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Re: Proof of Publication
PUCO Case No. 17-0637-EL-BTX
Ross - Ginger Switch 138kV Transmission Line Project

Dear Chairman Haque,

Attached please find the proof of publication of public notice concerning the proposed major utility facility in the above-referenced case, which was published September 16, 2017. The notice was published pursuant to Rule 4906-3-03, Ohio Administrative Code.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Proof of Publication

I, Walter Dozier, do hereby attest that the AEP Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

Chillicothe Gazette 9/16/17

Walter Dozier 9/22/17
Walter Dozier Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 22nd day of September, 2017 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walter Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Patricia A. Conkle
Notary Public



Patricia A. Conkle
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My Commission Expires 08-17-19

Hurricane pushes Florida's poor closer to edge of ruin

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IMMOKALEE, Fla. — Larry and Elida Dimas didn't have much to begin with, and Hurricane Irma left them with even less.

The storm peeled open the roof of the old mobile home where they live with their 18-year-old twins, and it destroyed another one they rented to migrant workers in Immokalee, one of Florida's poorest communities. Someone from the government has already promised aid, but Dimas' chin quivers at the thought of accepting it.

"I don't want the help," said Larry Dimas, 55. "But I need it." Dimas is one of millions of Floridians who live in poverty, and an untold number of them have seen their lives upended by Irma. Their options, already limited, were narrowed even further when the hurricane destroyed possessions, increased expenses and knocked them out of work.

Not far from Dimas in impoverished Immokalee, located on the edge of the Everglades, Haitian immigrant Woody Darius, a junior at Immokalee High School, must decide whether to return to class when school reopens or head to the fields to pick berries once the land is dry enough to work again.

"The rent is \$375, and if I don't have the money, they'll kick us out," said Darius, 17. He lives in a grubby apartment building with bare concrete floors, burglar-proof doors and cinder-block walls that make it resemble a jail more than a home.

The Census Bureau estimates about 3.3 million people live in poverty in Florida — nearly 16 percent of the state's 20.6 million population. For them, the amusement parks of Orlando or President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach might as well be on Mars.

Many work by the hour in



Standing on her porch Monday in Immokalee, Fla., Elida Dimas looks at floodwater in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. The storm badly damaged Dimas' mobile home and destroyed another she and her husband used for rental income, making their tough life even harder.

restaurants, gas stations, hotels, stores and other businesses forced to close for days after Irma, depriving them of paychecks. Others are day laborers or migrants who earn money by the pound picking produce that's sold in stores nationwide. Still others are retirees on fixed incomes or disability checks whose budgets were already tight before Irma.

Fleeing Irma wasn't an option for those who lacked transportation to get to a shelter, couldn't afford gas to drive north and couldn't rent a hotel room. The likely costs associated with cleaning up or finding a new place to live pushed them closer to the edge than ever.

After Irma, Gwen Bush scrambled to find a place just to sleep after floodwaters rose around her home.

A security worker for Amway Center in Orlando, Bush hadn't worked in the days leading up to Irma because concerts

and other events had been canceled as the storm approached. It's not certain when the arena will be open for business, and she was down to her final \$10 before the storm.

"I've been through some hurricanes and some storms living here, but I can say on my life this is the worst I've ever seen," said Bush, 50, a lifelong resident of Orlando. "How do you recover from this, losing all of your stuff?"

David and Andrea Jewell survive on disability checks and live on a sailboat they bought for \$1,000 on eBay years ago. David Jewell, 51, can't imagine now living on land.

After the storm, the Jewells stayed on cots in the gym at a community center in Jacksonville. They tried to figure out whether they could get a new boat if theirs was destroyed.

Maybe, they decided, they could just cut back on food and find another cheap one with

their next disability checks. "There aren't any answers," he said, "so I guess I'll have to roll with it."

But in one bit of good news, they later learned from a friend that their boat is still floating. For some poor people, there's at least a little upside to the devastation.

Guatemalan immigrant Aurora Gaspar totaled up storm-related expenses of about \$600 while using a twig-fired grill to stew chicken on her front stoop in Immokalee; she has three school-age children to feed and a 2-week-old baby.

But Gaspar said husband Juan Francisco got a job cleaning up storm debris in the Port Myers and Naples area. He needed to get busy, she said through a translator: Their storm preparations cost nearly twice as much as his weekly pay of \$320.

"We had to prepare the house so it would protect us," said Gas-



Larry Dimas talks Tuesday about the struggles of his life in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. The storm peeled open the roof of the old mobile home where he and his wife live with their 18-year-old twins.

par, 28. Beside his ruined Immokalee mobile home, Dimas is trying to get back on his feet, but it's tough.

Dimas earns a meager living cooking hamburgers and chicken in a food truck parked by his home, and some customers already have returned — he said he sold all 40 of the hamburgers that were still safe to cook Tuesday.

Dimas needs to replace the income from his rental trailer, already condemned after being split open by the wind. Dimas had used that money to help feed his two teenagers and pay for the rescue inhalers he needs for his asthma. Losing it will only make it harder for Dimas to do what he says is one of his favorite things: providing free or cut-rate food to those who have even less.

Coping with Irma's aftermath is only making life tougher for people with little who live in places including unincorporated Immokalee, he said.

"A lot of people work. They work hard here. They don't ask for nothing. They just go to work, come home, and something like this happens, it's ... " Dimas said. "I don't know what to say."

He stopped talking and turned away to keep from crying.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio Schedules Open House to Discuss Electric Transmission Line

AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power (AEP), and the AEP Ohio Transmission Company Inc. invite residents of Ross County to attend a public informational open house regarding plans to upgrade an electric transmission line in Springfield Township in Ross County.

To learn more about this project, the public is invited to attend a project open house September 18 at God's Community Outreach, 21307 Old US RT 35, Chillicothe, OH 45601. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The open house will run until 7:30 p.m. The informational open house provides the public the opportunity to meet and talk with project representatives. There is no formal presentation. Visitors may come and go at any time during the workshop. Residents can ask questions of project team members and learn more about the transmission line project.

The Springfield 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves upgrading about 5 miles of transmission line. This project is located in Springfield Township in Ross County. This project updates an aging transmission line which will improve the reliability of the electric transmission service in the region. The upgraded line will use several structure types, including steel monopole and H-frame structures. AEP Ohio anticipates completion of this project fall 2019. Early estimates show this is an approximate \$8 million investment by the company.

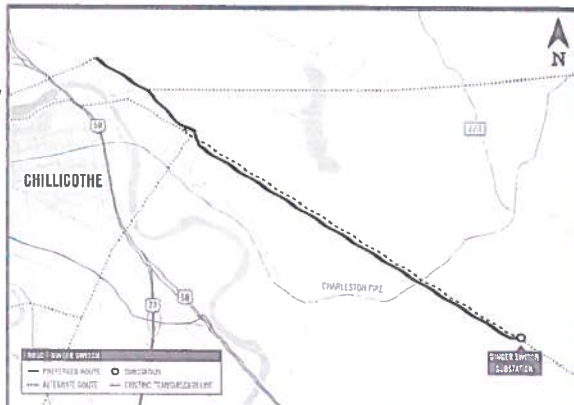
AEP Ohio Transmission Company expects to file its application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Springfield 138 kV transmission line with the state of Ohio Power Siting Board in late 2017. This application has been assigned Case Number 17-0637-EL-BTX. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this project.

The Ohio Power Siting Board is responsible for reviewing information related to the project — including input from the public — and determining whether the proposed project should be approved. AEP Ohio is required to propose two transmission line routes to the siting board. The siting board will make the final decision on which route is selected. The accompanying concept map depicts the proposed routes the company is likely to submit to the siting board as the preferred route and alternate route. It should be noted that due to reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide.

If the application is approved, construction of the transmission line could begin as early as the fall of 2018 and be completed by fall of 2019.

Additional information about this project can be found online at AEPOhio.com/Springfield. The public also can ask questions or make comments about the project by calling 614-552-1929 or 877-215-9261 or sending an email inquiry to ecmiller1@aep.com. Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

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