

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Expedited Letter of Notification)	
Application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company for the)	16-1487-EL-BLN
Good Hope-Harrison #1 (Structure 206-Harrison))	
138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project)	

Supplement to OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AEP Ohio Transmission Company (Applicant) filed an expedited letter of notification for case 16-1487-EL-BLN on September 1, 2016. Staff filed its report of investigation on September 23, 2016. The Applicant filed correspondence of acceptance of all Staff conditions on September 29, 2016. The application was automatically approved on September 30, 2016.

Soon after, the landowner of the section of the project where Wetland 26 exists contacted OPSB Staff with concerns over the categorization of Wetland 26 as a Category 2 wetland. After further investigation, Staff and the Applicant agreed the wetland should be categorized as a Category 3 wetland. The wetland is a Category 3 wetland due to the presence of the state threatened Ravensfoot sedge, (*Carex crus-corvi*). This species does not show up until mid-summer, and the Applicant conducted their field work in March.

The Applicant filed a supplement on October 21, 2016 confirming the re-categorization of Wetland 26 from a Category 2 wetland to a Category 3 wetland. The change does not impact the staff report of investigation or the conditions contained within. Wetland 26 would not be impacted by this project. No poles would be placed in the wetland, no fill would occur in the wetland, and no access roads or temporary impacts would occur in the wetland. Given the circumstances described above, and due to the fact that the wetland would not be impacted, Staff recommends that no further action is necessary in this matter.

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