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To:OPSB From: John Fortney, Representing the Buchanan Farm Date: March 27,2014 Subject: OPSB Public Responses to the Biers Run Hopetown Delano 138kv Transmission Line Project. Case 13-0429-EL-BTX

This comment is to voice my disappointment in the responses by the OPSB to public comments. They are generally generic in nature and in no way address the concerns of the persons submitting said comments. Many have voiced opposition to both the preferred and alternative routes proposed by AEP and have suggested that a route through the Pleasant Valley Nature Preserve would be a viable alternative. The OPSB's response is always that AEP evaluated possible routes and concluded that the two submitted were the result of their analysis. Most individuals effected by their choice(s) would argue that AEP has an interest in using a route that is the least expensive, and least contested, not necessarily a more reasonable route that could require a more time consuming and expensive alternative. That the ODNR could summarily dismiss a route through the nature preserve, and AEP accept such a dismissal, is both puzzling and unacceptable. The ODNR sits on the siting board and should be recused from any voting or input on this project. An appropriate response to using a route through the nature preserve and the involvement of the ODNR would be greatly appreciated. As taxpayers who subsidize both the OPSB and ODNR, we deserve a detailed explanation. Sincerely, John Fortney, on behalf of the Buchanan Farm