THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSTRUCTION NOTICE APPLICATION FILED BY DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. FOR THE WARDS CORNER RE-FEED PROJECT.

CASE NO. 19-445-EL-BNR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on June 20, 2019

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Ohio Power Siting Board dismisses this matter at the request of the applicant, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.

II. DISCUSSION

- **[¶ 2]** Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.
- {¶ 3} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).
- {¶ 4} R.C. 4906.03(F) instructs the Board to adopt rules that provide for an accelerated review and automatic certification of an electric transmission line and associated facilities under certain circumstances. In accordance with R.C. 4906.03(F), the Board has adopted Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4906-6 addressing accelerated certificate applications.
- {¶ 5} Ohio Adm.Code 4906-6-02 identifies the types of accelerated applications as either letter of notification or construction notice applications. Accelerated applications are subject to a 90-day automatic approval process.
- {¶ 6} On March 8, 2019, Duke filed a construction notice application seeking Board approval for the Wards Corner Re-Feed Project (Project) in Miami Township, Clermont County, Ohio. Duke explains that the Project would eliminate the need to re-conductor a 138 kilovolt (kV) line that currently services residential, commercial, and industrial facilities

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and that may not reliably operate were the line to become overloaded. To remediate this issue, Duke plans to service the Wards Corner Substation through a different 138 kV line.

- {¶ 7} By letter docketed on May 31, 2019, Duke sought permission to withdraw its construction notice application at this time.
- {¶8} The Board finds that Duke's request to withdraw the construction notice application filed in Case No. 19-445-EL-BNR should be granted and this case should be dismissed and closed of record.

III. ORDER

- $\{\P 9\}$ It is, therefore,
- \P 10} ORDERED, That Case No. 19-445-EL-BNR be dismissed and closed of record. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon Duke and all interested persons of record.

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