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October 11, 2018

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RE: PUCO Case No. 18-0033-EL-BTX
Seaman-Sardinia 138kV Transmission Line Project
Proof of Notification Pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-3-09(A)

Dear Chairman Haque:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) files this proof of notification in substantial compliance with Rule 4906-3-10(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code. The content of the initial notice complied with all requirements of O.A.C. 4906-3-09(A)(1) and was mailed September 5, 2018, via first class mail. The content of the second notice complied with all requirements of O.A.C. 4906-3-09(A)(2) and was mailed October 2, 2018. The second notice also was published on September 27, 2018, pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-3-09(A)(2). Copies of the initial and second notice letters and proofs of publication are attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christen M. Blend

Christen M. Blend (0086881), Counsel of Record
Hector Garcia (0084517)
Counsel for AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.

cc: Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff



AEP Ohio
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Gahanna, OH 43230

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**RE: First Notice of Local Public Hearing for a Proposed Major Utility Facility
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Dear Landowner,

You are receiving this letter because you own property or live near a proposed transmission line project. We wanted to let you know that local public and evidentiary hearings have been scheduled for the proposed Sardinia Area Improvements in Brown County. This was filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) as the Seaman-Sardinia 138 kV Transmission Line Project.

See details on the upcoming hearings below. Information about how to provide comments and testimony at the local public hearing is enclosed.

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Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following service of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4606-03-09. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number.

Copies of the Application, including specific details about the location and construction of the project, are available for public inspection at the:

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The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the application as required by OPSB regulations:

- Brown County Board of Commissioners
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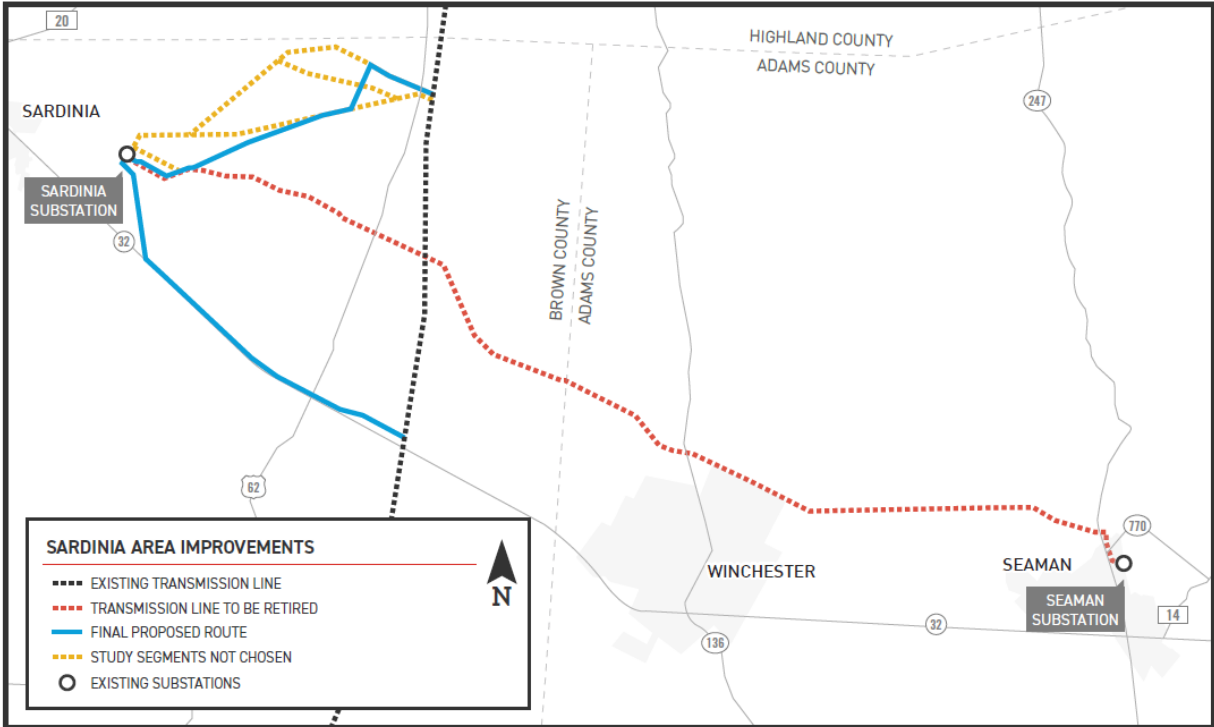
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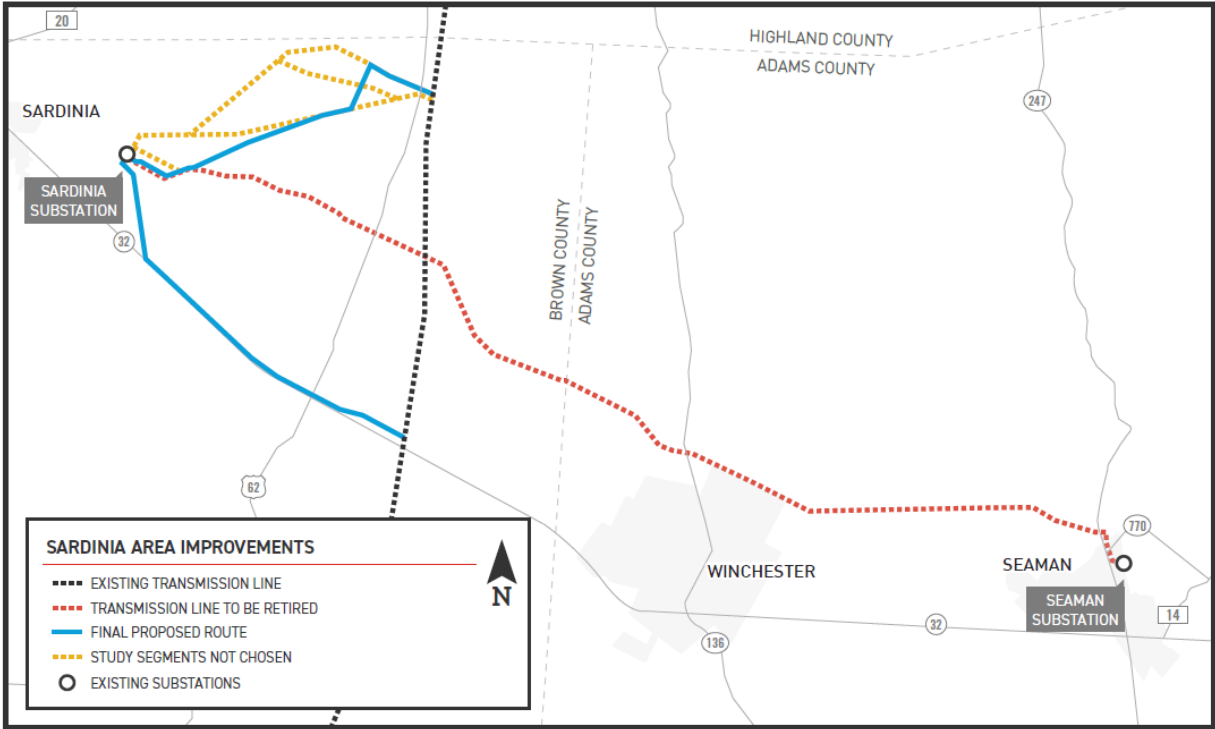
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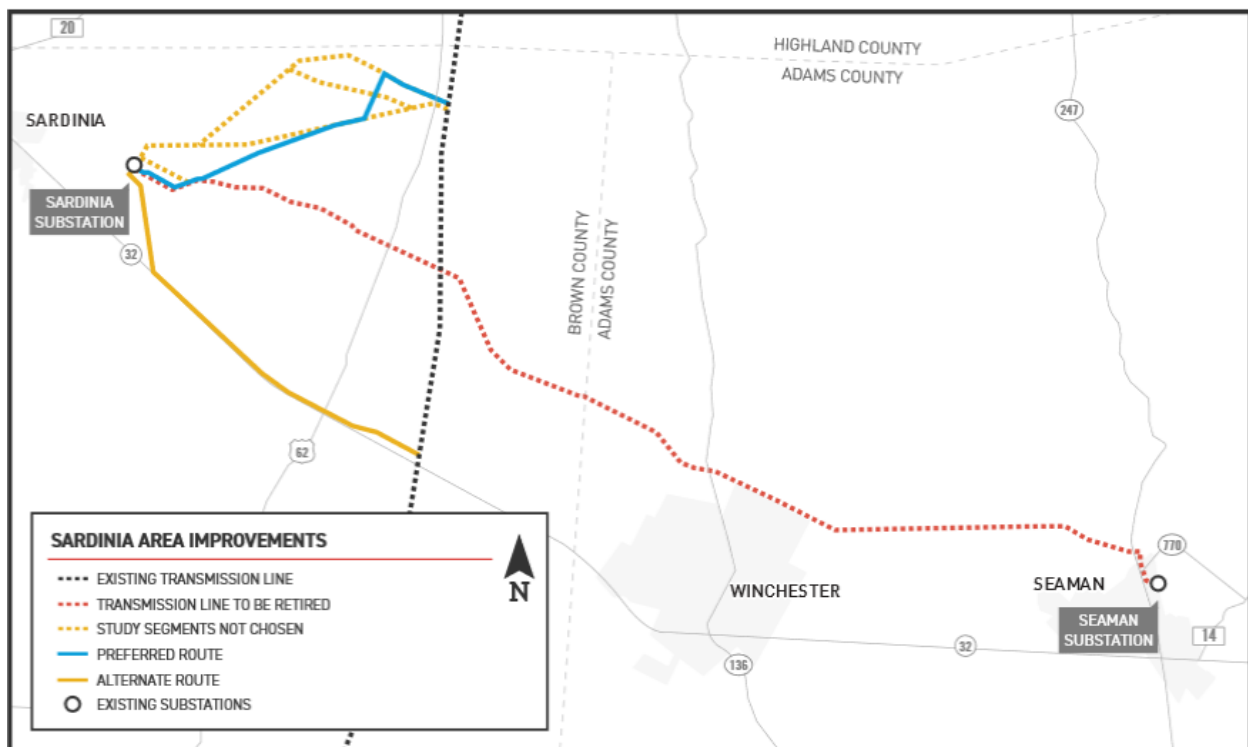
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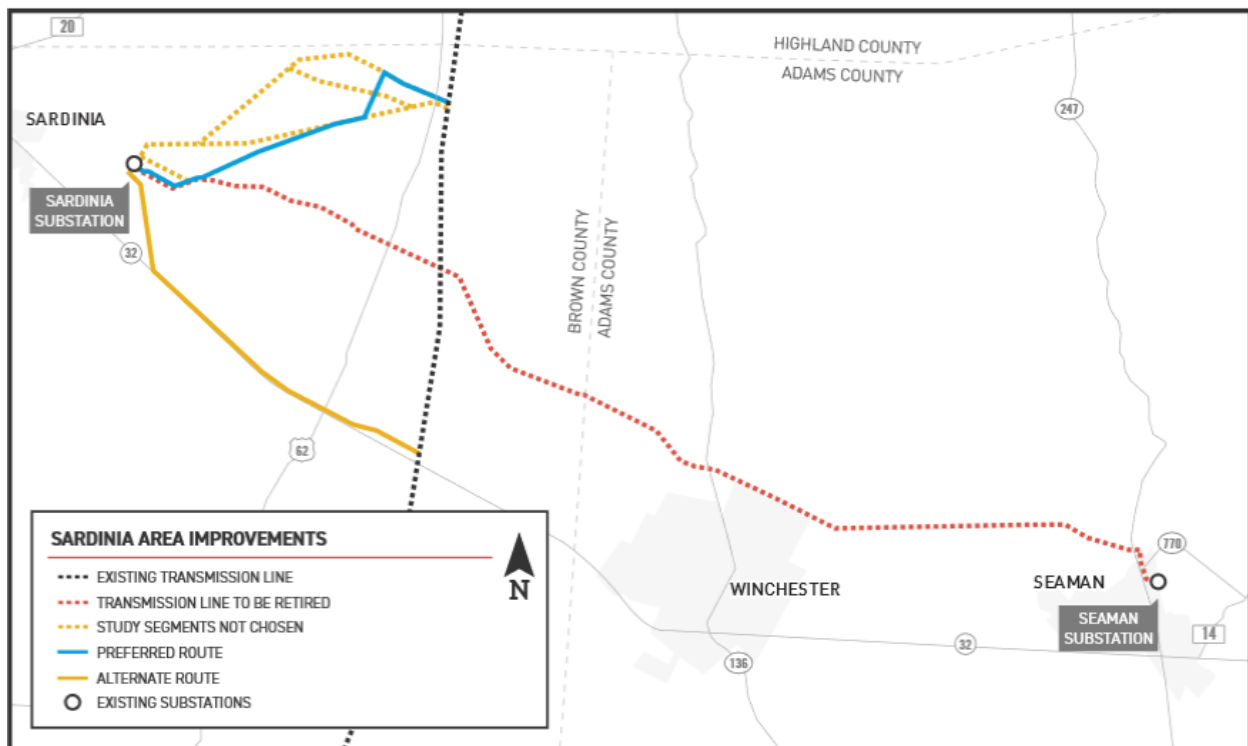
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Proof of Publication

I, Walter Dozier, do hereby attest that the AEP Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

Hillsboro Times Gazette	9/27/18
Georgetown News Democrat	9/27/18

<u>Walter Dozier</u>	<u>9/27/18</u>
Walter Dozier	Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 27th day of September, 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



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Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 06-17-19

ODNR tracking changing fall colors

Submitted story

As the days grow shorter and the nights a little cooler, signs of autumn will begin to emerge. Ohio's forest canopies will soon begin their color transformation to strong reds, vivid yellows and bold oranges that encourage people to visit the Buckeye State to catch that first glimpse of color. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), in partnership with TourismOhio, will help people find the best locations to view the changing colors throughout the fall.

"The fall color season provides Ohioans with a great opportunity to enjoy our state parks, forests and nature preserves," ODNR Director James Zehringer said. "Across the state, communities host festivals and events that welcome the changing season and provide added incentive to get out and enjoy Ohio's fall color season."

Forecasting fall color is not always easy because several variables must be taken into account, such as sunlight, temperature, wind and rainfall, when calculating the brilliance and longevity of Ohio's autumn color. This fall, according to ODNR Fall Color Forester Greg Smith, we are expecting that peak leaf color should be appearing in the northern third of Ohio in mid to late October, late October for the central third and the

southern third at the end of October and beginning of November. The current forecast, along with informative videos, are available at fallcolor.ohiodnr.gov.

New this year, the ODNR will be highlighting various regions of the state and bringing the fall color to people from those regions directly each week. The fall color reports will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 3, and will continue each Wednesday throughout the fall color season.

People interested in finding out where to find most eye-catching leaves throughout the upcoming fall color season should check out fallcolor.ohiodnr.gov, Ohio's official guide to the changing colors. This website includes:

- * Weekly color updates and information to help plan a fall color adventure.

- * Weekly videos from ODNR naturalists highlighting fall color hot spots around the state.

- * Links to fall activities, scenic road trips, unique overnight accommodations at Ohio State Parks and more.

Fall is a distinctive season in Ohio with an identifiable color palette of reds, oranges and yellows; cooler temperatures; and aromas and tastes of autumn's harvest from apples to pumpkins. It's such a fun, vibrant few months to enjoy time with those closest to you that it feels like a holiday. To

help visitors find those special autumn activities in Ohio, the Office of TourismOhio has created a new landing page, ohio.org/falldays.

ODNR and TourismOhio encourage people to take fall color photos and upload them to social media using the hashtag #OhioFall18 and #FalldaysinOhio. Follow @ohiodnr and @OhioFindItHere on Twitter, Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Ohio. Find it Here. on Facebook and @ohiodnr, @ohstateparks and @ohiogram on Instagram to see more fall color photos.

Ohio State Parks is also having a photo contest this fall. Help it highlight the best of the great outdoors in a variety of categories for a chance to win prizes. Enter at ohiostateparks-photocontest.com.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

TourismOhio, operating within the state of Ohio's Development Services Agency, works to ensure Ohio is positioned as a destination of choice, enriching lives through authentic travel experiences. The branding Ohio. Find It Here. supports Ohio's \$43 billion tourism industry. For more, visit ohio.org.

Submitted by Jason Fallon, ODNR Office of Communications.



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SARDINIA AREA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio and its affiliate, AEP Ohio Transmission Company Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco), propose to construct about 5 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, upgrade a substation and retire approximately 12 miles of 69-kV transmission line in Brown County.

The additional source of power will improve reliability of the electric transmission grid in the area.

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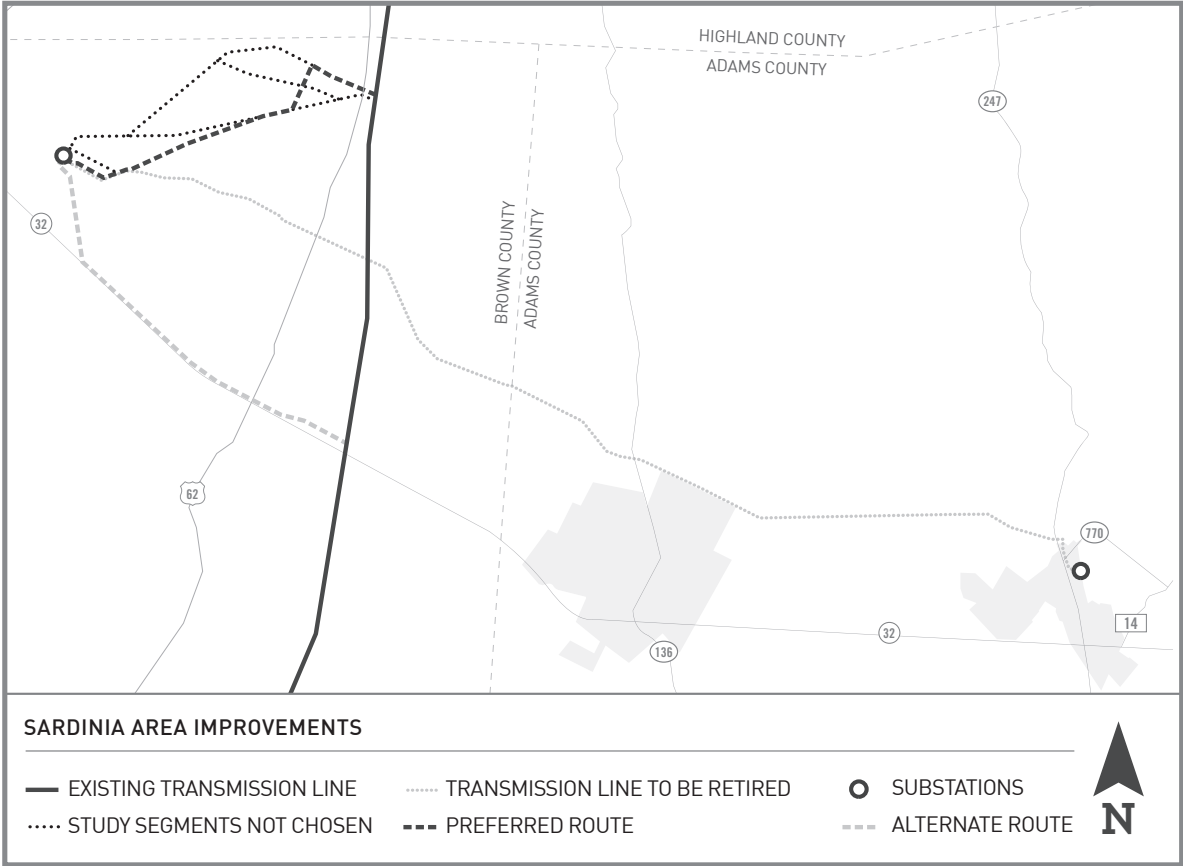
The public hearing process in this case shall consist of two parts:

- (1) A local public hearing, where the Board will accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018, at 6 p.m., at Brown County Public Library, 13309 Purdy Road, Sardinia, OH 45171.
- (2) An evidentiary hearing on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018, 10 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793. Participation in the evidentiary hearing is limited to the parties in the case.

The accompanying reduced-scale map shows the project area. This map should be used only as a general guide due to its reduced scale and limited detail. This is the second notice regarding the hearing dates for this project. The first notice was mailed to residents, landowners and public officials on Sept.5, 2018.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call (614) 552-1929. You can also send an email inquiry to ecmiller1@aep.com. Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

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