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April 10, 2014

Maren S. Johnson  
Future Owner of Hilltop Farms of Chillicothe, Ohio  
539 South Park Road  
La Grange, IL 60525

Re: Biers Run -- Hopetown -- Delano 138 kV Transmission Line Project  
Case No. 13-0429-EL-BTX

Miss Maren Johnson,

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. It is noted that you are opposed to the Blue Route of the project and are in favor a route through the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area.

When reviewing an electric transmission application, OPSB staff investigates each route to determine many criteria, including the impact on the continued agricultural viability of any land in an existing agricultural district. Additionally, geological features and soil types are reviewed by the Staff to ensure that sound engineering practices are employed in order to mitigate potential runoff and/or soil compaction.

I have attached and enclosed materials describing our electric transmission siting criteria and public participation in the OPSB process. Further information about this case may be found on the OPSB website at [www.opsb.ohio.gov](http://www.opsb.ohio.gov). The OPSB website also hosts an interactive map developed with data from the application that portrays the proposed Preferred and Alternate routes.

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

Very truly yours,

  
Todd Snitchler, Chairman  
Ohio Power Siting Board

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Ohio Power Siting Board  
Attention: Chairman Todd Snitchler  
180 East Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Dear Chairman Snitchler and the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I'm writing to you with regards to AEP's application for the Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano Project, 13-0429-EL-BTX.

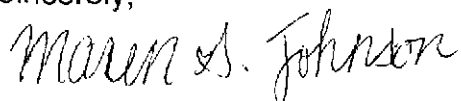
I am asking that you please vote to ~~reject~~ the proposed BLUE Line and instead look at the alternative option through the *Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area*.

Our family has its roots in the farmland of Chillicothe, Ohio. Hilltop farms has been in our family since the 1840s and has been continuously farmed for the past 170 years over many generations. I am in Junior High School and hope to be able to farm this land when I get old enough.

Power lines are important to the future of America and I know that. However, rather than go through productive farmland, I would ask that you please review the maps and work with AEP in approving a route through Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area which is more direct and less destructive to farms, families and communities.

Please help us and our neighboring farmers preserve our land and vote **NO** to the **BLUE Line** and instead encourage AEP to find a way to put the power lines through the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area.

Sincerely,



Maren S. Johnson – 13 Years Old  
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