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May 12, 2014

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

Mr. Venneman,

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 in favor a route through the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area.

In an application to the OPSB, the applicant must provide detailed information on the probable impact of the proposed facility, taking several criteria, including environmental and ecological impacts, public interest, and the impact on agricultural land. AEP Transco submitted an application for this project on January 8, 2014 and the OPSB subsequently found that sufficient information was complete. On May 5, 2014, AEP Transco submitted a supplement to the application.

The OPSB Staff will conduct an investigation of AEP's proposal and submit recommendation to the Board in a *Staff Report of Investigation*, which is made available to the public through the OPSB website. The *Staff Report of Investigation* serves as a recommendation to the Board, who ultimately decides whether to certificate the Preferred or Alternate route of the project.

A local public hearing will be held in the case at a date scheduled by the Board's Administrative Law Judge. Information about this hearing will be published by the Applicant and available 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 continued interest in this case.

Very truly yours,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director  
Ohio Power Siting Board

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***May 8, 2014***

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***Re: AEP's Biers Run – Hopetown – Delano Transmission Line in Ross County***

Dear Governor Kasich,

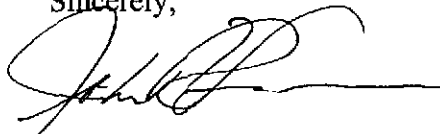
The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) has the unique opportunity to provide additional, reliable electrical power for residents and businesses, while protecting Ross County citizens, children and farmlands. In question is the placement of an AEP 138kV transmission line known as the Biers Run – Hopetown – Delano Transmission Line.

The route currently preferred by AEP, takes these high powered and potentially hazardous lines adjacent to the Union – Scioto (UNIOTO) Elementary, Middle and High Schools; subjecting students and faculty to the well-documented effects of electromagnetic radiation. Additionally, this route travels adjacent to 227 homes, a golf course, and through valuable farmland. This route recklessly subjects Ohio's students, faculty and voters to greater risks of leukemia and cancers including breast cancer, blood disorders etc., while disrupting farmlands that provide the crops and food that are a source of pride for all Ohioans.

Instead, I urge the OPSB approve the route through the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area as requested in a letter from the Ross County Commissioners. Another power line already runs through this area, providing electricity while protecting our children, homeowners and farmers.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter of great importance to your constituents and friends in Ross County.

Sincerely,



John R. Venneman

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