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Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
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Re: PUCO Case No. 20-134-EL-BLN, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Cumminsville 5B 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
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Certified Paralegal

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Proof of Publication

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

Cincinnati, The Enquirer 2/14/2020

Joshua Park 2/14/20
Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 14th 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

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House bill passed to help first responders suffering from PTSD

Cole Behrens Columbus Dispatch
USA TODAY NETWORK

COLUMBUS – Law enforcement officials, firefighters and other emergency personnel wiped tears from their eyes as the Ohio House passed a bill that would provide workers' compensation for more first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

The House voted 74-22 Wednesday for House Bill 308, which would allow first responders to seek workers' compensation benefits even if they don't have a physical condition that led to PTSD. The Bureau of Workers' Compensation covers only physical injuries or mental conditions caused by physical injuries.

Those who suffer from PTSD have difficulty recovering after experiencing or witnessing a terrifying event, according to the Mayo Clinic. Symptoms might include nightmares, anxiety or depression. Suicidal thoughts or actions also are possible.

"Post-traumatic stress is a mental injury for which an accompanying physical injury is not required," said Rep. Haraz Ghanbari, R-Perrysburg. "And arguing otherwise is an affront to the countless number of men and women who struggle on a daily basis with the demons and tragedies, the death and destruction they have responded to and witnessed over their careers.

Rep. Thomas Patton, R-Strongsville, who sponsored the bill, was among House members who dismissed potential criticism that the bill would create a slippery slope of exceptions to workers' compensation guidelines.

"Let me tell you this: It took us nine years to get the state to recognize post-traumatic stress disorder as a reality," said Patton. "Whatever other groups want to come after us and play the 'me too' card, good luck."

In the first year alone, the change is expected to increase claims and costs by about $44 million, resulting in potential increases in premiums paid by public employers, according to the Legislative Service Commission.

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The Fraternal Order of Police said the bill "moves the issue forward and provides important support for first responders."

Katherine Murphy-Hardin said her son, Trever Murphy, died by suicide about a year ago after experiencing two traumatic events. Murphy was an Orange Township firefighter. "He wasn't just my son; he was my best friend," Murphy-Hardin said through tears.

Murphy had wanted to be a firefighter since he was 3 years old, his mother said. But he twice held victims as they died during emergency calls, Murphy-Hardin said, and she believes her son developed PTSD. Those events changed her son's demeanor, she said.

After believing he had failed a mental screening prescribed by the fire department to assess his mental health, Murphy took his own life that night. Murphy-Hardin said she found out the next day that he had passed the screening and was scheduled to work.

"Had that bill been passed, he could've taken that time off to get well; he wouldn't have had to worry," Murphy-Hardin said.

The bill is scheduled to go to the Senate for consideration.

'Free-speech' zones would be outlawed at universities under bill

Jim Provance
(Toledo) Blade

COLUMBUS – Ohio lawmakers are considering a bill that would prohibit public colleges and universities from unreasonably restricting speech out of concerns over security risks or public protests, particularly in outdoor public areas on campus.

The would-be "Open and Robust Minds Act," recently approved unanimously by the state Senate, would also bar these higher-education institutions from limiting the free-speech rights of controversial guest speakers on campuses. Debate has now shifted to the state House of Representatives.

"College is a time and place where we can go and actually trust that any of our youth will be able to jump into an arena of different thoughts, an arena of different backgrounds, an arena of different experiences that will help mold their minds into the future leaders of society," said state Sen. Robert McColleym R-Napoleon, one of the bill's sponsors.

Attempts to limit speech on college campus – by, for example, limiting protests and demonstrations to so-called "free-speech zones" – have become more common across the country after violent protests erupted at the University of California at Berkeley in 2017 against a scheduled speech by Milo Yiannopoulos, an extremely controversial social-media commentator. Campus police eventually canceled the speech out of security concerns.

"In accordance with the 1st and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, private citizens in public places are entitled to speak freely, express opposing viewpoints, and peacefully assemble," the Ohio Legislative Service Commission wrote in an analysis of the bill. "This protection extends to professors and students of state-funded colleges and universities."

While the Ohio bill was opposed by the union representing university professors, it still won the unanimous support of Republicans and Democrats.

"Every student should be allowed the right to publicly express themselves and their points of view on a college campus," said state Sen. Andrew Brenner, R-Powell, the bill's other sponsor. "Whether you're a conservative, libertarian, Republican, Democrat, socialist, or even a communist, you have a First Amendment right to free speech."

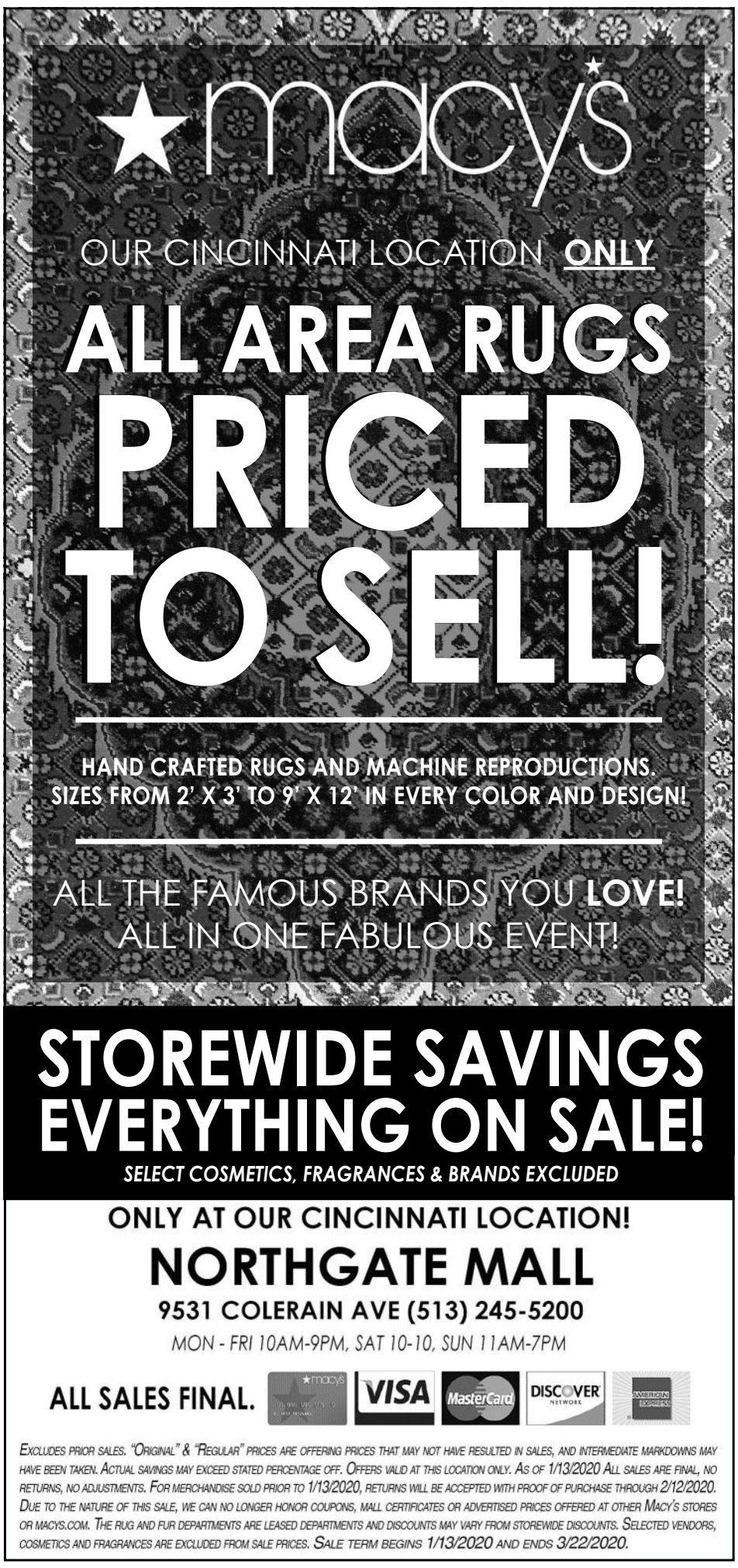
Under the bill, schools could not prevent guest speakers, public assembly, protests, petition circulation, literature distribution, and sign displays. They could not charge student groups for the costs of added security precautions because of the expected content of the speech and potential protests.

While the bill would generally prohibit "free-speech zones" to corral such activities in certain areas, schools could enact reasonable, narrowly tailored restrictions as long as they are viewpoint-neutral and designed to prevent fundamental disruption of the institution.

McColley said some schools have said 'it would be too expensive for us to provide security' as an easy excuse to disallow a speaker.

The Ohio Conference of the American Association of University Professors opposed the bill in testimony submitted to a Senate committee.

"There is a substantial difference between banning an idea and disallowing a controversial speaker that would cause massive disruption and create crowds that campus police could not control," wrote David Jackson, a political science professor at Bowling Green State University.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

Duke Energy Ohio proposes to replace three double circuited lattice towers (69 kV and 138 kV) with seven (7) monopole structures with foundations and separate the circuits. The 138-kV circuit will have five (5) structures total associated; two (2) 190-foot steel structures, two (2) 195-foot steel structures, and one 135-foot steel structures. The project also involves the installation of approximately 2,200 feet of new transmission line.

The future construction will take place around Duke Energy Ohio's Cumminsville Substation, located at 3702 Spring Grove Avenue, in Cincinnati.

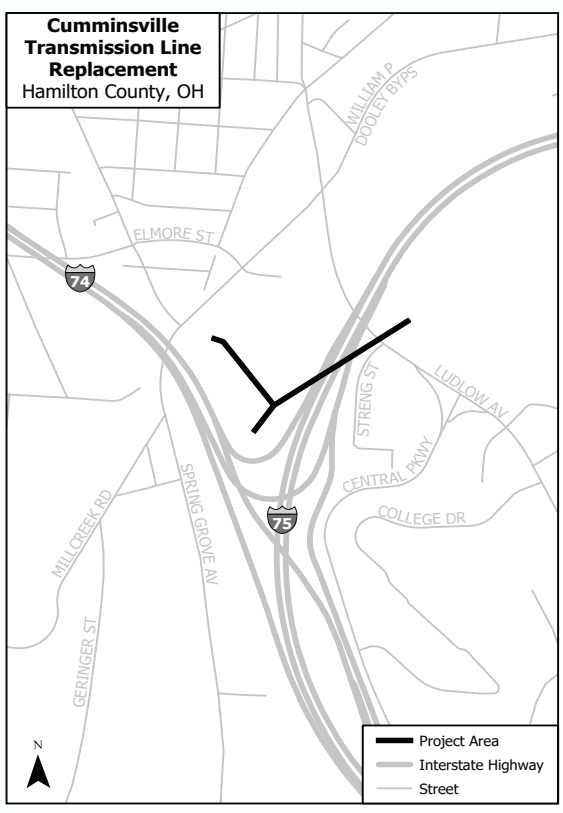
A map of the project area is included below.

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. 20-0134-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. 20-0134-EL-BLN.

The following public officials, agencies, and library have been served with a link to the Application, as required by Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:
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800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202
Paula Brehm-Heeger, Director

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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