

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 345/138/69 kV)
Biers Run Station Project.)**

Case No. 12-1361-EL-BSB

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 as a Transmission Project
6 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. I am currently the project manager for the AEP Vassell Station Project,
18 the AEP Trent-Vassell Transmission Line Project and the AEP Elk Transmission Line Project.

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

2 A: The purpose of my testimony is to support the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation (“Joint
3 Stipulation”) filed on June 14, 2013, and entered into by the Ohio Power Siting Board Staff and
4 AEP Ohio Transmission Company (“AEP Transco”) (hereinafter, the “Signatory Parties”). The
5 Signatory Parties recommend that the Commission approve the Joint Stipulation and issue its
6 Opinion and Order in accordance with the recommendations made in the Joint Stipulation.
7 This testimony demonstrates that: (1) the Joint Stipulation is a product of serious bargaining
8 among capable, knowledgeable parties; (2) the Joint Stipulation does not violate any important
9 regulatory principle or practice; and (3) the Joint Stipulation, as a whole, will benefit customers
10 and the public interest.

11 **Q: Please summarize the major provisions of the Joint Stipulation.**

12 A: The Joint Stipulation supports the selection of the Preferred site, which is outlined in the
13 application. The Biers Run Project is a major transmission reinforcement project designed to
14 help AEP maintain an adequate level of transmission reliability in southern Ohio. The new
15 Biers Run substation will allow AEP to address reliability concerns about potential low
16 voltages and thermal overloads under certain conditions. Without this substation, in a worst
17 case scenario, uncontrolled widespread power outages affecting major portions of southern
18 Ohio may materialize. AEP studies indicate that without this reinforcement plan, the
19 performance of the company’s transmission system will be inadequate to provide the level of
20 service that its customers expect.

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

23 A: Yes, it does. All Parties to the Joint Stipulation were represented by experienced, competent
24 counsel. Also, the Parties to the Joint Stipulation are knowledgeable in matters before the Ohio
25 Power Siting Board. Both parties were invited to participate in settlement discussions

1 regarding the Joint Stipulation. Both parties were provided copies of the draft Joint Stipulation
2 during settlement discussions. Versions of the agreement were traded among the parties and
3 each party was provided an opportunity to join the agreement. Therefore, the Joint Stipulation
4 represents a product of capable, knowledgeable parties.

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

6 A: Yes, it does. The Joint Stipulation, which provides for the construction of the Preferred Site,
7 benefits consumers insofar as the project will help ensure that increased demands for electricity
8 are met in the future and that existing reliability service is strengthened and enhanced
9 throughout the area. This project will also produce significant tax revenues for Ross County
10 and Union Township for schools and public services in those areas. The Joint Stipulation also
11 benefits the public by requiring the Applicant to comply with numerous conditions to minimize
12 impacts to the area.

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

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

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

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

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

20 A: Yes.

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

22 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 14th day of June, 2013.

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