

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of)	
AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.)	
For a Certificate of Environmental)	Case No. 16-1557-EL-BTX
Compatibility and Public Need for)	
Construction of the West Bellaire-Glencoe)	
138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project.)	

**UNOPPOSED MOTION OF AEP OHIO TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC.
FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICANT TESTIMONY
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING**

Pursuant to Rules 4906-2-07 and 4906-2-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code, AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) respectfully moves for a short extension of its deadline to file testimony in this case. The requested extension will allow the parties to the above-captioned proceeding to continue settlement negotiations, which may resolve one or more issues in this case.

Because AEP Ohio Transco’s direct testimony is presently due November 16, 2017, AEP Ohio Transco respectfully requests expedited ruling on this motion pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4906-2-27(C) and certifies that no party objects to the issuance of an immediate ruling or to the requested extension. The grounds for this motion are set forth more fully in the accompanying memorandum in support.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Pursuant to Rules 4906-2-07 and 4906-2-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code, AEP Ohio Transmission Company (“AEP Ohio Transco”) respectfully moves for a short extension of its deadline to file testimony in this case. Because the deadline for AEP Ohio Transco’s direct testimony is November 16, 2017, AEP Ohio Transco also requests an expedited ruling in this matter pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4906-2-27(C).

On September 22, 2017, the Administrative Law Judge issued an Entry establishing the following procedural schedule in these proceedings:

- November 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. – Local public hearing commences
- November 16, 2017 – Deadline for AEP Ohio Transco to file testimony
- November 20, 2017 – Deadline for intervenors and Staff to file testimony
- November 21, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. – Evidentiary hearing commences

Entry at ¶ 20, 22 (Sept. 22, 2017).

Since the completion of the November 14, 2017 local public hearing, the parties have been actively engaged in settlement negotiations that may resolve one or all disputed issues between the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board and AEP Ohio Transco, the only parties in the case. In order to facilitate continued settlement discussions and explore whether a partial or complete settlement may be reached, AEP Ohio Transco requests a short four-day extension of the testimony deadline set forth above. Specifically, AEP Ohio Transco requests that the Administrative Law Judge modify the procedural schedule in this case to require that all testimony in this case is due on November 20, 2017, which is the current deadline for Staff and intervenor testimony.

If a partial or complete Stipulation and Recommendation (“Stipulation”) is filed by two or more parties before November 20, 2017, then AEP Ohio Transco reserves the right to request that

the Administrative Law Judge further modify the above procedural schedule at that time in order to accommodate the preparation of testimony in support of the Stipulation, possible preparation of testimony in opposition to the Stipulation, and the parties' preparation for hearing.

All parties have been contacted regarding this motion and AEP Ohio Transco's request for expedited ruling. No party opposes either the motion or AEP Ohio Transco's request for immediate ruling. Accordingly, AEP Ohio Transco respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge issue an entry extending and continuing the procedural schedule in these proceedings as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with Rule 4901-1-05, Ohio Administrative Code, the PUCO's e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document upon the following parties. In addition, I hereby certify that a service copy of the foregoing was sent by, or on behalf of, the undersigned counsel to the following individuals this 15th day of November, 2017, via electronic transmission.

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Summary: Motion (Unopposed Motion for Extension of Deadline to File Applicant Testimony and Request for Expedited Ruling) electronically filed by Ms. Christen M. Blend on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Power Company, Inc.