

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Expedited Letter of Notification)
Application by American Electric Power Ohio)
Transmission Company for a Certificate of)
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the)
Summerfield–Texas Eastern Berne 138 kV Line)
Relocation and Installation of the Blue Racer Station)
Project.)**

**Case Number
14-0530-EL-BLN**

Members of the Board:

Chairman, Public Utilities Commission	Ohio House of Representatives
Director, Development Services Agency	Ohio Senate
Director, Department of Health	
Director, Department of Agriculture	
Director, Environmental Protection Agency	
Director, Department of Natural Resources	
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To the Honorable Power Siting Board:

Please review the attached Staff Report of Investigation, which has been filed in accordance with the Board’s rules. The accelerated certificate application in this case is subject to an automatic approval process as required by Section 4906.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The application will be automatically approved on **May 15, 2014**, unless suspended by the Board’s chairperson, the Executive Director, or an administrative law judge. If suspended, the Board must render a decision on the application within 90 days.

Any concerns you or your designee may have with this case must be presented to the Executive Director of the Power Siting Board at least four business days prior to **May 15, 2014**, which is the automatic approval date. To contact the Executive Director with concerns, you can reply to the email to which this document was attached, or use the ContactOPSB email address listed below.

Sincerely,



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Ohio Power Siting Board
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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 14-0530-EL-BLN
Project Name: Summerfield-Texas Eastern Berne 138 kV Transmission Line Relocation and Installation of the Blue Racer Station Project
Project Location: Monroe County, Ohio
Applicant: American Electric Power Ohio Transmission Company
Application Filing Date: April 16, 2014
Filing Type: **Expedited** Letter of Notification
Inspection Date: April 25, 2014
Report Date: May 6, 2014
Automatic Approval Date: May 15, 2014
Applicant's Waiver Requests: None
Staff Assigned: J. Pawley, J. Whitis, G. Zeto

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

Application: Approval Disapproval Approval with Conditions
Waiver: Approval Disapproval Not Applicable

Project Description

The purpose of this project is to relocate a portion of the Summerfield–Texas Eastern Berne 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and install a new 138 kV transmission switching station (Blue Racer Station). The transmission line work and associated station work is for a specific customer, Blue Racer Midstream, LLC. The project consists of a 550-foot western 138 kV relocation connecting the Summerfield–Texas Eastern Berne transmission line to the Blue Racer Station and a 520-foot eastern 138 kV relocation to connect the Summerfield–Texas Eastern Berne 138 kV transmission line and Blue Racer station to form the Blue Racer–Texas Eastern Berne 138 kV circuit. AEP estimates the cost of the project at \$2.5 million. Construction is expected to commence in June 2014 and be completed by November 2014.

Site Description

The project is located in Mead Township, Monroe County. There is adjacent industrial construction work occurring for the Blue Racer Midstream natural gas processing facility. Blue Racer has provided AEP with the necessary 1.6 acre fenced substation site and laydown area. The station site will be transferred to AEP Ohio Transco prior to operation. The area has numerous gas pipelines and industrial complexes nearby. The existing Texas Eastern industrial gas processing facility is located immediately north of the Blue Racer Station site. No significant vegetative clearing is required. No residential or institutional land uses are located within 1,000 feet of the proposed project area.

Conclusion

The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts. Staff recommends automatic approval of this case on May 15, 2014.

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Summary: Report of investigation electronically filed by Mr. Adam S Bargar on behalf of Staff of OPSB