

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke :
Energy for a Certificate of Environmental :
Compatibility and Public Need to : Case No. 16-0253-GA-BTX
Construct the C314V Central Corridor :
Pipeline Extension Project. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Jon Whitis
SITING, EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RATES AND ANALYSIS
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD STAFF**

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April 2, 2019

1 1. Q. Please state your name and your business address.

2 A. My name is Jon Whitis, and my business address is 180 East Broad Street,
3 Columbus OH 43215.

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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as a
7 Utility Specialist 2 in the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable Energy
8 Division of the PUCO's Rates and Analysis Department.

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10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

11 A. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Business from The Ohio State University in
12 1986. Additionally, I received a Master's Degree in Business
13 Administration from Ashland University in 2004.

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15 I have been employed by the PUCO since 1987. For the past 12 years, I
16 have worked in the power siting division where I have provided analysis for
17 over 100 cases before the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board). My
18 responsibilities typically include application review and the preparation of
19 analysis for major utility facility applications in Ohio. Additionally, I
20 prepare staff reports and coordinate Staff review and field work for major
21 utility facilities.

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1 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Board?

2 A. Yes. I last testified as the lead analyst for the Lamping-Rouse
3 Transmission Line Project, Case Number 16-0701-EL-BTX as well as
4 numerous other cases over the past 12 years.
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6 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

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8 A. I am testifying in support of the Staff Report of Investigation in this case.
9 Specifically, Public Services and Traffic as well as the Roads and Bridges
10 section.
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12 6. Q. Are you testifying to any specific conditions? If so, what are they?

13 A. I am testifying to conditions 31 and 32.
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15 7. Q. Why is Staff recommending these conditions?

16 A. Working with local authorities and municipalities is critical for this project.
17 Conditions 31 and 32 were written so that the Applicant would work with
18 the proper authorities in order to minimize traffic disruptions and return the
19 roads to their original state. Additionally, conditions 31 and 32 are
20 recommended by Staff, to ensure the Applicant coordinates with local
21 municipalities to acquire the necessary permits.
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1 8. Q. What is the role of the Staff in regards to roads and bridges?
2 Staff's role is to review and evaluate the potential impacts to the roads and
3 bridges.
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5 9. Q. In condition 32, what is a financial assurance?
6 Financial assurance is a financial instrument in the form of a letter of credit,
7 cash or surety bond that sets aside money available to a government entity
8 for the necessary repairs to the roads and bridges.
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10 10. Q. In condition 31, what is included in a Transportation Management Plan
11 (TMP)?
12 A TMP lays out a set of strategies for managing the work zone impacts of a
13 project. It is ultimately up to the Applicant and the individual agencies to
14 establish and implement TMPs that best serve the mobility and safety needs
15 of the motoring public, construction workers, businesses, and community.
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17 11. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

18 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
19 mony as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes avail-
20 able or in response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of Jon Whitis, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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