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RE: **Pre-Application Notification Letter
In the matter of the application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company for
a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the
138kV Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano Transmission Line Project.
Case No. 13-0429-EL-BTX**

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company (AEP Transco) files this pre-application notification letter in accordance with O.A.C. 4906-5-08. According to the rule a prospective applicant must hold a public informational meeting and provide this notice to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). Specifically, O.A.C. 4906-5-08 requires:

- (1) A basic description of the project that shall include information about the anticipated function, equipment size, approximate aerial extent, general location, and purpose of the project.**

AEP has a critical need to reinforce its transmission system in the southern Ohio area of Columbus Southern Power Company (now known as AEP Ohio), in the regions of Chillicothe and Circleville due to continued development and the need for an upgraded transmission system. To accomplish this, the company proposes to build a new 138kV Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano transmission line in the Chillicothe, Ohio area.

This project is part of a major transmission reinforcement effort designed to help AEP maintain an adequate level of transmission reliability in southern Ohio. The 138kV Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano Transmission Line Project will enhance service reliability and provide capacity for economic growth in the area. Additionally, AEP's studies indicate that without this reinforcement plan, the performance of the

company's transmission system will be inadequate to provide the level of service that its customers expect.

AEP Transco is proposing to build an approximate 12 mile 138kV Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano Transmission Line between the new Biers Run Substation and the existing Delano substation on the northeast side of Chillicothe located at the intersection of Delano Rd and SR 159. AEP will propose "Blue" and "Red" line routes between the two stations for public input.

The new transmission line will have the following major equipment:

- Steel Poles
- Conductor
- Shield Wire
- Associated Hardware

(2) The date, time, and location of the public informational meeting to be held pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule.

AEP Transco is finalizing the details of the public informational meeting now, but expects the meeting to take place on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the Pioneer School of Developmental Disabilities, 11268 Co. Rd. 550, Courtyard Area (left of the entrance), in the evening from 6:00-8:00 P.M. If there is any change OPSB staff will be notified.

(3) A list of any anticipated waivers of the board's rules that the applicant will be requesting for the project.

AEP Transco is filing a waiver request from the requirements associated with an alternate route including the 20% commonality threshold found in OAC 4906-5-04(A).

Cordially,

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