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**RE: 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
Ginger Switch Repair and Upgrade Project, Case No 18-0156-EL-BLN
Proof of Compliance with O.A.C. 4906-6-07 and 4906-6-08**

Dear Chairman Haque:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. hereby files this proof of compliance with the notice requirements set forth in Rules 4906-6-07 and 4906-6-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code for the above-referenced project applications:

1. In accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-07(A)(1), AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. served a copy of the Letter of Notification to each required chief executive officer or public agency head on June 1, 2018.
2. In accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-07(A)(2), AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., served a copy of the Letter of Notification to the main public libraries on June 1, 2018.
3. In accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-07(A)(3), AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. maintains information on the website for each project as to how to request a copy of the Letter of Notification.
4. In accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-08(A), AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. published public notice of the Letter of Notification in a newspaper of general circulation in the project's area on May 29, 2018.
5. In accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-08(B), AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. mailed a letter describing the project to each property owner and affected tenant via first class mail on June 1, 2018. The letter met all the requirements of this rule.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christen M. Blend

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Counsel for AEP Ohio Transmission Company

cc: Jon Pawley



AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

June 1, 2018

«OFFICE»
«ATTENTION»
«ADDRESS»
«CITY», «STATE» «ZIP»

RE: Letter of Notification
Ginger Switch Repair and Upgrade Project
Case Number: 18-0156-EL-BLN

Dear «ADDRESSEE»:

AEP Ohio wants to notify you of an upcoming transmission line project in your area. In accordance with Rules 4906 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., (AEP Ohio Transco) is required to submit a Letter of Notification to the State of Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) whenever certain changes are made to our transmission facilities.

The proposed Ginger Switch Repair and Upgrade Project, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Case Number 18-0156-EL-BLN, consists of upgrading about a half-mile of 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line within an existing right-of-way corridor. AEP Ohio Transco may supplement current easements to accommodate for a 100-foot right-of-way. The line travels through Springfield Township in Ross County. AEP Ohio Transco will upgrade the line by using primarily single pole, steel structures. Rebuilding the line will improve the electric transmission reliability in the area. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018.

We ask that this Letter of Notification be made available to the public. To obtain an electronic copy of the Letter of Notification please contact me at the number below. We have also sent communication to landowners in the project area.

In compliance with Rule 4906-6-01, et seq., of the OAC, we have prepared and filed the attached Letter of Notification with the OPSB. This Letter of Notification is currently pending before the board.

Please feel free to contact me at 614-552-1929 and I would be happy to answer any questions concerning this project.

Sincerely,

Erin Miller
Project Outreach Specialist



AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

June 1, 2018

Attn: Important information about your property

«Landowner»

«Mailing_Address»

«City», «State» «Zip_Code»

RE: Letter of Notification
Ginger Switch Repair and Upgrade Project
Case Number: 18-0156-EL-BLN

Dear Resident or Property Owner:

You're receiving this letter because our records indicate that you live near an upcoming transmission line project. In accordance with Rules 4906 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., (AEP Ohio Transco) is required to submit a Letter of Notification to the State of Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) whenever certain changes are made to our transmission facilities.

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In compliance with Rule 4906-6-01, et seq., of the OAC, we have prepared and filed a Letter of Notification with the OPSB. The Letter of Notification to construct, operate and maintain this facility is pending before the board.

Members of the public are encouraged to comment about this project. You can comment by calling Erin Miller at 614-552-1929 or 877-215-9261 or sending an email to ecmiller1@aep.com. You can also send your comments directly to the OPSB at its contact information listed below. Petitions to intervene in the OPSB process can be filed to the siting board up to 10 days following the public notice announcing the project.

The accompanying map depicts the project area. It should be noted that due to the reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide. Copies of the actual Letter of Notification, including specific details about the location and construction are available for public inspection at the following locations:

Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library, 140 S. Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library – Richmond Dale Branch, 770 Main Street, Richmond Dale, Ohio, 45673
Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793
1(866)270-6772

contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us

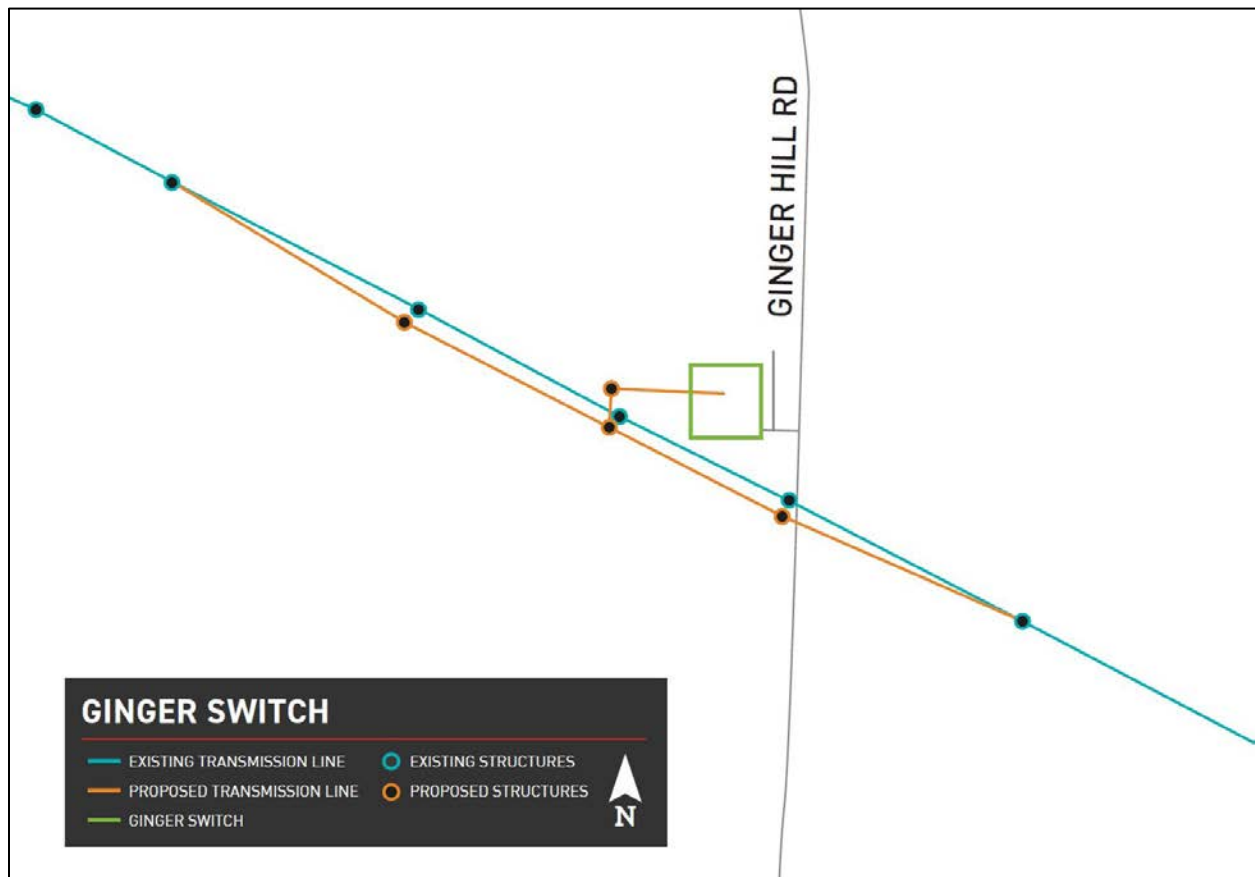
Electronic versions of the Letter of Notification can be found at <http://www.aeptransmission.com/ohio/> and at the Ohio Power Siting Board website at <http://opsb.ohio.gov>. Search under current cases for case number Case No. 18-0156-EL-BLN.

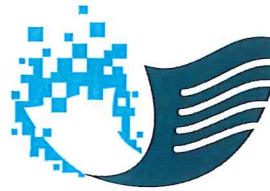
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Sincerely,

Erin Miller

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Project Outreach Specialist





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

5/29/18

Walter Dozier
Walter Dozier

5/30/18
Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 30th day of May, 2018 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

Film explores Chinese Exclusion Act as US immigration ‘DNA’

Documentarians call it an eye-opening experience

Deepti Hajela
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK – Politicians seizing on immigrants as an election issue. Newspaper headlines calling for action. Talk of legislation to institute a ban.

If viewers of “The Chinese Exclusion Act” documentary end up with a sense of déjà vu between the film’s subject, a law from 1882 that barred Chinese people from coming to the United States, and current events, that’s the point, according to its filmmakers.

“The ‘A-Ha!’ for anybody coming to it ... is oh, there’s a history to how we have decided who can come and when they can come, who’s a citizen and who’s not a citizen,” said documentarian Ric Burns, who made the film with Li-Shin Yu. It airs on the PBS television series “American Experience” on Tuesday.

The Chinese Exclusion Act was America’s first and only immigration act that barred people from a specific country from coming to the U.S. After its initial enactment for a 10-year period in 1882, it was regularly renewed and made permanent in 1904. It was repealed in 1943.

Making the documentary was an eye-opening experience for Burns and Yu, who had never heard of the law and believe most of the American public isn’t aware of it, either.

“This is the DNA of American immigration policy,” Burns said. “It is not a story about immigration, it is *the* story about immigration, and you’re not going to understand any of the other aspects of it without understanding this thing: In 1848, you got off the boat and disappeared, in 1882 suddenly there was a racially invidious distinction being made.”

The documentary starts several decades before the law’s enactment on May 6, 1882. The Chinese had started coming to the West Coast in the middle



Making the documentary was an eye-opening experience for filmmakers Li-Shin Yu and Ric Burns. BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP

part of the 19th century, drawn by the possibilities of the California Gold Rush and looking to escape the unrest in China in the wake of the Opium Wars over the West forcing China to open to trade.

They became targets of prejudice by white miners and other Californians as gold became more difficult to come by, as well as politicians appealing to nativist sentiments and those concerned immigrants were depressing wages. But they were also vital labor in the building of the Western half of the transcontinental railroad, forced to work for lower pay and in worse conditions than white workers.

The documentary shows how, even

though estimates put the Chinese population at about 100,000 when the country’s population was about 50 million, there was a rising sentiment that the Chinese were a problem. That led to laws on the West Coast limiting their livelihoods as well as acts like the federal 1875 Page Act, which instituted regulations on women attempting to come to the U.S. from China that were onerous enough that they were almost completely excluded. There were also acts of violence, like the October 1871 massacre in Los Angeles, when a mob went to Chinatown and 18 Chinese immigrants were killed, many of them lynched.

When the exclusion act was passed,

it prohibited most Chinese workers from coming, and preventing Chinese already here from becoming naturalized citizens.

But the anti-Chinese sentiment already stoked in the U.S. didn’t abate with the law, and the documentary shows how acts of violence continued to be perpetrated against Chinese communities, as in the Snake River massacre in 1887, where almost three dozen Chinese miners were killed in Oregon.

The documentary also shows how Chinese immigrants and the next generation of Chinese Americans born in the U.S. fought back, filing thousands and thousands of lawsuits in the courts to push back against the limitations of laws.

Some of the cases established principles that Americans now take for granted and assume have been part of the country since its founding, Burns said. He pointed to the case of Wong Kim Ark, born in America to Chinese immigrant parents. He was returning to the U.S. after a visit to China and was barred from re-entry. His case went to the U.S. Supreme Court, and the judges decided that he was a citizen because of being born here, in accordance with the citizenship clause of the 14th Amendment, thus clarifying the precedent for birthright citizenship, regardless of whether a person’s parents were citizens.

“The Chinese who came here and Chinese Americans saw more clearly what’s best about our system and helped secure it,” Burns said. “Every American who is born here assumes they’re American because of something Thomas Jefferson wrote, not that Wong Kim Ark took his case to the Supreme Court.”

With immigration a current hot-button issue, Burns and Yu hope the documentary gives viewers a clearer sense of America’s immigration past, away from the romanticized notion that the country has always opened its arms to people from other nations.

Americans are attached “to an idea of a kinder, gentler understanding of an American past,” Burns said. “That kinder, gentler past, if it’s wrong, isn’t going to help you steer accurately in the present and the future.”

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio Transmission Company Inc., (AEP Ohio Transco), an affiliate of AEP Ohio, proposes to upgrade a 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Springfield Township in Ross County. The project is known as the Ginger Switch Emergency Repair and Upgrade Project.

The purpose of the project is to improve the reliability of the electric transmission grid in southern Ohio. The Ginger Switch Emergency Repair and Upgrade Project involves upgrading about a half-mile of 138 kV transmission line. The line will be built within a 100-foot right-of-way corridor. AEP Ohio Transco will upgrade the line by using primarily single pole, steel structures. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018.

AEP Ohio filed a Letter of Notification with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB), under Case No. 18-0156-EL-BLN. This number should be included in all communications related to this project. The Letter of Notification to construct, operate and maintain this facility is pending before the OPSB.

Petitions to intervene in the Letter of Notification will be accepted by the OPSB up to 10 days following the publication date of this notice required by Rule 4906-2-12, Ohio Administrative Code. Petitions should be addressed to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and must cite Case No. 18-0156-EL-BLN.

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The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the application as required by state of Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

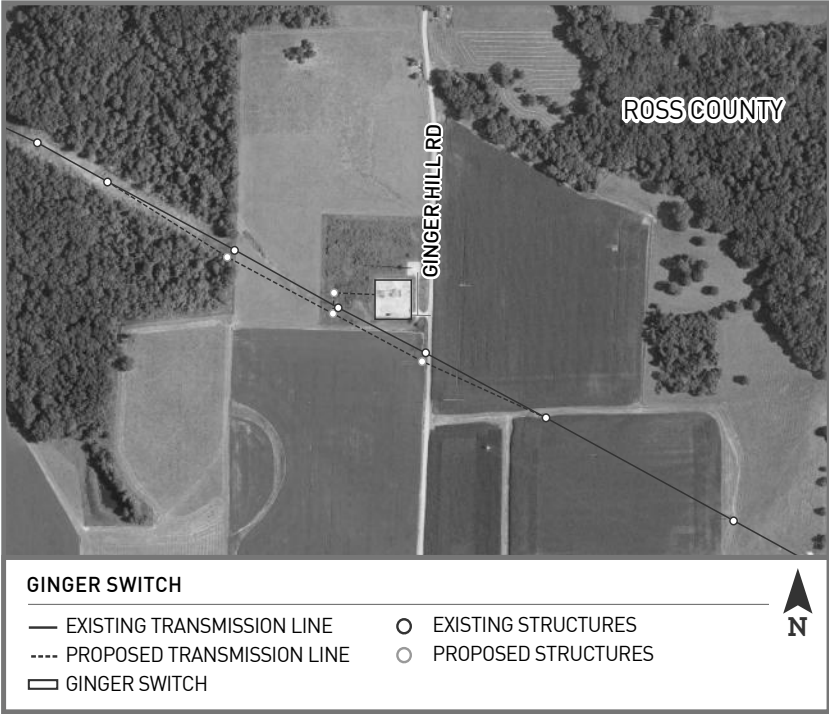
Ross County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Doug Corcoran
Ross County Soil & Water Conservation District, Mr. Mark Ault
Springfield Township Trustee, Mr. Carmi Jones IV
Springfield Township Fiscal Officer, Ms. Carol Schrader
Mr. Bruce Arnold, City of Chillicothe

Ross County Engineer, Mr. Charles Ortman
Springfield Township Trustee, Mr. Dennis Miller
Springfield Township Trustee, Mr. Chuck Schrader III
Mayor Luke Feeney, City of Chillicothe

If you are a local city or county government official and would like an electronic or hard copy of the Letter of Notification, please contact Erin Miller at the information listed below.

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. Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

AEP Ohio
Attention: Erin Miller
700 Morrison Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230



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Summary: Notification (Proof of Compliance with O.A.C. 4906-6-07 and 4906-6-08)
electronically filed by Ms. Christen M. Blend on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Power
Company, Inc.