



Legal Department

American Electric Power  
1 Riverside Plaza  
Columbus, OH 43215-2373  
AEP.com

December 20, 2017

Ms. Barcy F. McNeal  
Docketing Division  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

**Hector Garcia**  
**Christen M. Blend**  
Senior Counsel –  
Regulatory Services  
(614) 716-3410 (P)  
(614) 716-1915 (P)  
[hgarcia1@aep.com](mailto:hgarcia1@aep.com)  
[cmblend@aep.com](mailto:cmblend@aep.com)

**RE: Pre-Application Notification Letter**  
**In the Matter of the Letter of Notification Application of AEP Ohio**  
**Transmission Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental**  
**Compatibility and Public Need for the Summerfield-Berne 138 kV**  
**Transmission Line Project**  
**Case No. 17-2505-EL-BLN**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) files this pre-application notification letter for the above-referenced Project pursuant to Rule 4906-6-03(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

AEP Ohio Transco has identified the need to upgrade and rebuild the existing Summerfield – Berne 69 kV Transmission Line, located in Marion Township, Noble County and Seneca and Franklin townships, Monroe County, Ohio to 138 kV. Rebuilding the existing 69 kV line is necessary in order to accommodate projected increased load and provide more reliable service to AEP customers in the surrounding area. The existing 69 kV transmission line is approximately 3.5 miles in length and traverses between the Summerfield Substation, located in Marion Township, Noble County and the Berne Substation, located in Franklin Township, Monroe County, Ohio. The proposed Project is entirely along the existing transmission line right-of-way, and is the least impact and most cost-effective option to increase service reliability and accommodate projected load growth in the area.

AEP Ohio Transco anticipates that construction of the Project will begin in March 2018. The anticipated in-service date for the Project is approximately December 2018.

Please be advised that pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-6-04, AEP Ohio Transco is requesting an expedited review of this Project; however, AEP Ohio Transco would like to waive the expedited review period of 28 days set forth in Rule 4906-6-03(B) and instead requests that the processing time for this matter be expedited to 60 days after the date of filing. APE Ohio Transco will submit payment of \$2,000 in accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-04(A)(2) on the date of filing.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christen M. Blend

Christen M. Blend (0086881), Counsel of Record  
Hector Garcia (0084517)

Counsel for AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.

cc: John Jones, Counsel for OPSB Staff  
Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff

**This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities**

**Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on**

**12/20/2017 10:59:41 AM**

**in**

**Case No(s). 17-2505-EL-BLN**

Summary: Notification (Pre-Application) electronically filed by Ms. Christen M. Blend on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Power Company, Inc.