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Honorable Todd A. Snitchler  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
Attorney Examiner  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

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**Re: PUCO Case No. 14-0142-EL-BLN Bixby-Groves 138 kV Transmission  
Line Rebuild Project**

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

Attached please find the public notice filed concerning the proposed major utility facility in the above-referenced case. The notice was published in pursuant of Rule 4906-5-08, Ohio Administrative Code.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

//s/Yazen Alami  
Yazen Alami

Attachments

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio Transmission Company (AEP Ohio Transco) has proposed to improve the transmission system in central Ohio by upgrading an existing 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in the City of Columbus in Truro Township and the City of Groveport in Madison Township in Franklin County.

The purpose of the Bixby-Groves 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project is to upgrade a 138-kV circuit using an existing right of way between Bixby Substation and Groves Substation. AEP Ohio Transco will build the new line using standard double circuit 138-kV steel structures. This project will help improve and maintain the quality of electric service and reliability to the central Ohio area. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2014.

The project is known as the Bixby-Groves 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.11-01, AEP Ohio Transco has filed a Letter of Notification with the Ohio Power Siting Board, under Case No. 14-0142-EL-BLN.

This project meets the requirements for a Letter of Notification because it is within the types of projects defined by Item (4)(a) of Attachment A of the interim process defined in the OPSB's September 4, 2012 Finding and Order in Docket 12-1981-GE-BRO. This states that a project qualifies for a Letter of Notification if the project is:

- (1) An electric transmission line that:
  - (a) Consists of replacing electric transmission line structures with a different type of structure where less than two miles of new right-of-way is required.

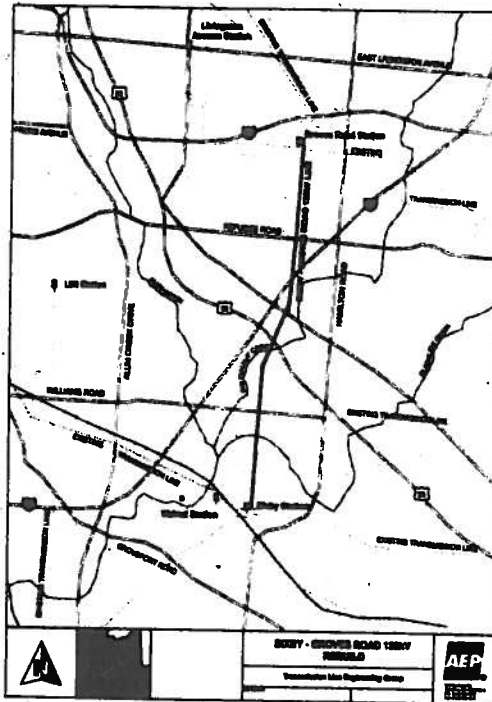
The Letter of Notification for the Bixby-Groves 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project is pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board. This application has been assigned Case No. 14-0142-EL-BLN. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this proceeding.

Petitions to intervene in or comment on the Letter of Notification will be accepted by the siting board up to 10 days following the publication date of this notice required by Rule 4906.5-09(C)(1), OAC. Petitions should be addressed to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and must cite Case No. 14-0142-EL-BLN.

The Bixby-Groves 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves replacing 36 existing structures with 26 new structures. A new conductor, insulators and hardware will be installed on the structures.

The project will be an approximate \$9 million investment by AEP in its transmission system in the area. The project will allow AEP Ohio to continue to provide the level of service its customers expect.

The accompanying map depicts the project area. It should be noted that due to the reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide.



Copies of the actual Letter of Notification, including specific details about the location and construction are available for public inspection at the following locations:

**Columbus Metropolitan Library**  
Mr. Patrick Losinski, Director  
96 South Grant Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Ohio Power Siting Board**  
**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793  
614-466-3292

Electronic versions of the Letter of Notification can be found at <http://www.aeptransmission.com/ohio/> and at the Ohio Power Siting Board website at <http://opsb.ohio.gov>. Search under current cases for Case No. 14-0142-EL-BLN.

The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the application as required by state of Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

**Franklin County Board of Commissioners**  
Ms. Marilyn Brown  
Ms. Paula Brooks  
Mr. John O'Grady  
373 South High Street, 28th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Mayor Michael B. Coleman**  
**City of Columbus**  
City Hall, 2nd Floor  
90 West Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

## City of Groveport Planning Commission

**Chairman**  
Groveport Municipal Building  
655 Blacklick Street  
Groveport, Ohio 43215

## Truro Township Board of Trustees

Mr. Pat Mahaffey, Trustee  
Mr. Mike Shirey, Trustee  
Ms. Barbara Strouss, Trustee  
Ms. Natalie Niedermeyer, Fiscal Officer  
6900 East Main Street  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

## Madison Township Board of Trustees

Mr. Edward B. Dildine  
Mr. Gary McDonald  
Mr. Victor Paine  
4575 Madison Lane  
Groveport, Ohio 43125

The following state agencies have been served with copies of the application:

- Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
- Ohio Department of Agriculture
- Ohio Department of Development
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Ohio Historical Society

## CRITERIA USED TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION

The following eight criteria are set forth in Section 4906.10 (A) of the Revised Code and will be used, along with additional information, by the board in reviewing the application for a certificate to construct, operate

and maintain the Bixby-Groves transmission line:

- the basis of need for the facility. In the case of a majority utility facility described in division (B)(1) of Section 4906.01 of the Revised Code, the board shall presume the need for the facility as that need is stated in an application pursuant to division (A)(3) of Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code;
- the nature of the probable environmental impact of the proposed facility;
- the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology, the nature and economics of alternatives and other pertinent considerations;
- in the case of electric transmission lines, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving Ohio and interconnected systems, and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- the facility will comply with chapters 3704, 3734 and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.34 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the Department of Transportation under Section 4361.341 of the Revised Code;
- the facility will comply with all air and water pollution control and solid waste disposal laws and regulations;
- the facility will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. The facility's impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site of the proposed major utility facility; and
- the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board considering available technology and the nature and economics of various alternatives.

The complete Letter of Notification and this ad are available at <http://www.aeptransmission.com/ohio/>

To ask a question, make a comment or express a concern about the project, please call the AEP Ohio Transmission Project Information Line toll-free at 1-877-215-8261 or send an email inquiry to [beschmid@aep.com](mailto:beschmid@aep.com)



Unit of American Electric Power

AEP Ohio Transmission Company  
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Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
Attention: Bethany McCrae,  
Project Manager



**Proof of Publication**

I, Walt Dozier, do hereby attest that the AEP Legal Notice did appear in the following newspaper as ordered:

Columbus , The Dispatch

4/4/14

Walt Dozier  
Walt Dozier

4/7/14  
Date

State of Ohio  
County of Franklin

On this day, the 7th day of April, 2014 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Frank Beeson, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.



Patricia A. Conkle  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 06-17-2014

Patricia A. Conkle  
Notary Public

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**Case No(s). 14-0142-EL-BLN**

Summary: Proof of Pub Bixby Groves 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project electronically filed by Mr. Yazen Alami on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company