

## THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LETTER OF  
NOTIFICATION APPLICATION FILED BY  
AEP OHIO TRANSMISSION COMPANY,  
INC. FOR THE HOWARD-FOSTORIA AND  
HOWARD-BUCYRUS CENTER 138 kV  
TRANSMISSION LINE EXTENSION  
PROJECT.

CASE NO. 18-1389-EL-BLN

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 16, 2020

#### I. SUMMARY

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

#### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Transco) 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 and expedited 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 September 28, 2018, AEP Transco filed a letter of notification application seeking accelerated Board approval to construct 4.5 miles of new 138 kilovolt transmission line between the existing AEP Transco Howard Station and a future switching station for an interconnection customer. This letter of notification application was automatically approved on December 28, 2018; however, construction on this project has not commenced.

{¶ 7} By letter docketed on December 11, 2019, AEP Transco sought permission to withdraw and close this matter at this time. In support, AEP Transco explains that, following automatic approval of this application, the interconnection customer has withdrawn its application and no longer plans to build the facility. Therefore, the project is no longer required.

{¶ 8} The Board finds that AEP Transco's request to withdraw the letter of notification application filed in Case No. 18-1389-EL-BLN should be granted and this case should be dismissed and closed of record.

### **III. ORDER**

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Case No. 18-1389-EL-BLN be dismissed and closed of record.  
It is, further,

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

BOARD MEMBERS:

*Approving:*

Sam Randazzo, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Rachel Near, Designee for Lydia Mihalik, Director  
Ohio Development Services Agency

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Ohio Department of Natural Resources

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Ohio Department of Health

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