

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of AEP	:	
Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. for a	:	Case No. 16-701-EL-BTX
Certificate of Environmental	:	
Compatibility and Public Need for the	:	
Lamping-Rouse 138 kV Transmission	:	
Line Project.	:	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
JON WHITIS
SITING, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

Staff Exhibit 1

June 9, 2017

1 1. Q. Please state your name and your business address.

2 A. My name is Jon Whitis, and my business address is 180 East Broad Street,
3 Columbus OH 43215.

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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission)
7 as a Utility Specialist 2 in the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable Energy
8 Division of the Commission's Rates and Analysis Department.

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10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

11 A. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Business from The Ohio State University in
12 1986. Additionally, I received a Master's Degree in Business
13 Administration from Ashland University in 2004.

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15 I have been employed by the Commission since 1987. For the past 12
16 years, I have worked in the power siting division where I have provided
17 analysis for over 100 cases before the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).
18 My responsibilities typically include application review and the preparation
19 of analysis for major utility facility applications in Ohio. Additionally, I
20 prepare staff reports and coordinate Staff review and field work for major
21 utility facilities.

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1 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Board?

2 A. Yes. I last testified as the lead analyst for the Hardin Wind Amendment,
3 Case Number 14-1557-EL-BGA.

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5 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

6 A. I am sponsoring the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was
7 filed in this docket (Case No. 16-701-EL-BTX) on May 22, 2017. I am the
8 Staff project lead on this case. I managed the Staff investigation and
9 preparation of the Staff Report.

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11 6. Q. What kind of case is this?

12 A. The Applicant in this case proposes to construct, own, operate, and
13 maintain the Lamping-Rouse 138 kV Transmission Line in Washington
14 Township, Monroe County, Ohio. The project would provide additional
15 transmission service to Monroe County, ultimately improving electric
16 service reliability in the southeastern Ohio area.

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18 7. Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to make to the Staff Report?

19 A. No.

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21 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

1 9. A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
2 mony as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes avail-
3 able or in response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Jon Whitis** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail upon the following parties of record this 9th day of June, 2017.

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