

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the :
Application of AEP Ohio :
Transmission Company, Inc. :
for a Certificate of : Case No. 17-637-EL-BTX
Environmental Compatibility :
and Public Need for the :
Ross-Ginger Switch 138kV :
Transmission Line Project. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Ms. Megan Addison, Administrative Law Judge,
at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East
Broad Street, Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, called at
10:03 a.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

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ALJ ADDISON: The Ohio Power Siting Board
has assigned for hearing, at this time and place,
Case No. 17-637-EL-BTX, which is captioned In the
Matter of the Application of AEP Ohio Transmission
Company for a Certificate of Environmental
Compatibility and Public Need for the Ross-Ginger
Switch 138 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project.

My name is Megan Addison and I'm the
Administrative Law Judge presiding over today's
hearing.

At this time, we will go ahead and take
formal appearances of the parties present this
morning, starting with the Applicant.

MR. GARCIA: Thank you, your Honor.
Hector Garcia on behalf of American Electric Power,
AEP Ohio Transmission Company. With me is Mr. Ron
Howard. Thank you.

ALJ ADDISON: Thank you.

MS. BAIR: Thank you, your Honor. On
behalf of the Staff of the Power Siting Board, Jodi
Bair, Assistant Attorney General, 30 East Broad
Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

1 ALJ ADDISON: Thank you very much.

2 And I would just like to note for the
3 record there doesn't appear to be any members of the
4 public present today to provide an additional
5 statement for the Board's consideration, so we will
6 just go ahead and proceed with the Applicant.

7 Mr. Garcia.

8 MR. GARCIA: Thank you, your Honor. The
9 Company calls Mr. Howard to the stand.

10 ALJ ADDISON: Mr. Howard, please raise
11 your right hand.

12 (Witness sworn.)

13 ALJ ADDISON: Please be seated.

14 MR. GARCIA: Thank you, your Honor.

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16 RONALD M. HOWARD, JR.

17 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was
18 examined and testified as follows:

19 DIRECT EXAMINATION

20 By Mr. Garcia:

21 Q. Good morning, Mr. Howard. Would you
22 please state your name and business address and
23 business position for the record.

24 A. Yes. Ronald M. Howard, Jr. 700 Morrison
25 Road, Gahanna, Ohio. I work for the American

1 Electric Power Transmission Company, and I am a
2 Siting Specialist.

3 Q. Mr. Howard, did you submit testimony
4 accompanied by exhibits in this matter?

5 A. I did.

6 Q. And does it consist of six pages of
7 questions and answers?

8 A. It does.

9 Q. Were these prepared by you or under your
10 supervision?

11 A. Yes, they were.

12 Q. If I were to ask you the same questions
13 today, would you provide substantially the same
14 answers?

15 A. Yes, I would.

16 Q. And together with the attachments, do you
17 adopt this testimony and exhibits as your testimony
18 in this case?

19 A. I do.

20 MR. GARCIA: Your Honor, the testimony of
21 Mr. Howard makes reference to Exhibits AEP Transco
22 No. 1 through No. 8, it also makes reference to Joint
23 Exhibit No. 1, and I will skip for now the Staff
24 exhibits, but I would request that they be marked and
25 admitted into the record, subject to

1 cross-examination.

2 ALJ ADDISON: Would you mind just going
3 through each individual exhibit just so the record is
4 clear?

5 MR. GARCIA: Certainly, your Honor.

6 ALJ ADDISON: Thank you.

7 MR. GARCIA: If we could please mark the
8 exhibits as follows: AEP Transco Exhibit No. 1, AEP
9 Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 2, AEP Ohio Transco
10 Exhibit No. 3, AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 4, AEP
11 Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 5, AEP Ohio Transco
12 Exhibit No. 6, AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 7, and
13 AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 8, as described in the
14 testimony and accompanying Stipulation.

15 ALJ ADDISON: And we will be doing that,
16 Mr. Garcia. I was wondering if you could provide a
17 quick description of each exhibit.

18 MR. GARCIA: Certainly, your Honor.

19 ALJ ADDISON: Thank you.

20 MR. GARCIA: And actually, since this
21 would be evidence, Mr. Howard, actually if I can ask
22 you.

23 Q. (By Mr. Garcia) Would you please indicate
24 what is Exhibit No. 1 from AEP Transco.

25 A. Sure. It's the Pre-Application

1 Notification Letter filed on August 30th, 2017.

2 Q. And what is Exhibit No. 2?

3 A. The Proof of Publication filed
4 September 13th, 2017.

5 Q. And what is Exhibit No. 3?

6 A. The Proof of Publication filed
7 October 3rd, 2017.

8 Q. What is Exhibit No. 4?

9 A. Application filed December 13th, 2017, as
10 supplemented January 3rd, 2018, and certified as
11 completed by the Board on February 12th, 2018.

12 Q. And what is Exhibit No. 5?

13 A. Exhibit No. 5 is Proof of Notification
14 filed on February 21st, 2018.

15 Q. What is Exhibit No. 6?

16 A. It is Proof of Notification filed on
17 March 7th, 2018.

18 Q. What is Exhibit No. 7?

19 A. No. 7 is Proof of Notification filed on
20 March 27th, 2018.

21 Q. And what is Exhibit No. 8?

22 A. It's my Direct Testimony for this matter.

23 Q. And, Mr. Howard, if you could also please
24 describe the Joint Exhibit No. 1; what is that?

25 A. Joint Exhibit No. 1 is the Stipulation

1 and Recommendation.

2 MR. GARCIA: Thank you.

3 ALJ ADDISON: Thank you very much,
4 Mr. Garcia, and those will be so marked.

5 MR. GARCIA: Thank you.

6 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

7 MR. GARCIA: And, your Honor, if I may, I
8 don't know if I missed doing so, but I would like to
9 request that they be moved into the record and
10 subject to cross-examination.

11 ALJ ADDISON: I will reserve my ruling
12 once we've completed cross-examination, but thank you
13 very much.

14 MR. GARCIA: Thank you. Nothing further,
15 your Honor.

16 ALJ ADDISON: Thank you.

17 Ms. Bair.

18 MS. BAIR: I have no cross-examination.

19 ALJ ADDISON: Thank you.

20 Mr. Howard, would you please -- well, on
21 page 5 of your Direct Testimony that you filed, I
22 believe it's AEP Ohio Exhibit No. 8

23 THE WITNESS: Okay.

24 ALJ ADDISON: Could you quickly describe
25 how the Stipulation will benefit consumers and the

1 public interest?

2 THE WITNESS: The -- this project will
3 meet the increased electric demands in the future,
4 and the existing service reliability, it will
5 strengthen and enhance throughout this region. Do
6 you want me to go through the whole --

7 ALJ ADDISON: You don't have to.

8 THE WITNESS: That's fine.

9 ALJ ADDISON: Thank you very much. I
10 appreciate it.

11 THE WITNESS: Okay.

12 ALJ ADDISON: I believe that's the only
13 question I had.

14 THE WITNESS: All right.

15 ALJ ADDISON: So thank you very much.
16 You are excused.

17 THE WITNESS: No problem. Thank you.

18 MR. GARCIA: Thank you, your Honor.

19 ALJ ADDISON: And Mr. Garcia did move for
20 admission of AEP Ohio Exhibits No. 1 through 8, as
21 well as Joint Exhibit 1. Are there any objections to
22 the admission of those exhibits?

23 MS. BAIR: No.

24 ALJ ADDISON: Thank you. They will be
25 admitted.

1 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

2 ALJ ADDISON: Mr. Garcia, do you have
3 anything else?

4 MR. GARCIA: Nothing further, your Honor.

5 ALJ ADDISON: Thank you.

6 Ms. Bair.

7 MS. BAIR: Yes, I would like to have
8 marked as Staff Exhibit 1, the Staff Report of
9 Investigation that was docketed in this Case No.
10 17-637-EL-BTX on May 18th, 2018.

11 ALJ ADDISON: It will be so marked.

12 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

13 MS. BAIR: And marked as Staff
14 Exhibit No. 2 is the testimony of Jon Pawley that was
15 docketed on June 15th, 2018.

16 ALJ ADDISON: It will be so marked.

17 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

18 MS. BAIR: And I would move these
19 exhibits into evidence, subject to cross-examination.

20 ALJ ADDISON: I believe, Mr. Garcia, you
21 did not have any questions for Mr. Pawley; is that
22 correct?

23 MR. GARCIA: That's correct. And we have
24 no objections, your Honor.

25 ALJ ADDISON: Thank you.

I also do not have any questions for you,
Mr. Pawley, so thank you.

And I will go ahead, those exhibits will
be marked and admitted into the record.

(EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

ALJ ADDISON: All right. Ms. Bair, do
you have anything further?

MS. BAIR: I have nothing further. Thank
you.

ALJ ADDISON: Thank you.

Mr. Garcia?

MR. GARCIA: Nothing further, your Honor.
Thank you.

ALJ ADDISON: All right. Then, with
that, I believe we are adjourned. Thank you, all.

(Thereupon, the proceedings concluded at
10:12 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Carolyn M. Burke
Carolyn M. Burke, Registered
Professional Reporter, and
Notary Public in and for the
State of Ohio.

My commission expires July 17, 2018.

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