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Re: Vectren Z-167 Pipeline, Case No. 13-1651-GA-BTX

Mr. Theis,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding the proposed Vectren Z-167 Pipeline. Your comments will be docketed in the OPSB case file. It is noted that you are concerned about the construction of the pipeline.

The OPSB Staff Report of Investigation for this project was filed on January 16, 2013 and is available on the OPSB website. The Staff Report serves as a recommendation to the Board, which ultimately makes the decision to issue certificates allowing the construction of a facility.

The OPSB Staff has recommended that the Board certificates the Preferred Route of the project, subject to various conditions, including Condition 13, which reads:

Applicant will avoid, where possible, and minimize to the maximum extent practicable, any damage to field tile drainage systems and soils resulting from construction, operation, and/or maintenance of the Facility in agricultural areas. Damaged field tile systems will be promptly repaired to at least original conditions at Applicant's expense. If applicable, excavated topsoil will be segregated and restored in accordance with Applicant's lease agreement with the landowner. Severely compacted soils will be plowed or otherwise de-compacted, if necessary, to restore them to original conditions unless otherwise agreed to by the landowner.

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

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**RE: OPGB Case No. 13-1651-GA-BTX
Enclosure Map of Gas Line Route**

We attended the meeting of February 10, 2013, in Vandalia, Ohio.

The preferred route crosses a farm we own, marked 1 on enclosed map. The alternate route passes through the center of land we own marked 2 on the map.

We have farmed in the area since 1965 and been involved with construction work on land we farm. Such work as required to replace the pipe line. Such excavating projects yields the land useless for production. Tiles are cut and not repaired. Compaction by equipment destroys the tilth and production of the land. Appraisers and contractors have no knowledge or care about these damages. The tracts of land I referred to are in the City of Union. Tract 1 is zoned Industrial and tract 2 is in the process of being zoned Industrial. The amounts offered for easements would not cover the agriculture losses. The loss in value as Industrial land would be too large to estimate at this time.

Waterwheel Farm, Inc.


Paul D Thies, President

Enclosure



Vectren Z-167 Natural Gas Pipeline

OPSB Case No. 13-1651-GA-BTX

What is the proposed Vectren Z-167 Natural Gas Pipeline?

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio (Vectren) has proposed to relocate approximately three miles of their existing Z-167 natural gas pipeline. The Z-167 pipeline is currently located underneath the Dayton International Airport (Airport).

Where would the project be relocated?

Vectren has proposed two routes for consideration for this project, a Preferred Route and an Alternate Route.

The *Preferred Route* is approximately seven miles in length and originates just north of the Vandalia Range and Armory. The route runs perpendicular to Peters Pike, Dayton Airport Access Road, and Dog Leg Pike before turning north and running adjacent to Airport property. At Old Springfield Road, the Preferred Route turns east, connecting with the existing pipeline at a point north of the Airport.

The *Alternate Route* is approximately 7.75 miles long and shares 71 percent of its route with the Preferred Route. At Old Springfield Road, the Alternate Route continues north before turning east and running parallel to Lightner Road. The Alternate Route reconnects to the existing pipeline at a point north of the Airport.

What did OPSB staff recommend in its report of investigation?

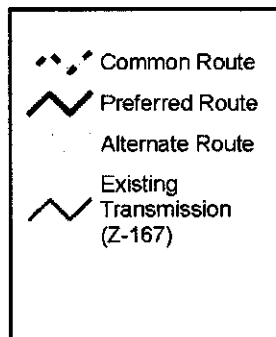
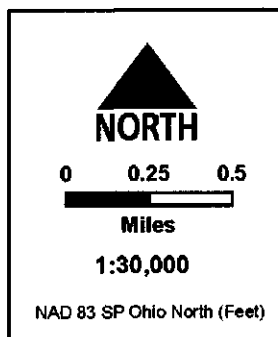
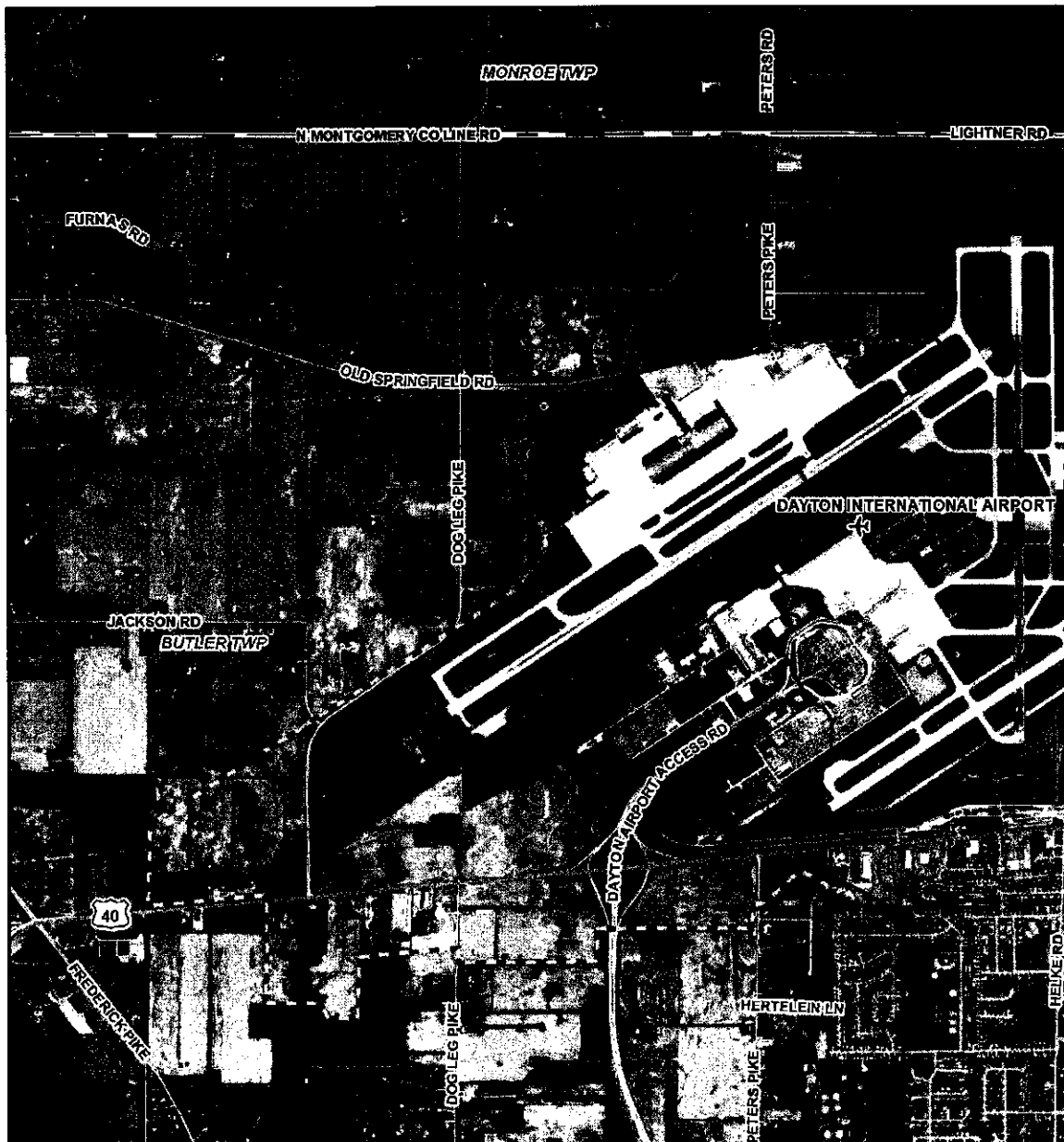
As with any major utility project, the OPSB staff conducted an investigation and review of Vectren's application. After considering specific environmental, agricultural, ecological, and socioeconomic factors, the staff recommended the Board certificate the Preferred Route of the project. The staff report only serves as a recommendation to the OPSB, and the Board members have the final say regarding the siting of the project. The staff report is available online on the OPSB website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

How can I make my voice heard?

Tonight's public hearing allows anyone to provide testimony that will be added to the official case record for review by the OPSB board members prior to their decision. Comments may also be submitted in writing. Those wishing to do so can write the Ohio Power Siting Board at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH, 43215 (Please include case number 13-1651-GA-BTX in the subject line) or online at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

What happens next?

An adjudicatory hearing begins on February 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the OPSB's offices in downtown Columbus. At the adjudicatory hearing, the company, OPSB staff, and other intervenors will offer expert testimony supporting their positions before an administrative law judge. Following the conclusion of the adjudicatory hearing and subsequent legal briefs, the Board will schedule the project for decision at a public Board meeting in Columbus.



Overview Map

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**Vectren
Transmission Line**

Maps are presented solely for the purpose of providing a visual representation of the project in the staff report, and are not intended to modify the project as presented by the Applicant in its certified application and supplemental materials.