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**Re: PUCO Case No. 16-0702-EL-BTX**  
**In the Matter of the Application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company,**  
**Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need**  
**for Construction of the Macksburg-Devola 138kV Transmission Line**  
**Rebuild Project**  
**Proof of Publication of Second Public Notice**

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 October 20, 2017, pursuant to Rule 4906-3-09(A)(2), Ohio Administrative Code.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff



### Proof of Publication

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

Marietta Times

10/20/17

Walter Dozier  
Walter Dozier

10/24/17  
Date

State of Ohio  
County of Franklin

On this day, the 24th day of October, 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  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 06-17-19

# Trump kicks issues to Congress, is erratic negotiator

By Catherine Lucy  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is proving to be an erratic negotiating partner as he punts policy issues to Congress and then sends conflicting signals about what he really wants.

His rapid backpedal this week on a short-term health care bill is the latest example, and it's left Republicans and Democrats scratching their heads.

"The president has had six positions on our bill," an exasperated Sen. Pat Murray, D-Wash., said Wednesday after Trump offered multiple reads on a bipartisan plan to keep health insurance markets in business. Trump ultimately

ended with a thumbs-down.

Nine months into office, Trump has shown a preference for delegating to lawmakers on everything from health care and immigration to foreign policy. Sometimes he creates situations that demand a congressional solution. In other cases, he sets difficult-to-achieve broad policy goals and expects lawmakers to fill in the fine print.

Along the way, he's proved to be an unpredictable force. He encouraged Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., to work with Murray on a bipartisan solution on insurer payments, only to announce after some wavering that he wouldn't support it.

Republican Sen. Ron John-

son of Wisconsin took Trump to task on Thursday, saying, "It's always best for the president in terms of what he's supporting or not supporting. And let's face it, he's not been particularly consistent here."

Trump was tweaking Congress again Thursday, calling a Senate GOP budget plan the "first step toward massive tax cuts" but suggesting there was uncertainty about the votes. "I think we have the votes, but who knows?" he tweeted.

Yet Republicans leaders were moving forward with a degree of certainty as only one GOP senator, Rand Paul of Kentucky, has expressed opposition.

Despite controlling both

chambers of Congress and the White House, Republicans have achieved no major legislative successes this year. Their efforts on health care have ended in failure, leaving tax overhaul legislation as their only hope for a major win.

Some Republicans have grown resentful, and they're looking ahead to the 2018 elections with apprehension.

Most shy away from public criticism, arguing that the president is simply looking to Congress to do its job and pass legislation. If the work is piling up, they say, it's because former President Barack Obama took executive

steps that were actually in Congress' domain, and now

Trump needs congressional help to unwind them.

They point to immigration, where Obama acted unilaterally to extend protections to immigrants who were brought to the country illegally as children, and the Iran nuclear deal, where Trump's decision not to certify Tehran compliance kicks the future of U.S. participation to Congress.

"Look, our job is our job and it's our responsibility, it's our job to get this done," said Rep. Cory Gardner, R-Colo. "I'm not going to try to lay the blame at somebody else."

Trump doesn't have any such hesitation.

"I have great relationships with actually many senators, but in particular with most

Republican senators. But we're not getting the job done," the president said this week. "And I'm not going to blame myself, I'll be honest. They are not getting the job done."

Trump's unpredictability makes it hard for lawmakers to keep up with his latest positions.

"I hadn't heard that. I thought yesterday he was liking it," Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., remarked in surprise on Wednesday when asked about Trump's opposition to the insurer payments deal Alexander crafted with Murray. Indeed, Trump had spoken favorably about the deal around midday Tuesday, only to reverse course.

## Obama pushing Democratic governor candidates in 2 states

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — People arrived early and were waiting in line for hours Thursday as former President Barack Obama returned to the campaign trail to stump for Democratic gubernatorial candidates in New Jersey and Virginia.

Thursday's events to fire up Democrats ahead of the Nov. 7 elections in both states mark the first time the former president is stepping back into the political spotlight since leaving the White House in January.

Obama is hoping to sway voters in New Jersey and Virginia, the only two gubernatorial races this year. Both Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, a Democrat, and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican, are term-limited. Those Nov. 7 races will be considered a bellwether of Democrats' strength in the face of Republican President Donald Trump's victory last year.

Obama was to drop in

Thursday afternoon on campaign workers in Newark, New Jersey, for a private "canvass kickoff" for Democratic candidate Phil Murphy, who is running against Republican Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno.

Diane Coleman, 70, of Jersey City, was among the first wave of people to let into the room where Obama was to speak. The Democrat who oversees real estate records for one of the state's largest counties said she voted for Obama twice and would vote for him again if he could run again. She emphasized that speaking nega-

tively about Trump could alienate some voters.

"This is a great opportunity to see my president," she said. "I don't want to say anything bad about Donald Trump."

After the Newark stop, the former president will head to Richmond, Virginia, to rally support for Democrat Ralph Northam in his campaign against Republican Ed Gillespie.

Obama's appearance should serve to unify Democrats, who are out of power in the federal government and in most statehouses across the country,

experts say.

"I think Obama also is a reminder to Democrats of all stripes — left, center — that there was a time when Trump was not here, sort of the nostalgia of the pre-Trump days," said Seton Hall University associate political science professor Matthew Hale.

Obama is planning more public appearances as the year closes, and preparation for the 2018 midterm elections begins.

"Obama seems to be determined to be an engaged and active former president who's playing a role in different issues and is involved

in politics," Rutgers University professor David Greenberg said.

At the end of the month, Obama will go to Chicago to head up his first Obama Foundation leadership summit on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

Obama's popularity is still undeniable. In an August NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, 51 percent of Americans said they have a favorable opinion of

Obama, while 35 percent had a negative opinion. In the same poll, 36 percent said they had a positive opinion of Trump and 52 percent had a negative opinion.

Obama never completely disappeared from public life, in part because of Trump's constant criticism and efforts to undo much of Obama's legacy after eight years in office. He has publicly defended his policies that Trump and the GOP-led Congress have set out to dismantle: the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio and its affiliate, AEP Ohio Transmission Company Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco), propose to rebuild a 138 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line in Washington County.

The project is known as the Macksburg-Devola 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project. AEP Ohio Transco filed its application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB), under Case No. 16-0702-EL-BTX. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this project. The application to construct, operate and maintain this facility is pending before the board.

**NOVEMBER 1, 2017, 6:00 P.M. LOWER SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The public hearing in this case shall consist of two parts:

(a) A local public hearing is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at Lower Salem Elementary School, 10930 OH-821, Lower Salem, Ohio 45745. At this local public hearing on November 1, the public will be given an opportunity to comment on this project to the OPSB. AEP Ohio and AEP Ohio Transco invite all residents and property owners who wish to present written or oral testimony, to attend this public hearing; and

(b) An adjudicatory hearing commencing at 10 a.m., Thursday, November 16, 2017, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793. The hearing on November 16, at the PUCO offices, is open to the public, but participation is limited to the parties in the case.

The proposed Macksburg-Devola transmission line is part of the overall Southeast Ohio Area Improvements. The project will improve service for customers, cut down on power outages and speed service restoration when outages occur.

The Macksburg-Devola transmission line will be a 138 kV transmission line that connects the Macksburg Substation to the new Devola Substation in Washington County.

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.

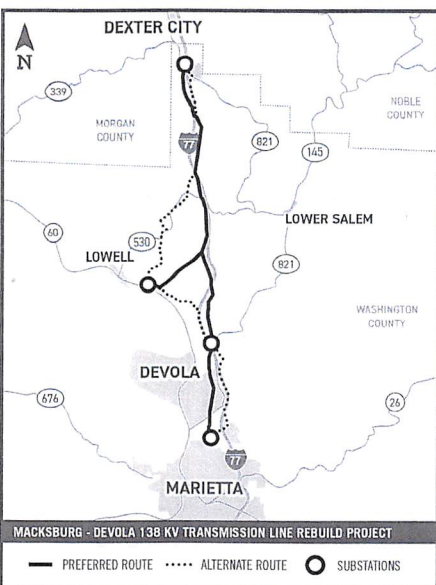
AEP Ohio Transco projects the Macksburg-Devola line will be an approximate \$30 million investment.

The accompanying map depicts the two proposed routes for the Macksburg-Devola line. It should be noted that due to the reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide.

This is the second notice regarding this project's respective hearing dates. The first notice was mailed to residents and landowners on October 16, 2017.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call 614-552-1929 or 1-877-215-9261 or send an email inquiry to [ecmiller1@aep.com](mailto:ecmiller1@aep.com). Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

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Summary: Proof of Pub of Second Public Notice electronically filed by Ms. Christen M. Blend on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Power Company, Inc.