

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

**In the Matter of the Application of AEP
Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility
and Public Need for 138 kV Elk North
138 kV Extension and Elk South
138 kV Extension Transmission Project.**

Case No. 11-4505-EL-BTX

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF SHAWN MALONE

1 **Q: Please state your name and business address**

2 A: My name is Shawn Malone and my business address is 700 Morrison Road, Gahanna, Ohio
3 43230.

4 **Q: By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

5 A: I am employed by American Electric Power Service Corporation. My present position is a
6 Transmission Project Manager.

7 **Q: Please describe your duties and responsibilities in that position.**

8 A: I am responsible for the project management of activities and project teams required for the
9 successful installation of Transmission Line and T&D Station facilities including management
10 of logistics, communication, planning, scheduling, siting, right-of-way, real estate acquisition,
11 engineering, procurement, contracting, construction and financial aspects of each assigned
12 project. Projects range from transmission line and station improvements to distribution station
13 projects.

14 **Q: Please describe your educational background and professional experience.**

15 A: I obtained a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering Technology from The University
16 of Cincinnati in 1990 and I have over 10 years of experience working in construction and
17 project management

18 **AEP Transmission:**

1 Currently, I am working on the AEP Vassell Station Project and the AEP Trent-Vassell
2 Transmission Line Project which were both OPSB sited.

3 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

4 A: The purpose of my testimony is to support the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation (“Joint
5 Stipulation”) filed on December 7, 2012, and entered into by the Ohio Power Siting Board Staff
6 and AEP Ohio Transmission Company (“AEP Transco”) (hereinafter, the “Signatory Parties”).
7 The Signatory Parties recommend that the Commission approve the Joint Stipulation and issue
8 its Opinion and Order in accordance with the recommendations made in the Joint Stipulation.
9 This testimony demonstrates that: (1) the Joint Stipulation is a product of serious bargaining
10 among capable, knowledgeable parties; (2) the Joint Stipulation does not violate any important
11 regulatory principle or practice; and (3) the Joint Stipulation, as a whole, will benefit customers
12 and the public interest.

13 **Q: Please summarize the major provision of the Joint Stipulation.**

14 A: The Joint Stipulation supports the selection of the Preferred Route, including the Common
15 Route, which is outlined in the Application. AEP has a critical need to reinforce and rebuild its
16 69,000-volt (69-kV) transmission system located in eastern Vinton County and northeastern
17 Jackson County in Ohio. AEP proposes to build a new 7-mile 138-kV transmission line along
18 Route 50 from the Poston-Lick 138-kV line to Elk Station near McArthur and to replace the
19 existing 69-kV transmission line toward Wellston located approximately 10.5 miles south of
20 Elk Station. This project, known as the Elk 138 kV Transmission Line Project, is being
21 proposed to alleviate rehabilitation concerns, maintain reliability and retire approximately 40
22 miles of 1920s vintage 69-kV line.

23 **Q: Does the Joint Stipulation represent a product of serious bargaining among capable,**
24 **knowledgeable parties?**

1 A: Yes, it does. All Parties to the Joint Stipulation were represented by experienced, competent
2 counsel. Also, the Parties to the Joint Stipulation are knowledgeable in matters before the Ohio
3 Power Siting Board. Both parties were invited to participate in settlement discussions
4 regarding the Joint Stipulation. Both parties were provided copies of the draft Joint Stipulation
5 during settlement discussions. Versions of the agreement were traded among the parties and
6 each party was provided an opportunity to join the agreement. Therefore, the Joint Stipulation
7 represents a product of capable, knowledgeable parties.

8 **Q: Does the Joint Stipulation benefit consumers and the public interest?**

9 A: Yes, it does. The Joint Stipulation, which provides for the construction and installation of the
10 Preferred Route, benefits consumers insofar as the Elk 138 kV Transmission Line will provide
11 support to distribution stations that service AEP Ohio customers. The new line is designed to
12 prevent overloads of critical facilities and provide sufficient capacity for future growth and
13 development in the area. The Joint Stipulation benefits the public interest insofar as the
14 Applicant has agreed to comply with the conditions outlined in the Joint Stipulation to
15 minimize the impact to the project area.

16 **Q: Does the Joint Stipulation violate any important regulatory principles and practices?**

17 A: No. The Joint Stipulation is designed to comply with the requirements of R.C. 4906.10, which
18 provides the basis for decision granting or denying a certificate.

1 **Q: Does AEP Transco recommend the Commission accept and approve the Joint Stipulation**
2 **as submitted?**

3 A: Yes. The Joint Stipulation in this case will provide benefits to AEP's customers.

4 **Q: Should the Commission approve the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation?**

5 A: Yes.

6 **Q: Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

7 A: Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing testimony of Shawn Malone has been served upon the below-named counsel via electronic mail this 7th day of December, 2012.

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