

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the :
Application of AEP Ohio :
Transmission Company, Inc. : Case No.
For a Certificate of : 16-0702-BTX
Environmental Compatibility :
and Public Need for the :
Macksburg-Devola 138 kV :
Transmission Line Project. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Daniel Fullin, Administrative Law Judge,
at the offices of the Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street,
Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday,
November 16, 2017, at 10:00 A.M.

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Thursday Morning,
November 16, 2017.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FULLIN:

The Power Siting Board has called for hearing at this time and place Case No. 16-702-EL-BTX which is In the Matter of the Application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public need for the Macksburg-Devola 138 kV Transmission Line Project.

My name is Dan Fullin, I am the Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Board to hear this case. And I will take appearances now beginning with AEP.

MR. GARCIA: Thank you, Your Honor. Hector Garcia on behalf of the Applicant. And with me I have the witness Ron Howard.

ALJ FULLIN: Thank you. And Mr. Lindgren, do you want to make an appearance?

MR. LINDGREN: Thank you, Your Honor. On behalf of the Commission's Staff, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine by Thomas G. Lindgren, Assistant Attorney General. My address is 30 East Broad Street, 16th Floor,

1 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

2 ALJ FULLIN: Okay. Unless there is
3 something else anyone wants to bring up I will
4 begin by giving the floor to the Applicant to
5 start their testimony.

6 MR. GARCIA: Thank you, Your Honor.
7 The Company calls Ron Howard to the stand.

8 (WITNESS SWORN)

9 RONALD M. HOWARD, JR.
10 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,
11 testified as follows:

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 By Mr. Garcia:

14 Q. Mr. Howard, if you would please
15 state your name and business address for
16 the record.

17 A. Sure. Ronald M. Howard, Jr., 700
18 Morrison Road, Gahanna, Ohio.

19 Q. And by whom are you employed and in
20 what capacity?

21 A. AEP Transmission Company, and I am
22 the Siting Specialist for Ohio.

23 Q. Did you cause testimony to be
24 submitted in this proceeding?

25 A. Yes, I did.

1 Q. And does it consist of seven pages
2 of questions and answers and attached exhibits?

3 A. Yes, it does.

4 Q. Was this testimony and exhibits
5 prepared by you or under your supervision?

6 A. Yes, it was.

7 Q. Do you have any corrections to this
8 testimony at this point?

9 A. I do not.

10 Q. If I were to ask you the same
11 questions today would you provide substantially
12 the same answers?

13 A. Yes I would.

14 Q. And to the best of your knowledge is
15 the information in the exhibits true and
16 accurate?

17 A. Yes, it is.

18 Q. Do you adopt your testimony and
19 exhibits as your evidence in this case?

20 A. Yes, I do.

21 MR. GARCIA: Your Honor, the Company
22 moves for the admission of Mr. Howard's
23 testimony into the record and request that it be
24 marked as they have been indicated in advance,
25 including the actual testimony which is AEP Ohio

1 Transco Exhibit No. 7, subject to cross.

2 ALJ FULLIN: All right. Thank you.

3 Any cross-examination?

4 MR. LINDGREN: None, your Honor.

5 ALJ FULLIN: All right. Did you
6 have other things that you wanted to move into
7 evidence?

8 MR. GARCIA: Yes, Your Honor. To
9 clarify, the testimony of Mr. Howard includes
10 reference to Exhibits 1 through 7, I believe.
11 And the company is also sponsoring Joint Exhibit
12 1, which is the actual stipulation.

13 And the Company moves that they be
14 moved into record.

15 ALJ FULLIN: Any objections?

16 MR. LINDGREN: No objections.

17 ALJ FULLIN: Okay. All those will
18 be admitted into evidence at this time.

19 (EXHIBITS HEREBY ADMITTED INTO
20 EVIDENCE)

21 ALJ FULLIN: Anything further from
22 the Company?

23 MR. GARCIA: Nothing further from
24 the Company.

25 ALJ FULLIN: Okay. Thank you. Mr.

1 Lindgren.

2 MR. LINDGREN: Thank you, Your
3 Honor. I would like to move for admission of
4 the Staff Report of Investigation filed on
5 September 22, 2017 as Staff Exhibit 1.

6 ALJ FULLIN: Is there any objection?

7 MR. GARCIA: No objection.

8 ALJ FULLIN: It will be admitted
9 into evidence at this time.

10 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE)

11 ALJ FULLIN: Is there anything
12 further from Staff?

13 MR. LINDGREN: Nothing, Your Honor.

14 ALJ FULLIN: All right. Thank you.
15 Is there anything further we need to cover in
16 today's hearing that I am not picking up?

17 MR. GARCIA: Nothing from the
18 Company.

19 ALJ FULLIN: Thank you. Then I will
20 bring this to a close. Thank you. This hearing
21 will be adjourned.

22 MR. LINDGREN: Thank you.

23 MR. GARCIA: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 (At 10:05 A.M. the hearing was
25 concluded)

CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct transcript of the
proceedings taken by me in this matter on
November 16, 2017, and carefully compared with
my original stenographic notes.

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