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**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of Applications by the City of :  
Hamilton, Ohio, and American Municipal Power, : Case Nos. 10-2439-EL-BSB and  
Inc., for a Certificate of Environmental : 10-2440-EL-BTX  
Compatibility and Public Need for the Meldahl :  
Hydroelectric Project 138 kV Transmission Line :  
and Substation in Clermont County, Ohio :

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**PREFILED TESTIMONY  
OF  
STEVEN E. MALONE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

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2 1. **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. My name is Steven E. Malone. My business address is 50 W. Town Street,  
4 Columbus, Ohio, 43216-1049

5 2. **Q. By who are you employed?**

6 A. I am employed by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)  
7 and have among my assigned duties to assist the Ohio Power Siting Board  
8 (OPSB) to investigate applications filed with the OPSB. I also assist OPSB  
9 staff in preparing/editing reports and inspecting projects under construction.

10 3. **Q. What is your present position and duties with the Ohio EPA?**

11 A. I am employed as an Environmental Supervisor in the Division of  
12 Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA). In this capacity, I  
13 supervise staff members' environmental review of applications for financial  
14 assistance with major water and wastewater infrastructure projects, and  
15 assist OPSB staff with the environmental and ecological review of  
16 proposed generation facilities, electric and gas transmission facilities,  
17 economically-significant wind facilities, and associated infrastructure.

18 4. **Q. Would you briefly state your educational background and work**  
19 **history?**

20 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry and Wildlife Biology  
21 from Rutgers University (1976), and a Master of Science degree in  
22 Fisheries Biology from the University of Massachusetts (1979). From 1979

23 to 1982, I was employed as the Environmental Monitor on a major  
24 interstate highway project in the Washington, DC area, responsible, among  
25 other things, for erosion controls, stream protection, and tree preservation.  
26 From 1984 to the present, I've been employed with Ohio EPA, having  
27 direct responsibility for environmental reviews of grant and loan-funded  
28 projects, first as a staff person (1982-1984) and then as a supervisor (1984 –  
29 present). I've also served since 1993 as Ohio EPA's primary technical  
30 reviewer assigned to assist OPSB staff with the environmental/ecological  
31 review of their generation and transmission projects.

32 5. **Q. Have you previously testified before the OPSB?**

33 A. No. I have not previously testified before the OPSB.

34 6. **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in these cases?**

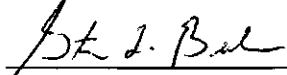
35 A. I am testifying in support of the Staff Report of Investigation in these cases;  
36 specifically, parts of the Staff Report that deal with  
37 environmental/ecological issues, and the recommended conditions  
38 associated with them.

39 7. **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

40 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to supplement my testimony as  
41 new information subsequently becomes available or in response to  
42 positions taken by other parties.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Pre-filed Testimony of Steven E. Malone was served upon all parties of record by electronic mail and/or regular U.S. mail this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2011.

  
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