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OPSB Staff Report of Investigation

Case No.: 11-4805-EL-BLN
Project: Yellow Creek 138 kV Transmission Line Extension
Applicant: American Electric Power

Report Date: September 19, 2011

Automatic Approval Date: September 28, 2011 (**Expedited** Letter of Notification process)

Waiver Requests: None

Inspection Date(s): September 15, 2011

Staff Assigned: J. Pawley

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Summary of Staff Recommendations (see report text for discussion):

Application:	[X] Approval	[ ] Disapproval	[ ] Approval with Conditions
Waiver:	[ ] Approval	[ ] Disapproval	[X] Not Applicable

Projected Docket Closure Date (if approved by the Board): February 1, 2014

Investigation Report

Project Description: This project consists of providing 138 kV service to the PRO-TEC Coating Company located near Leipsic, Ohio. The project will consist of installing ten (10) pole structures on PRO-TEC property, and building a 0.42 mile extension of 138 kV transmission line. The new line will feed a distribution substation being constructed to serve expansion of the PRO-TEC industrial facility.

Site Description: This project is located within AEP easements on property owned by PRO-TEC, located in Van Buren Township, Putnam County, Ohio. No additional right-of-way is required, and the project is contained on one industrial property which is expanding part of a coating facility.

Discussion/Comments/Concerns: The project is located on an industrial property. The applicant has indicated that any soil excavated for pole placement will not be removed from the site. No tree clearing is expected for this project. This project should pose only minimal negative social and environmental impacts.

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