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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal
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Re: OPSB Case Nos. 15-1716-EL-BGN & 15-1717-EL-BTX
South Field Energy LLC
Proof of Publication - South Field Energy Facility and South Field
Interconnection Facilities

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Please find enclosed a copy (in two segments) of the actual newspaper tear-sheet which was published in *The Review* on Monday, May 23, 2016.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen M. Howard

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cc: All Parties of Record

Enclosures

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES

South Field Energy LLC is proposing to develop, build, own and operate the South Field Energy Facility, a new 1,105 megawatt natural gas-fired combined-cycle generating facility located in Yellow Creek Township, Columbiana County, Ohio (the Facility). To interconnect the Facility to the regional power grid, South Field Energy LLC is also proposing to develop, build, own and operate the South Field Energy Interconnection Facilities, including a new overhead transmission line (the T-Line) and associated point of interconnect switchyard (the POI Switchyard) in Yellow Creek and Madison Townships, Columbiana County, Ohio (collectively, the Interconnection Facilities).

The Facility will be comprised of two independent power trains, each utilizing a highly efficient integrated General Electric (GE) 7HA.02 combustion turbine generator with a dedicated supplementary-fired heat recovery steam generator, GE steam turbine generator, and a mechanical draft wet cooling tower. The Facility will have a nominal net output of 1,105 megawatts.

The Facility combustion turbines will operate primarily on natural gas. Although natural gas will be the Facility's primary fuel, ultra-low sulfur diesel may also be utilized for a limited number of hours per year under certain conditions. The Facility will utilize mechanical draft wet cooling towers to maximize operational efficiency. The Facility has also incorporated layout and design features to provide a buffer from surrounding uses.

The proposed Facility will be generally situated on an approximately 150 acre property that is located entirely within Yellow Creek Township, Columbiana County, Ohio. The Facility (which includes the power generating facility, an on-site switchyard (the Facility Switchyard) and other ancillary equipment) will be located on an 86.5 acre portion of the overall property located north of Hibbetts Mill Road (the Facility Site). The portion of the 150 acre property located south of Hibbetts Mill Road is not anticipated to be utilized in any way. The Facility Site is located approximately 3 miles northwest of the Village of Wellsville and approximately 0.6 miles west of State Route 45. Access to the Facility will extend from the west off of Hibbetts Mill Road, which generally bounds the Facility Site to the west and south.

Within the 86.5 acre Facility Site, the power generating facility, Facility Switchyard, and other ancillary equipment will be located on approximately 30 acres. Approximately 20 acres within the Facility Site will be available for temporary use as construction laydown. Additional laydown is proposed on an adjacent property (the Construction Laydown Area). A natural gas pipeline easement will extend from the Facility Site approximately 2 miles west and interconnect to the existing Dominion Transmission, Inc. interstate natural gas pipeline. To reduce impact, the natural gas pipeline easement corridor will extend along that of the proposed T-Line.

The Interconnection Facilities will generally consist of the new POI Switchyard and the new T-Line, which will be a 345kV overhead transmission line. The primary purpose of the Interconnection Facilities will be to deliver power generated at the Facility to the regional power grid via the Highland-Sammis 345kV transmission line owned by First Energy. The T-Line will run from the Facility Switchyard located within the Facility Site in a west-northwesterly direction to the existing FirstEnergy 345kV transmission line right-of-way, adjacent to which the POI Switchyard will be constructed.

The POI Switchyard is proposed to be constructed on approximately 3.5 acres in an area enclosed by a chain link fence north of Osbourne Road in Madison Township. This 3.5 acre POI Switchyard site is located on a 56 acre parcel of land (the Switchyard Site) providing a substantial buffer from Osbourne Road. The POI Switchyard design includes a 345kV ring bus configuration with a loop connection into the existing FirstEnergy Highland-Sammis 345kV transmission line. Supervisory control and data acquisition systems and associated equipment will be located in a 20-by-50 foot building to be constructed within this 3.5 acre fenced area.

A preferred route and an alternate route have been identified for the proposed Interconnection Facilities' T-Line. Both the preferred and alternate T-Line routes extend approximately 3.9 miles west of the Facility Site in Madison and Yellow Creek Townships, connecting the Facility Switchyard to the POI Switchyard. The two potential T-Line routes have significant overlap and extend west from the Facility Site along the natural gas pipeline easement before the natural gas line terminates and both potential T-Line routes continue towards the POI Switchyard. Both the preferred and alternate routes for the T-Line corridor are expected to require a cleared width of approximately 150 feet. Additional clearing outside of the corridor right-of-ways will be needed to construct a limited number of access roads, which are anticipated to be approximately 20 feet wide.

The preliminary T-Line design includes a total of 26 single-pole structures along each of the preferred and alternate routes, strategically spaced to span ecological resources and to utilize reclaimed land of former strip mines. These single-pole structures will range in height from approximately 80 to 170 feet above ground, with direct imbedded foundations, and will be constructed of tubular, galvanized steel. A variety of single-pole structure designs (e.g., angle structures) will be used due to different physical requirements along both the preferred and alternate routes; however, all structures are expected to have a single-pole design, which will minimize the amount of soil disturbance as compared to double-pole H-frame designs.

Access roads to the Interconnection Facilities will be provided off Hibbetts Mill Road, Forbes Road, Fife-Coal Road, Nicholson Road, Sines Road, and Osbourne Road. These access roads will provide access to the Interconnection Facilities for periodic operation and maintenance, and will primarily be constructed within the selected route. Access points will be located off public roadways, and extend across private property via a series of easements. These locations have been carefully selected to provide access to the Interconnection Facilities while minimizing environmental impact.

The intended purpose of the Facility is to help meet energy demand in the region, particularly in light of the retirement of aging generating capacity. The Facility will provide additional base load and peaking capacity via its natural gas-fired combined-cycle technology. The intended purpose of the Interconnection Facilities is to deliver electricity generated by the Facility to the grid. A map showing the location and general layout of the proposed Facility and Interconnection Facilities is below.

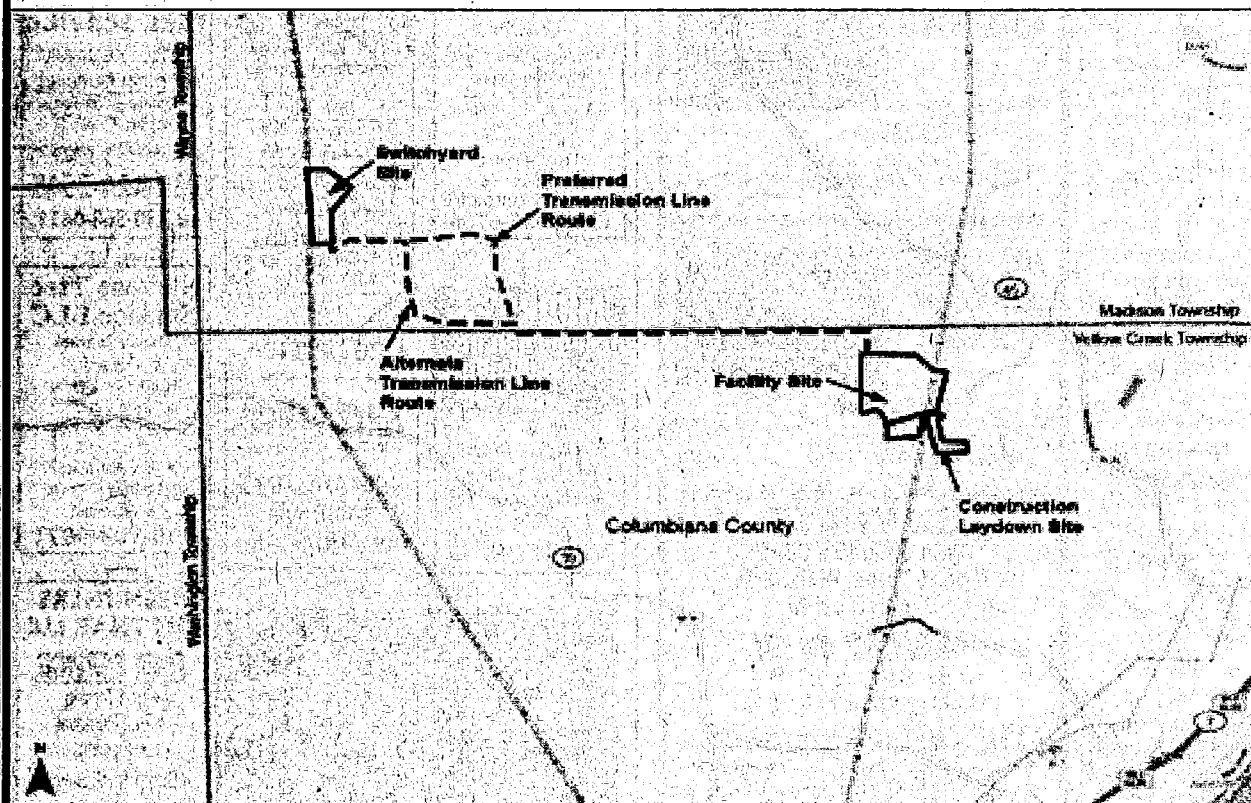
South Field Energy LLC has filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board or Power Siting Board) an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct the Facility in Case No. 151716ELBGN, which is now pending before the Board. South Field Energy LLC also filed with the Board an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Interconnection Facilities in Case No. 151717ELBTX, which is also pending before the Board. For purposes of public notices, the public hearings, and the evidentiary hearings, both cases have been consolidated.

The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed facilities. The public hearing for these proceedings shall consist of two parts:

- (a) A local public hearing in which the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person commencing on June 6, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Wellsville High School, located at 1 Bengal Blvd., Wellsville, OH 43968; and
- (b) An adjudicatory hearing to commence on June 21, 2016 at 10:00A.M., 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

Notice of the proposed major utility facilities previously appeared in the April 8, 2016 edition of The Review.

The attached map shows the location and general layout of the proposed Facility and Interconnection Facilities.



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