW at its existing Utica Plant in Cadiz, Ohio.

- (5) On February 25, 2015, AEP Ohio Transmission Company's letter of notification application for the Nottingham-Freebryd 138 kV transmission line project was automatically approved by the Board, pursuant to the accelerated review process set forth in R.C. 4906.03(F).
- (6) On November 5, 2015, in Case No. 15-1756-EL-BLN, AEP Ohio Transmission Company filed a new letter of notification application for the Nottingham-Freebyrd 138 kV transmission line project in order to adjust the route at the request of a property owner.
- (7) Case No. 15-1756-EL-BLN was automatically approved by the Board, pursuant to the accelerated review process set forth in R.C. 4906.03(F), on February 4, 2016.
- (8) On February 15, 2016, AEP Ohio Transmission Company filed a letter withdrawing Case No. 14-1819-EL-BLN as required by the Board in its approval of Case No. 15-1756-EL-BLN.
- (9) Upon consideration of the request to withdraw Case No. 14-1819-EL-BLN, the Board finds that the application is reasonable and should be granted.

It is, therefore,

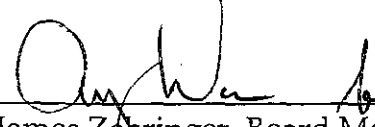
ORDERED, That the application to withdraw Case No. 14-1819-EL-BLN be granted in accordance with finding (9). It is, further,

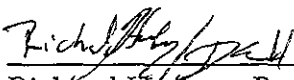
ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.


THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

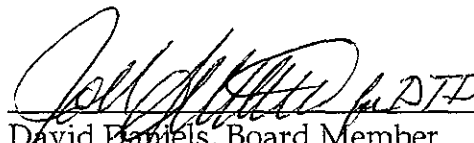

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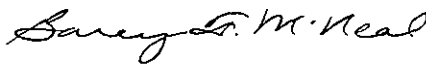

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