

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the :
Application of Columbus :
and Southern Power Company: :
and Ohio Power Company for: :
a Certificate of :
Environmental :Case No. 06-30-EL-BGN
Compatibility and Public :
Need for Great Ben IGCC :
Project in Meigs County, :
Ohio. :

PROCEEDINGS

before Ms. Greta See, Administrative Law Judge, at
the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East
Broad Street, Room 11F, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10
a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2006.

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1 APPEARANCES:

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5 On behalf of the American Electric Power,
6 Ohio Power Company, and Columbus Southern
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Siting Board.

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1 Staff Report

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Thursday Morning Session,
December 14, 2006.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SEE: The Power
Siting Board has scheduled for a hearing this morning
Case No. 06-30-EL-BGN, in the Matter of the
Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and
Ohio Power Company for a Certificate of Environmental
Compatibility and Public Need for the Great Ben IGCC
Project in Meigs County, Ohio.

My name is Greta See, and I am the
Administrative Law Judge assigned to this case by the
Board.

At this time I would like to take
appearances of counsel of the parties. On behalf of
the Company.

MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor.
Steven T. Nourse on behalf of American Electric
Power, Ohio Power, Columbus Southern Power, One
Riverside Plaza, 29th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SEE: On behalf
of Board Staff.

MS. ATLESON: On behalf of the Staff,
Attorney General Jim Petro, by myself Jessica

1 Atleson, also Margaret Malone from the AG's Office of
2 the Environmental Section at 30 East Broad Street,
3 Columbus, 43215, and also Thomas McNamee and John
4 Jones from the AG's Office in the Public Utilities
5 Section in this building, 180 East Broad Street.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SEE: Okay. Are
7 there any members of the public present that wish to
8 make a statement?

9 Okay. Mr. Nourse.

10 MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor. We
11 have initiated informal settlement discussions with
12 the Board Staff, and we would like to continue our
13 discussions with them, so I guess we would like to
14 move for a continuance of the hearing, and perhaps we
15 can have a discussion off the record as to exactly
16 how we want to handle that part of it.

17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SEE: Okay.
18 Then let's take a second, go off the record.

19 (Discussion off the record.)

20 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SEE: After some
21 discussion with counsel for the parties, as the
22 parties represented they need additional time to
23 continue negotiations, they will notify me by e-mail
24 as to the progress of the parties by no later than

1 January 10, 2007, and after checking room
2 availability, we will -- I will consider whether we
3 can continue the hearing until January 30 and issue
4 an entry settling the case for hearing depending on
5 room availability.

6 If there is nothing further, the hearing
7 will be adjourned until further notice.

8 Strike that last line.

9 MS. ATLESON: I just wanted to move into
10 evidence the Staff Report marked as Staff Exhibit 1.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SEE: Okay. Are
12 there any objections to the admission of that?

13 MR. NOURSE: No, your Honor.

14 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SEE: Then the
15 Staff Report should be admitted into the record.

16 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

17 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SEE: Thank you.
18 Let's try that again. With that hearing adjourned.

19 (Thereupon, the hearing was concluded at
20 10:07 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
a true and correct transcript of the proceedings
taken by me in this matter on Thursday, December 14,
2006, and carefully compared with my original
stenographic notes.



Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter.

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