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Ohio Power Siting Board  
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October 13, 2016

RE: **Pre-Application Notification Letter**  
**In the matter of the application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company for**  
**a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the**  
**West Bellaire-Glencoe 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project. Case**  
**No. 16-1557-EL-BTX.**

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Dear Chairman Haque:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) files this pre-application notification letter in accordance with Rule 4906-3-03 Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). According to this provision, a prospective applicant must hold a public informational meeting and provide this notice to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). Specifically, 4906-3-03 O.A.C. requires:

- (1) A basic description of the project that shall include information about the anticipated function, equipment size, approximate aerial extent, general location, and purpose of the project.**

The West Bellaire-Glencoe 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves upgrading about 6 miles of existing 69-kV transmission line to 69/138-kV. The project traverses Pultney, Richland and Smith townships in Belmont County. The last major improvements in this area were done more than 60 years ago.

The existing 69-kV facilities were built in the 1940s. These will be replaced with steel, single pole structures that are somewhat taller and of sturdier construction. This will allow the lines to carry more current and help meet customers’ increased demand for power. The company anticipates completion of this project in 2019.

The West Bellaire-Glencoe 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project will help ensure the continued reliability of the transmission system, which is vital to AEP Ohio’s current customers and supports the development of the area’s economy.

AEP Ohio estimates that the Project will cost approximately \$10 million.

AEP Ohio Transco expects to file the application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the West Bellaire-Glencoe 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project with the state of Ohio Power Siting Board in early 2017.

AEP Ohio Transco will propose “purple”, “green” and “blue” transmission lines for public input.

The new transmission line will have the following major equipment:

- Steel Poles
- Conductor
- Shield Wire
- Associated Hardware

**(2) The date, time, and location of the public informational meeting to be held pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule.**

AEP Ohio Transco plans to hold the Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Bellaire High School, 349 35th Street, Bellaire, Ohio 43906. If there is any change to the meeting date, time or place, the OPSB Staff will be notified.

**(3) A list of any anticipated waivers of the board’s rules that the applicant will be requesting for the project.**

At this time, AEP Ohio Transco does not anticipate filing any waivers.

Cordially,

/s/ Hector Garcia  
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cc: Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff

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Summary: Notification - Pre-Application Notification Letter electronically filed by Mr. Hector Garcia on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company