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April 16, 2014

Melanie Beane  
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Re: West Milton – Eldean 138 kV Transmission Line, 14-0469-EL-BTX

Ms. Beane,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding Dayton Power & Light's proposed West Milton – Eldean 138 kV (kilovolt) transmission line. Your comments will be filed in the docket for case number 14-0469-EL-BTX.

Chairman Thomas Johnson became the chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, and thus the Ohio Power Siting Board, on April 11, 2014.

To date, Dayton Power & Light has not filed an application with the OPSB. During informal meetings with the public, utilities often distinguish multiple routes by color. In the formal application, however, an applicant provides the OPSB with two viable routes – a Preferred and an Alternate route. It is noted that you are opposed to the siting of an electric transmission line on Greenlee Road.

In an application to the OPSB, the applicant must provide detailed information on the probable impact of the proposed facility. An enclosed FAQ sheet describes the criteria that the OPSB staff considers when investigating a proposed electric transmission line.

Dayton Power & Light will hold a public informational meeting that will give local residents the opportunity to learn more about the project and submit comments about the routing of the project. I encourage you to attend. Notice of this meeting will be placed in the local newspaper, as well as on the OPSB website (opsb.ohio.gov). I have also enclosed an FAQ sheet that describes how the public can participate in the OPSB process.

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

Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director  
Ohio Power Siting Board

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Dear Mr. Todd Snitchler

I am writing to you regarding Dayton Power and Light's West Milton to Eldean 138kV Transmission Line Project. As a homeowner Greenlee Road in Ludlow Falls, on one of the two proposed routes, I am strongly opposed the "blue route" option. We built our home eight years ago and looked all over Miami County for two years prior to that to find the most scenic location possible. We found that spot on Greenlee Rd. with Brunker Nature Center's wooded drive visible right out our front door. There were no telephone nor power lines visible. With this new proposed route, we will have 65 ft. power lines running down our road which will significantly impact this scenic road. I would like you to seriously consider my concerns.

1. The proposed route will be placed on a historic Miami County farm, the Iddings farm land. This farm located west of Greenlee Rd. between Horseshoe Bend Rd. and Fenner Roads has been in the Iddings family for over 200 years. An unsightly power line compromises the integrity of this historic farm land.
2. This power line will **negatively impact the view shed** of this historic area.
3. Brunker Nature Center is less than a mile away from the proposed "blue" route. This line will run parallel to Brunker Nature Center which is a non-profit, privately funded organization which promotes wild life conservation and preservation. These poles could alter migration patterns and deter wildlife from the area.
4. The alternate "red" route has a significant grade difference. It is flat, has less trees and power line poles are already in place. (\*note - Greenlee Rd. power lines are underground)
5. There are 57 houses that would be impacted by the "blue route" proposal whereas there are only 37 houses on the "red" route proposal plan.
6. Long term exposure is a health risk - Large power line poles are known to increase certain types of cancer through continuous exposure to radiation emitting from these types of lines.

Is it possible that we can plan for a more environmentally sound solution with more residents involved? Our neighborhood community was not aware of such a large project and only allowed a one month comment period. In addition, we were told at the DP&L's West Milton open house meeting on March 25 that an underground line would be "cost prohibitive." Perhaps the correct and more honest term should have been "cost effective." There are federal grants available for such projects and while it might post-pone the installment of the new power lines somewhat, it could be an agreeable solution for all involved. Our family and our neighbors are happy to discuss our perspective with any of your representatives as we hopefully move forward to a more inclusive planning process in regards to this project.

Sincerely,

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45339



## Dayton Power & Light's West Milton to Eldean 138kV Transmission Line Project

The Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) has plans to strengthen the transmission system within Miami County by proposing the construction of a new 17-mile, 138,000-volt (138 kV) transmission line from the existing West Milton Substation to the existing Eldean Substation located northwest of Troy, Ohio.

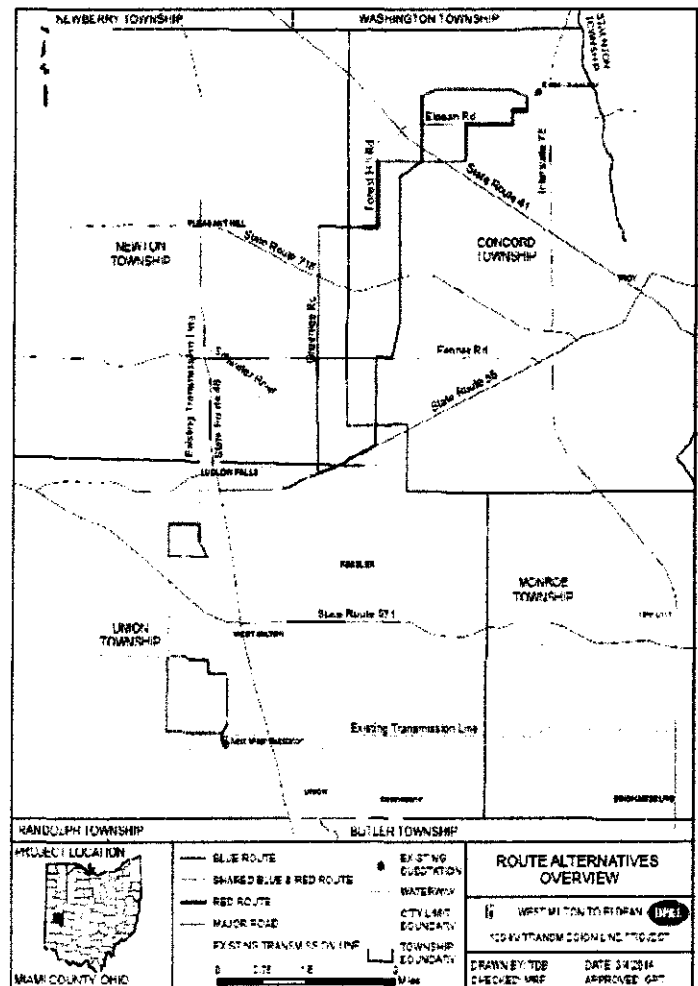
The proposed new 138 kV line will ensure that adequate transmission system voltages are maintained in the northwest area of the DP&L transmission system under various outage conditions, as required to comply with the mandatory Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)/North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) reliability standards. The new line will improve service reliability to the customers in the area.

DP&L has extensively studied the general area between the two substations to identify multiple route options for the transmission line in an effort to minimize any impacts to sensitive areas and land uses. Based on the study's preliminary results, DP&L has identified the transmission line routes that are shown on the map.

These routes under consideration largely follow road right-of-way (often where electric distribution lines already exist) and DP&L's existing transmission line right-of-way (north and west of West Milton). The proposed routes were also designed to align with property lines. It is anticipated that the new line will be installed on single wood poles, with steel poles at select locations, averaging 65-90 feet in height.

The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) is responsible for reviewing information for the project, including public comments and input, and determining whether to issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need approving the project. DP&L plans to file an application with the OPSB in mid 2014 for the board's review and approval of the transmission line siting. The application will include a preferred and alternate route for most sections of the project area. If the application is approved by the OPSB, construction of the transmission line could begin in 2017.

Public comments will be accepted and considered by DP&L staff as part of the process of further evaluating the proposed routes. Interested parties may also send written comments or questions to: The Dayton Power and Light Company, ATTN: W. Milton-Eldean Project Team, 1900 Dryden Road, Area 420, Dayton, Ohio 45439, or request information or comment by leaving a message at 937-331-4314.



## **Dayton Power & Light's West Milton to Eldean 138kV Transmission Line Project**

### **Points of Interest**

#### **Estimated Project Schedule**

2014 March - Open House Meeting  
April – Field Inspections  
June – OPSB Application  
TBD – OPSB Public Hearings  
TBD – OPSB Approval  
2015 Easement Procurement  
2016 Engineering & Material Procurement  
2017 Construction  
2018 Project In-Service

#### **Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) Process**

The OPSB is a separate entity within the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, which is authorized to review and approve applications to build major utility facilities. Before filing an application to build a facility, the company is required to hold a public informational meeting, during which company representatives inform stakeholders about the company's plans and gather public input for consideration in developing the application.

Once the company submits its application for the new facility, the OPSB staff reviews it for completeness. After OPSB staff has determined the application to be complete, legal notices will be published in newspapers in those areas impacted by the proposed facility. The legal notices will include a listing of area libraries where a copy of the application may be viewed. The application can also be viewed online by going to the OPSB Web site. Interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments to the Docketing Division, 180 E. Broad Street, 11th floor, Columbus, OH 43215. DP&L's case number for the project is 14-0469-EL-BTX

OPSB staff will make a formal request for comments from other agencies and parties, and then make a recommendation to the full Board. After the OPSB staff makes its recommendation, formal public hearings are held. These hearings enable citizens, interest groups and governmental entities to present testimony.

The OPSB can be reached at:

- Phone: 1-866-270-6772

- Mailing Address: The Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215
- Website: <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>

#### **Field Inspections**

Following the informational meeting, field inspections of the corridors will begin. The OPSB application process requires these inspections as part of the research of socioeconomic and ecological land use impacts. Property owners will be contacted before inspections occur to coordinate access where needed. Inspections are performed on foot and are non-invasive; however some minor random soil sampling will be taken.

#### **Easement Procurement**

Easement procurement is scheduled to take place in 2015, once a route has been approved. A representative will contact each affected property owner and explain specifically where the line will go and request an easement. Compensation is based on market value of the interest being purchased. In most cases, the landowner will be able to continue to use the property beneath the line in any manner not inconsistent with the operation of the transmission line. The Company will seek the right to trim trees and other vegetation from the area beneath and surrounding the line.

#### **Construction**

Interruption of electric service is not anticipated during the construction of the transmission line. In the event an outage is required, it would typically be on an individual basis to transfer facilities from old to new poles and of very short duration. We would notify affected customers beforehand.

#### **Property/Crop Damage**

While trees will need to be removed from the easement area, DP&L will work with property owners to restore land and landscaping back to their original condition following construction activities. Compensation will be made for lost crops resulting from related project activities.