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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2013 1:52 PM  
**To:** Scott Cormany  
**Cc:** PUCO ContactOPSB  
**Subject:** RE: Case# P13-0429-EL-BTX Biers Run Hopetown Delano

Scott,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding American Electric Power Transmission Company's (AEP Transco) proposed Biers Run – Hopetown – Delano 138 kV Transmission Line Project. Your correspondence and attached maps in regards to the project has been docketed in case number 13-0429-EL-BTX.

To date, the OPSB has not received an application from AEP Transco concerning this project. Once an application is filed, specific routing plans for the line will be available on the OPSB website at [www.opsb.ohio.gov](http://www.opsb.ohio.gov).

It is noted that you prefer the "Blue Route" in the project. In the AEP's application, routes will be designated as preferred and alternate.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the OPSB at (866) 270-6772. Again, thank you for your continued interest in this case.

Thanks,

Steve

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**To:** PUCO ContactOPSB  
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OPSB Members:

I am writing to support the Proposed Blue Route, and to object to the proposed Red Route.

My reasons are as follow:

1. The Red Route is almost 80% privately held with no existing right of way. Less than 21% of the red route follows existing right of way and or land owned by the Ohio prison System.

2.) 60% or 3.72 miles of the Proposed Blue Route Follows Existing Right of Way and or Property owned by the Ohio Prison System. (1.5mi Abandon RR Bed, .77mi Prison property, .75 mi 345Kv line, .70 mi Existing power line)

3.) South Central Power has sent a letter in support of the Blue Route, because that is where the majority of the electric consumers are located.

4.) Development is the reason for this project, thus the Electric should be placed where the demand is. Blue route is developed.

5.) AEP stated objective is to Reinforce and Increase Reliability of its transmission network. With the Circleville to Biers Run route proposed, The Hopetown Delano Blue Route provides a more Dispersed and therefore more Reliable Transmission Network

6.) Placing Utility poles in an Urban landscape should be expected, development spurs development and the infrastructure required for its development.

7.) The Red Route crosses Two Identified National Wetland Inventory Wetlands

8.) The Red Route Cuts perpendicular to existing topography, drainage patterns and at the more sensitive headwaters of 5 streams, potential affecting migration patterns(Scioto River Valley is a major Flyway). Conversely, the Blue route primarily follows existing topography and Drainage.

9.) Selecting the Red Route would require Two old growth forests (418ac & 189ac) to be partially cleared and separated from the 1,487ac forest of the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area.

In conclusion, the blue route for the majority of its course (60%) follows existing right of way and or property owned by the Ohio Prison System and thus less detrimental to the environment. The Blue Route is where the majority of the electric consumers are located and the reason for the need to reinforce the transmission network. Also, the Blue Route better assists AEP's stated objective by providing for a more reliable Transmission network.

Please see attached map.

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Sent from my iPhone

