

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application by  
American Electric Power Ohio Transmission Company  
for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and  
Public Need for the Wagenhals-West Canton 138 kV  
Transmission Line Structure Replacement in Stark  
County, Ohio.**

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) **Case Number**  
) **13-0669-EL-BNR**  
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Members of the Board:

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To the Honorable Power Siting Board:

Please review the attached Staff Report of Investigation, which has been filed in accordance with the Board's rules. The applicant's accelerated certificate application in this case is subject to an automatic approval process as required by Section 4906.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The application will be automatically approved on April 26, 2013, unless suspended by the Board's chairperson, the executive director, or an administrative law judge. If suspended, the Board must render a decision on the application within 90 days.

Any concerns you or your representative may have with this case must be presented to the Executive Director of the Power Siting Board at least four business days prior to April 26, 2013, which is the automatic approval date. To contact the Executive Director with concerns, you can reply to the email to which this document was attached, or use the ContactOPSB email address listed below.

Sincerely,



Kim Wissman  
Executive Director  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
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## OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

**Case Number:** 13-0669-EL-BNR  
**Project Name:** Wagenhals-West Canton 138 kV Structure Replacement  
**Project Location:** Stark County, Ohio  
**Applicant:** American Electric Power Ohio Transmission Company  
**Application Filing Date:** March 14, 2013  
**Filing Type:** **Construction Notice**  
**Inspection Date:** April 8, 2013  
**Report Date:** April 17, 2013  
**Automatic Approval Date:** April 26, 2013  
**Waiver Requests:** None  
**Staff Assigned:** J. Pawley, D. Rostofer, J. Whitis, G. Zeto

### Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

Application: ☒ Approval    ☐ Disapproval    ☐ Approval with Conditions  
Waiver: ☐ Approval    ☐ Disapproval    ☒ Not Applicable

### Project Description

The purpose of this project is to replace an existing steel tower with one single steel pole double circuit dead end structure. The tower needs to be replaced due to structural loading issues. The tower replacement will occur within existing right-of-way. The cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$90,000. The project is expected to be constructed from early October 2013 through mid November 2013.

### Nature of Impacts

The Applicant has adequate access to the tower to be replaced, as it is adjacent to a public road and in a grassy lawn area. Adjacent land use consists of an office structure, public road and a parking lot. No wetlands, streams, agricultural or residential properties should be affected by this project. The Applicant will utilize a laydown yard already being constructed for a different project in the Canton area (for Case No. 13-0170-EL-BLN).

### Conclusion

The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and environmental impacts. Staff recommends automatic approval of this case on April 26, 2013.

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Summary: Report of investigation electronically filed by Mr. Adam S Bargar on behalf of Staff of OPSB