

BEFORE THE OHIO SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of: :
: Case No. 18-31-EL-BTX
In the Matter of the :
Application of AEP Ohio :
Transmission Company, :
Incorporated, for a :
Certificate of :
Environmental :
Compatibility and Public :
Need for the Pine Ridge :
Switch - Heppner 138kV :
Transmission Line Project.:

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PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. L. Douglas Jennings Administrative Law
Judge, at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
180 East Broad Street, Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio,
called at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

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Siting Board.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Bobby Jones, Member of the Public.

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Wednesday Morning Session,
October 24, 2018.

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THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The Ohio
Power Siting Board has assigned for public hearing at
this time and place Case No. 18-31-EL-BTX, which is
captioned In the Matter of the Application of AEP
Ohio Transmission Company, Incorporated, for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public
Need for the Pine Ridge Switch - Heppner 138kV
Transmission Line Project.

My name is Doug Jennings. I am the
Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Ohio Power
Siting Board to preside over this case.

At this time I will request the parties
to make an appearance on the record beginning with
the Company.

MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor. Good
morning. On behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company,
Inc., Christen M. Blend, American Electric Power
Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus,
Ohio, 43215.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.
On behalf of Staff.

MR. LINDGREN: Thank you. On behalf of

1 Board Staff, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, by
2 Thomas G. Lindgren, Assistant Attorney General. My
3 address is 30 East Broad Street, 16th Floor,
4 Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

5 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.
6 Is there anyone here from the public who has come to
7 testify or offer testimony?

8 MR. JONES: I'm just here to see what is
9 going on with the power line going across my
10 property. I went to a meeting down in Jackson
11 County, and I didn't know about this until late last
12 night. So I'm just here. I'm going to observe and
13 see what they have to say.

14 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. JONES: Thank you.

17 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: It is my
18 understanding there is a Stipulation between the
19 parties.

20 MR. LINDGREN: Yes, your Honor.

21 MS. BLEND: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let's go
23 ahead and proceed with the marking of exhibits.

24 MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor.

25 I'd like to mark several exhibits for the

Company. The first is AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 1, which is the Pre-Application Notification Letter filed in the docket on January 4, 2018.

The second is AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 2, Proofs of Publication filed January 9 and 11, 2018.

AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 3, the Application the Company filed in this action on March 29, 2018, which was certified as complete by the Board Staff on May 29, 2018.

AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 4, Notice of Compliance filed June 29, 2018.

AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 5, Proof of Notification filed on August 16, 2018.

AEP Ohio Transco No. 6, Proof of Publication and Notification filed September 25, 2018.

AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 7, the Direct Testimony of Alicia M. Cross, filed October 15, 2018.

I'd also like to mark Joint Exhibit 1, which is the Stipulation and Recommendation that the parties filed on October 15, 2018, which is also attached to Ms. Cross' testimony as Exhibit AMC-1.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All

1 exhibits will be marked accordingly.

2 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

3 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Do you
4 have a witness to call?

5 MS. BLEND: I do. I'd like to call
6 Alicia M. Cross.

7 May I approach, your Honor?

8 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes.

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10 ALICIA M. CROSS

11 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was
12 examined and testified as follows:

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 By Ms. Blend:

15 Q. Good morning, Ms. Cross.

16 A. Good morning.

17 Q. Could you please state and spell your
18 name and state your business address?

19 A. Yes. Alicia M. Cross, A-L-I-C-I-A, M,
20 C-R-O-S-S. My business address is 700 Morrison Road,
21 Gahanna, Ohio, 43230.

22 Q. And can you identify the document that's
23 been placed in front of you and marked as AEP Ohio
24 Transco No. 7?

25 A. Yes. This is the Direct Testimony of

1 Alicia M. Cross on behalf of the AEP Ohio
2 Transmission Company.

3 Q. Thank you. And was this testimony
4 prepared by you or under your direction?

5 A. Yes, it was.

6 Q. And do you have any corrections or
7 changes to your testimony at this time?

8 A. I do not.

9 Q. If I asked you the questions written in
10 your testimony verbally today, would your answers be
11 the same?

12 A. Yes, they would be.

13 MS. BLEND: Thank you.

14 Your Honor, at this point Ms. Cross is
15 available for cross-examination.

16 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Do you
17 have any questions?

18 MR. LINDGREN: No questions, your Honor.

19 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The Bench
20 has no questions. Thank you.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

22 MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor. I
23 will make a motion for the admission of AEP Transco
24 Exhibits No. 1 through 7 and Joint Exhibit No. 1.

25 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is there

1 any objections?

2 MR. LINDGREN: No, no objection, your
3 Honor.

4 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The
5 exhibits will be admitted into the record.

6 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

7 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Staff.

8 MR. LINDGREN: Yes, thank you. The Staff
9 calls to the stand Jon Pawley.

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11 JON C. PAWLEY

12 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was
13 examined and testified as follows:

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 By Mr. Lindgren:

16 Q. Good morning, Mr. Pawley.

17 A. Good morning.

18 Q. Could you please state your full name for
19 the record?

20 A. Yes. My name is Jon Pawley, P-A-W-L-E-Y.

21 Q. Thank you. Where are you employed, sir?

22 A. I am part of the Ohio Power Siting Board
23 Staff, and I'm employed at 180 East Broad Street,
24 Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

25 Q. Thank you. Do you have before you a copy

1 of your prefiled testimony that has been marked as
2 Staff Exhibit 2?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. Thank you. And was this testimony
5 prepared by you or at your direction?

6 A. It was.

7 Q. Thank you. Do you have any changes or
8 corrections to this testimony?

9 A. I do have one change.

10 Q. And what is that, sir?

11 A. On page 2 of my testimony, line 15, under
12 Question 5, the response, the date listed on that is
13 October 16, 2018, as to the document that I was
14 supporting. That was the Joint Stipulation. It was
15 actually filed on October 15, 2018. October 16 was
16 the due date, I believe, that the Administrative Law
17 Judge had set, but it was filed a day early.

18 Q. Thank you. Did you have any other
19 changes?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. Thank you. So if I were to ask you all
22 the questions contained in this exhibit, would your
23 answers be the same?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Thank you. And do you also have before

1 you a copy of the Staff Report of Investigation that
2 has been marked as Staff Exhibit 1?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. Thank you. Were you the person in charge
5 of preparing this report?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Thank you. And does it accurately
8 reflect the results of Staff's investigation?

9 A. Yes.

10 MR. LINDGREN: Thank you.

11 I have no further questions. The witness
12 is available for cross-examination.

13 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The Bench
14 has no questions.

15 Insofar as support of the Stipulation, is
16 that contained within the testimony?

17 MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor.
18 Ms. Cross was the witness for the Company supporting
19 the stipulation.

20 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.

21 MS. BLEND: Her testimony addresses the
22 three-prong test the Board requires in the
23 Stipulation. A copy of the Stipulation is attached
24 to her testimony as Exhibit AMC-1.

25 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.

MR. LINDGREN: Your Honor, Mr. Pawley's
prefiled testimony also notes that Staff supports the
Stipulation.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.
Mr. Pawley, you are excused.

Any other matters to come before the
Bench?

MR. LINDGREN: Your Honor, I would move
the admission of the Staff Report of Investigation
filed in the docket on September 25, 2018, and I have
marked that as Staff Exhibit 1. I also move for the
admission of Staff Exhibit 2, which is the prefiled
testimony of Jon C. Pawley.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The
documents will be marked as indicated and admitted
into the record if there is no objection.

MS. BLEND: No objection.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.
The documents are admitted.

(EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION
AND ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: If there
is nothing further, we are adjourned. Thank you.

(The hearing adjourned at 10:10 a.m.)

CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Rosemary Foster Anderson
 Rosemary Foster Anderson,
 Professional Reporter and Notary
 Public in and for the State of
 Ohio.

My commission expires April 5, 2019.

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Summary: Transcript In the Matter of the Application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Incorporated, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Pine Ridge Switch - Heppner 138kV Transmission Line Project, hearing held on October 24th, 2018 electronically filed by Mr. Ken Spencer on behalf of Armstrong & Okey, Inc. and Anderson, Rosemary Foster Mrs.