

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of Carroll)
County Energy, LLC for a Certificate of)
Environmental Compatibility and Public) Case No. 13-1752-EL-BGN
Need to Construct an Electric Generation)
Facility in Carroll County, Ohio.)

In the Matter of the Letter of Notification)
Application of Carroll County Energy,)
LLC for a Certificate of Environmental) Case No. 14-591-EL-BLN
Compatibility and Public Need to)
Construct the Carroll County Energy 345)
Kilovolt Interconnection.)

ENTRY

The Ohio Power Siting Board finds:

- (1) Carroll County Energy, LLC (CCE) is a person and corporation 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) On April 28, 2014, in Case No. 13-1752-EL-BGN (*CCE Certificate Case*), the Board issued its Opinion, Order, and Certificate, granting to CCE a certificate (CCE generation certificate) to construct, operate, and maintain a 742-megawatt natural gas fired, combined-cycle electric generation facility and an interconnect switchyard and related facilities on 77 acres in Washington Township, Carroll County, Ohio. *In re Carroll County Energy, LLC*, Case No. 13-1752-EL-BGN, Opinion, Order, and Certificate (Apr. 28, 2014). In the *CCE Certificate Case* application, CCE noted that a separate application would be filed for the electric transmission line to connect the generation facility to the American Electric Power Company (AEP) electric transmission system.

- (4) On May 16, 2014, in Case No. 14-591-EL-BLN (*CCE Interconnection Case*), the Board approved, pursuant to its accelerated certificate process, CCE's application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct a 0.45 mile, 345-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line to connect the CCE generation facility to the AEP Tidd to Canton Central 345-kV electric transmission line (CCE interconnection certificate).
- (5) Thereafter, on March 9, 2015, in Case No. 14-2085-EL-BGA, the Board issued its Order on Certificate Amendment approving CCE's application to amend the certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the electric generation facility issued in the *CCE Certificate Case*. The certificate amendment authorized CCE to, among other things, reorient the switchyard and to make other minor internal electrical system changes, at the request of AEP. AEP will be the entity responsible for transmitting the electricity generated by the CCE generation facility to the Ohio power grid. *In re CCE*, Case No. 14-2085-EL-BGA, Order on Certificate Amendment (Mar. 9, 2015).
- (6) On April 22, 2016, in the *CCE Certificate Case*, CCE and AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Transco) (jointly, Joint Applicants) filed an application to assign and bifurcate the CCE generation certificate. In the application, Joint Applicants request that CCE retain that aspect of the CCE generation certificate, which relates to the generation facility and AEP Transco be assigned that portion of the CCE generation certificate that relates to the switchyard. AEP Transco will own and operate the switchyard and agrees to abide by all the terms, conditions, and modifications of the certificate, as it may be amended from time-to-time, applicable to the switchyard.
- (7) On April 22, 2016, in the *CCE Interconnection Case*, Joint Applicants filed a joint application to transfer the CCE interconnection certificate from CCE to AEP Transco. CCE states that it is in compliance with the five conditions of the CCE interconnection certificate and AEP Transco agrees to abide by all the terms, conditions, and modifications of the

certificate, as it may be amended from time-to-time, applicable to the line and associated facilities.

Finally, the Joint Applicants have served correspondence upon public officials in the affected areas explaining the nature of the request to assign and to bifurcate and assign the certificates.

- (8) R.C. 4906.04 provides that a certificate may be transferred, subject to the approval of the Board, to a person that agrees to comply with the terms, conditions, and modifications contained in the certificate.
- (9) In accordance with R.C. 4906.04, upon consideration of the joint applications to transfer the CCE interconnection certificate to AEP Transco and to bifurcate and transfer the CCE generation certificate to AEP Transco, the Board finds the applications to be reasonable and, therefore, the transfers should be granted.

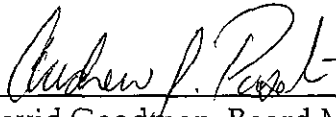
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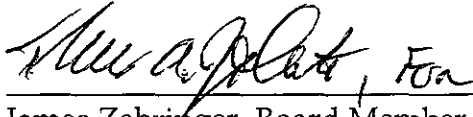
ORDERED, That the joint applications to bifurcate and transfer the CCE generation certificate from CCE to AEP Transco and to transfer the CCE interconnection certificate from CCE to AEP Transco be granted. It is, further,

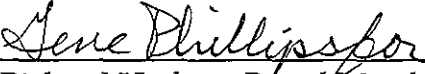
ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

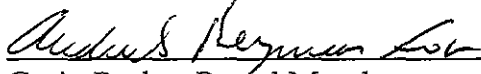
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