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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
Macksburg-Devola 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project. Case No.
16-0702-EL-BTX.

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 proposed Macksburg-Devola transmission line is part of the overall Marietta Area Improvements Project. The 23-kilovolt (kV) infrastructure has reached an age where it is in need of rebuild and redesign to improve reliability for customers across the region. Bringing additional power sources into the region will improve electric service reliability.

The Macksburg-Devola transmission line will be rebuilt to a 138-kV transmission line that connects Macksburg Substation - passing through Lowell Substation - to Devola Substation in Washington County. This project will improve service for customers, decrease power interruptions and speed recovery of service when outages occur.

The Macksburg-Devola line will be approximately 17 miles long, depending on the route selected. The line will likely run through Adams, Aurelius, Marietta, Muskingum and Salem townships in Washington County. AEP Ohio anticipates building the new transmission line primarily with single pole, steel structures.

AEP Ohio projects the Macksburg-Devola line will be an approximate \$30 million investment by the company.

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

AEP Ohio Transco will propose “Blue” and “Green” 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, December 6, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Lower Salem Elementary School, 10930 OH-821, Lower Salem, Ohio 45745. 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/ Erin C. Miller

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cc: Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff

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