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Regarding: Case # 12-1361-EL-BSB & Case # 13-0429-EL-BTX
AKA: Biers Run Hopetown Delano Transmission Line Project
"I oppose the Blue Route"

AEP
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Ohio Power Siting Board
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To Whom it May Concern,

As to the matter of the AEP expansion with the Blue Route/Red Route; I have studied these proposed routes and feel that the Red Route should be the chosen route.

Not only do I know many families who would be negatively affected along the proposed Blue Route, but my Son's property would be all but destroyed by this route. The proposed Blue Route would cut out a large section of woods along his home, and place the new lines within feet of his home and play area of his children. Not only am I concerned with the complete destruction of their family's recreation areas on their hillside, but the affect these lines could have on their health is of paramount importance to me. Among my concerns are the chemicals used to control weeds along the lines, the electromagnetic charge, and the general damage to the property resulting from this violation, once the construction crews are gone. For example, we are all concerned with how the loss of such a large amount of trees will affect the rate of erosion on his property, potentially resulting in even more damage over time.

In addition, his children are currently enrolled at Union-Scioto School District, and will be for many years to come. This is a huge concern to all of us with children and grandchildren who are enrolled in the district, and is yet another reason that the Red Route is the better option for AEP's expansion.

As an owner of several properties in the Chillicothe area, I am an AEP customer and understand the need for expansion. However, I feel strongly that the Blue Route is the absolute wrong route for these expansion lines.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Margaret Kerns

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