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RE: West Bellaire-Glencoe 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project OPSB Case No.: 16-1557-EL-BTX Proof of Notification – Letters to Property or Land Owners Regarding the Public Hearing and Adjudicatory Hearing Date and Time

Dear Judge Fullin:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco) files this proof of notification in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4906-3-10(A). The initial notice followed all the requirements of OAC 4906-3-09(A)(1)(a-h). Enclosed is a sample of the initial notice. All letters were mailed on Wednesday, May 30, 2017 via first class mail.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Hector Garcia

Hector Garcia Counsel for AEP Ohio Transmission Company

## <u>West Bellaire-Glencoe 138kV</u> <u>Transmission Line Rebuild Project</u> <u>Sample Initial Notice</u>



May 30, 2017

**AEP Ohio** 700 Morrison Road Gahanna, OH 43230

Attn: Important information about your property «Owner» «Mailing\_Address\_» «City», «State» «Zip»

## RE: Notice of Local Public Hearing for a Proposed Major Utility Facility AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. West Bellaire-Glencoe 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project Ohio Power Siting Board Case Number: 16-1557-EL-BTX

Dear Landowner,

A local public hearing for the proposed West Bellaire-Glencoe 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project will be held on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 6 p.m., at Bellaire High School, 349 35th Street, Bellaire, Ohio 43906. An adjudicatory hearing will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 10 a.m., 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-C, at the office of the OPSB.

The project is known as the West Bellaire-Glencoe 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project. AEP Ohio Transco filed its Application with the OPSB, under Case No. 16-1557-EL-BTX. This number should be included in all communications about this project. The Application to construct, operate and maintain this facility is pending before the board<sup>1</sup>.

The West Bellaire-Glencoe 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves upgrading about 6 miles of existing 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line to 69/138-kV. The project traverses Pultney, Richland and Smith townships in Belmont County. The last major improvement in this area was 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. AEP Ohio Transco projects the West Bellaire-Glencoe line will be an approximate \$20 million investment.

The accompanying reduced-scale map depicts the project area. Copies of the Application, including specific details about the location and construction of the project are available for public inspection at the Belmont County District Library, Bethesda Public Library, the Bellaire Public Library and the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793, or by calling 1(866) 270-6772. You can also visit the OPSB's website at <a href="http://opsb.ohio.gov">http://opsb.ohio.gov</a>. Search under current cases for case number Case No. 16-1557-EL-BTX. Instructions for electronic or hard copy versions of the Applications can be found at <a href="http://www.AEPOhio.com/WestBellaire-Glencoe">AEPOhio.com/WestBellaire-Glencoe</a>.

The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the Application as required by OPSB regulations: Belmont County Commissioners, Belmont County Engineer, Belmont County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Mayor of Bellaire, the Smith Township Trustees, the Richland Township Trustees and the Pultney Township Trustees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The OPSB's siting requirements for application approval is enclosed with this letter.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the board up to 30 days following publication of this notice required by Rule 4906-2-12(B)(2), O.A.C., or by June 15, 2017, whichever is later. However, the board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and cite Case Number 16-1557-EL-BTX.

On behalf of AEP Ohio Transco and AEP Ohio, I look forward to seeing you at the public hearing.

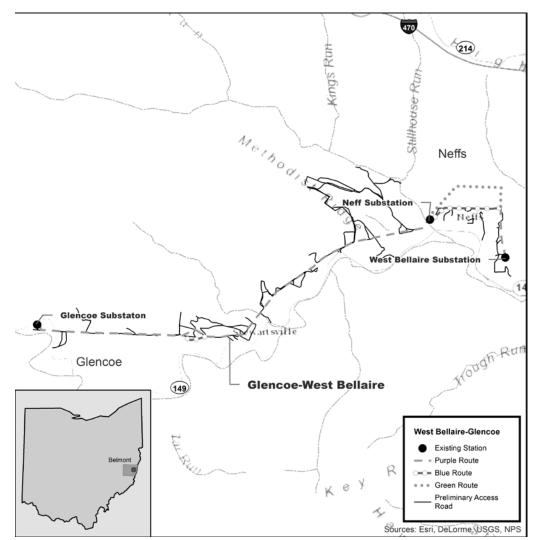
Sincerely,

Erin Miller

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**Project Outreach Specialist** 

cc: AEP Legal Counsel David Sanchez, Project Manager



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