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February 25, 2020

Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: PUCO Case No. 20-0346-EL-BLN, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Port Union to Mulhauser
Rebuild Project

Dear Ms. Troupe:

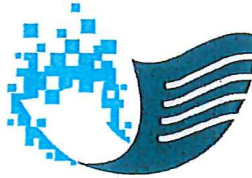
The Affidavit of Publications and proof of publication, relating to the above-referenced case, are attached for filing today.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emily A. Olive, CP

Emily A. Olive
Certified Paralegal



Proof of Publication

I, Joshua Park, do hereby attest that the Duke Energy Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

Butler County Pulse

2/23/20

Joshua Park 2/24/20
Joshua Park Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 24th day of February, 2020 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Joshua Park, 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



PATRICIA A. CONKLE
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 06-17-24

LIFE

Cat litter: Here’s the whole stinkin’ truth



Karin Spicer
Living in Your Pet’s World

Cat litter boxes are necessary evils. No one likes the smell. No one likes the mess. Volunteers who will clean out the kitty litter box without a cattle prod being used can be scarce.

Dr. Kathryn Primm, writing for iheartcats.com, says, “Some cats really do not seem to care about a clean box and some cats will not use a box that is even a little soiled.”

Most experts agree, however, that litter boxes should be cleaned at least every other day.

In my house, we all clean the litter box. If one of us walks into the master bedroom closet where it is located and Pip, our 11-month-old kitten, has used it, we immediately clean it.

There are four reasons we are laser focused on the litter box.

First, the smell. I’m sorry, but in my not-so-professional opinion, none of the brands kill the odor completely.



Pip, our 11-month-old kitten: “Whaddya mean my litter box stinks?” KARIN SPICER

The best way to take care of the stench is to remove the offending clumps.

The second reason is our 60-pound black Lab. Teddy has occasionally snacked on the offending clumps. Fortunately, this has been a rare occurrence because we are so focused on it.

Third, the mess. Pip is tidy but he still manages to fling litter outside the box.

To keep it off the bottom of our shoes, we keep a small hand vacuum in the closet.

The final and probably most important reason is that Pip likes his

box clean. How do I know? He’s stood by it and squawked and then promptly hopped in to “do his business” when the unacceptable clump was removed.

Cat litter wasn’t discovered through years of research. It was discovered through a “give it a try” approach. And yes, I researched “the history of kitty litter.”

For centuries, cats have lived with humans. But during this time, felines lived primarily outside, hunting their own food and “doing their business” where they wanted to.

According to Linda

Lombardi for vetstreet.com, by the mid-1940s, a majority of cats lived indoors and owners could purchase an “E-Z Klean Kitty Toilet.” This was a paper-lined enameled pan and optional privacy screen.

Typically, owners filled the boxes with materials like dirt, sand, sawdust and ashes.

Then Edward Lowe accidentally discovered “kitty litter.” Lowe’s family’s business sold sand, sawdust and granulated clay.

One day, a woman named Kay Draper, tired of her cat tracking ashes from the litter box all

- EIGHT BIODEGRADABLE CAT LITTERS**
 1. Wood
 2. Paper
 3. Bamboo
 4. Grass seed
 5. Coconut
 6. Walnut
 7. Corn
 8. Wheat

SOURCE: LITTERBOXES.COM

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over the house, asked Lowe for some sand. Since it was mid-winter, his sand piles were frozen. He told her sawdust would also get tracked through the house.

He gave her a bag of the granulated clay and told her to give it a try. Two weeks later, Draper returned asking for more. Soon, others were asking for it, too.

Changing its name to “Kitty Litter,” Lowe gave it away until people were willing to buy it. Eventually, his litter was sold in stores and became the “Tidy Cat” brand.

According to cathealth.com, in 1984, Thomas Nelson, a biochemist who raised Persian cats, made another accidental discovery.

While studying clay microscopically, Nelson discovered that some types, like bentonite, prevented urine from breaking down - eliminating the ammonia smell. When it dried rather than being put in a kiln, it clumped together. And with that finding, odor-reducing, clumping, cat litter was developed.

And that’s the stinky truth of the beginnings of “cat litter.”

Karin Spicer, a magazine writer, has been entertaining families for more than 20 years. She lives in Bellbrook with her family and two furry animals all who provide inspiration for her work. She can be reached at spicerkarin@gmail.com.

HEALTH

It never ends: Unfortunately, acne affects people of all ages

Mayo Clinic News Network

Acne is a skin condition that occurs when your hair follicles become plugged with oil and dead skin cells. It often causes whiteheads, blackheads or pimples, and usually appears on the face, forehead, chest, upper back and shoulders. Acne is most common among teenagers, though it affects people of all ages.

Effective treatments are available, but acne can be persistent. The pimples and bumps heal slowly, and when one begins to go away, others seem to crop up. Depending on its severity, acne can cause emotional distress and scar the skin. The earlier you start treatment, the lower your risk of problems.

Acne signs and symptoms vary depending on the severity of your condition:

- Whiteheads (closed plugged pores)
- Blackheads (open

plugged pores)- Small red, tender bumps (papules)
- Pimples (pustules), which are papules with pus at their tips
- Large, solid, painful lumps beneath the surface of the skin (nodules)
- Painful, pus-filled lumps beneath the surface of the skin (cystic lesions)

Some natural treatments may be helpful in reducing acne inflammation and breakouts:

Tea tree oil. Gels containing at least 5 percent tea tree oil may be as effective as lotions containing 5 percent benzoyl peroxide, although tea tree oil might work more slowly. Possible side effects include minor itching, burning, redness and dryness. Tea tree oil should be used only topically.

Bovine cartilage. Creams containing 5 percent bovine cartilage, applied to the affected skin twice a day, may be effective in reducing acne.

Zinc. The mineral zinc plays a role in wound healing and reduces inflammation, which may help improve acne. It may cause a metallic taste, bloating and diarrhea.

Brewer’s yeast. A specific strain of brewer’s yeast, called Hansen CBS, seems to help decrease acne when taken orally. It may cause gas (flatulence).

When to see a health care provider

If self-care remedies don’t clear your acne, see your health care provider. He or she can prescribe stronger medications. If acne persists or is severe, you may want to seek medical treatment from a dermatologist.

For many women, acne can persist for decades, with flares common a week before menstruation. This type of acne tends to clear up without treatment in women who use contraceptives.

In older adults, a sudden onset of severe acne may sig-

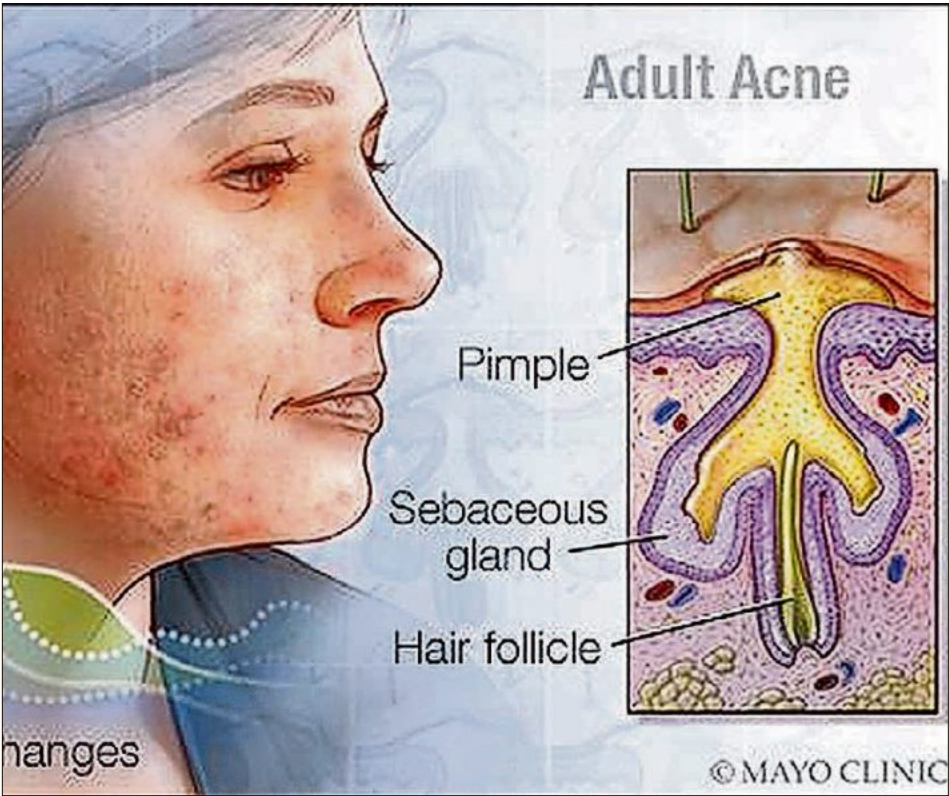
nal an underlying disease requiring medical attention.

The Food and Drug Administration warns that some popular nonprescription acne lotions, cleansers and other skin products can

cause a serious reaction. This type of reaction is quite rare, so don’t confuse it with the redness, irritation or itchiness where you’ve applied medications or products. Seek emergency medical

help if after using a skin product you experience:

- Faintness
- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling of the eyes, face, lips or tongue
- Tightness of the throat



MAYO CLINIC NEWS NETWORK

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) proposes to rebuild 2.75 miles of double-circuit 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission lines in Butler County from our Mulhauser Substation, located at 7250 Dixie Highway in Fairfield, to the Port Union Substation at 5226 Rialto Road in West Chester Township.

The Company proposes to replace 15 steel lattice towers and 1 wood pole with steel poles and concrete foundations. The steel poles will range in height from 110-to-160-feet tall. The existing structures range in height from 100-to-140-feet tall. The new structures will be installed in pieces.

One of the transmission lines will be rebuilt to add capacity and support the reliability of the electric transmission system. The second 138-kV transmission line will be transferred to the new structures, with the exception of three (3) segments of new line to be installed on the second 138-kV transmission line.

A map of the project area is included below. Construction will begin in the summer of 2020, pending approval of this Letter of Notification.

Duke Energy Ohio has filed a Letter of Notification with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board), under Case No. 20-0346-EL-BLN. This number should be included in all communications with respect to the Project. The Letter of Notification to construct, operate, and maintain this facility is now pending before the Board. Comments and/or petitions to intervene will be accepted by the Board up to 10 days following the publication date of this notice, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rules 4906-2-12 and 4906-6-08. Petitions or comments should be addressed to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, and must reference Case No. 20-0346-EL-BLN.

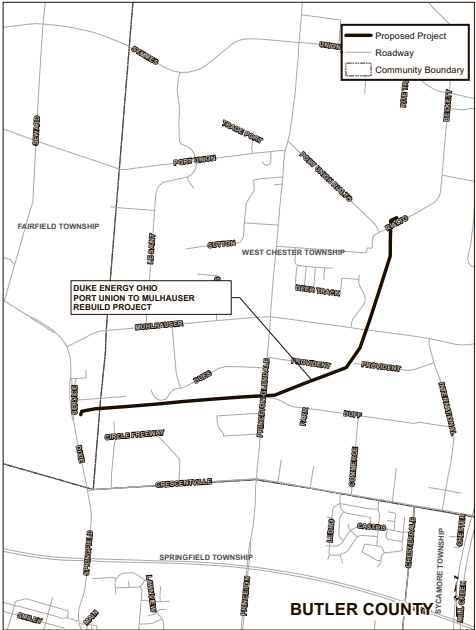
The following public officials, agencies, and libraries have been served with a link to the Application, as required by Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

Butler County Commissioners
President Donald Dixon
Vice President T.C. Rogers
Commissioner Cindy Carpenter

Butler County Administration
Judi Boyko, County Administrator
Dennis Dickard, Building & Zoning Administrator

Michael McNamara, Development Administrator
P. Zeb Acuff, Planning Administrator
City of Fairfield
Steve Miller, Mayor
Mark Wendling, City Manager
Dan Wendt, Assistant City Manager
Greg Katham, Director of Development Services
Erin Donovan-Lynn, Planning Manager
Leland Rosato, Building & Zoning Superintendent
Mark Parker, Development Manager
West Chester Township
Ann Becker, Trustee Chair
Lee Wong, Trustee Vice Chair
Mark Welch, Trustee
Aaron Wiegand, Director of Community Development
Jim Hahn, Zoning Commission Chair
Larry Burks, Township Administrator
Tim Dawson, Township Planner
Tim Frank, Director of Community Services
Fairfield Lane Library
1485 Corydale Drive
Fairfield, Ohio 45014
MidPoint Library – West Chester
9363 Centre Pointe Drive
West Chester, Ohio 45069

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the main office of Duke Energy Ohio at 139 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 and at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. It is also available on the Duke Energy Ohio website, at: <http://www.duke-energy.com/transmission-projects>, and on the Ohio Power Siting Board’s website, at: www.opsb.ohio.gov.



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