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Union-Scioto Local School District  
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Re: Biers Run – Hopetown – Delano 138 kV Transmission Line Project, Case No. 13-0429-EL-BTX  
Biers Run – Circleville 138 kV Transmission Line Project, Case No. 13-0430-EL-BTX

Members of the Board of Education,

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 in regards to the project has been docketed in case number 13-0429-EL-BTX. Additionally, your correspondence will be docketed in the docket for the Biers Run – Circleville 139 kV Transmission Line Project, OPSB case number 13-0430-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 "Red Route" in the project. In the AEP's application, routes will be designated as preferred and alternate.

When reviewing an electric transmission application, OPSB staff investigates each route to determine many criteria; including the impact to land use, public services, cultural resources, and ecological resources, among others. Once an application is submitted by AEP, the OPSB staff will conduct a thorough investigation of the project and present its siting recommendation to the Board in its *Staff Report of Investigation*. Local residents are encouraged to participate in the siting process by attending a local public hearing, which will be scheduled on an application is received and deemed to be complete.

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.

Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director  
Ohio Power Siting Board

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December 16, 2013

Ohio Siting Board

Thank you for holding the hearings on the proposed transmission lines that will be going through Union Township. Many of our taxpayers have weighed in on the proposed routes. The Union Scioto Local Schools Board of Education is very concerned about the transmission lines that will be erected in our district.

We understand the need for reliable electrical power for the residents and surrounding areas of the district and recognize that electrical transmission and distribution infrastructure improvements are necessary. We also recognize the impact the erection of transmission lines will have on property values and potentially the health of residents within our district.

The Board is sensitive to the impact either new transmission line will have to residents in our district, it is important that we voice our opinion that the Red route be the route chosen by the Siting Board. The most important reasons are as follows:

- A. The health concerns of the effects of transmission lines in close proximity to the school buildings would most likely lead to a decline in enrollment. We have children that are students from the age of 3 and in preschool through their senior year of high school. This translates to 15 years of their life lived in close proximity to the transmission lines. Additionally, staff will spend the majority of each year in our buildings and on our grounds in close proximity to the transmission lines for 25 to 35 years of their life. Health concerns are not to be taken lightly.
- B. The proposed blue route runs in close proximity to the school buildings and the line and associated easements would limit the districts land use and building options. We currently have several restrictions and challenges due to the historical value of our ground. Additional limitations would be detrimental to future school use.
- C. The proposed blue route appears to run closer to more densely populated areas of the district and would potentially affect more residents than the red route. Thus, the blue route could lead to significant revenue losses to the district if residents move away and property values decline. This absolutely flies in the face of economic development and creating a stable tax base which is very important to the funding of the education for our students. AEP has always been a proponent of economic development and would certainly want to support our school district remaining financially sound.
- D. The potential safety issues associated with having high voltage lines in close proximity to the student population as we witnessed in Piketon recently.

We are aware that you have a great responsibility to provide reliable power to homes and businesses. Please work with us as we work hard in a difficult climate to provide a safe, healthy campus for our students and staff. This is of utmost importance to us in addition to the necessity of maintaining property values at current levels and having the opportunity to improve them.

Thank you for your interest in our concerns and your time to consider them. We are available to further discuss these routes or any options if you would so wish.

Sincerely,

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