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July 17, 2014

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

Mr. Salyers,

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 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 anticipates that AEP Transco will further amend the application to include a route through the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area.

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. 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.

Sincerely,

Patrick Donlon, Interim Director
Ohio Power Siting Board

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The Honorable Jay Agranoff, Administrative Law Judge
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Re: AEP Biers Run Rd
New Electric Line Route
Case # 13-0429-EL-BTX

I don't know if me writing to you is appropriate or not and if not I guess you can just throw this letter away. I am writing to you regarding the proposed routes for the new AEP electric line from the new Biers Run Rd. station.

I am a property owner along the original preferred route that runs parallel to the current overhead transmission line and then runs along County Road 550 and then Pleasant Valley Rd. I will be honest in that my purpose for writing is based somewhat on selfish reasons. On the original preferred route the line would run right over the corner of my home and therefore AEP had to plan on purchasing my property. I received a call from AEP and we were able to agree on a purchase price and I am now under contract with them to buy my home. The contract gives them four months to make a final decision on whether or not they are going to go through with the original preferred route. From everything I see on the PUCO website this route was pretty much ok'd and waiting on your board's final decision. Last Thursday I received a letter that they are now looking at a Preferred Route that takes the line through our local game reserve. I called my local county commissioner and was told that originally the ODNR had told AEP that they could not go through the game reserve/wetland area but for whatever reason, now they have relaxed their stance and are going to allow it if that route is so chosen.

As I mentioned, it is partly due to selfish reasons that I would prefer the original route but also from a conservation standpoint I don't like the idea of going through a game reserve that has been untouched ground for as long as I can remember. The damage to the game reserve would be long term in that a large section of trees would be removed and have to be kept clear from now on. I understand that eventually the animals etc would get used to the power lines and not pay any attention to them but I believe the long term damage to the reserve itself should warrant

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AEP not being allowed to go through there. That apparently was the original view from ODNR and I believe it should stay that way.

If I read the documents correctly, there were two homes that were going to be affected by the original preferred route and both homes have been secured for purchase by AEP so the only impact I can see from this route is to some current farmland and vacant land that isn't being used for anything else. This just seems to me like a much more environment friendly choice.

I appreciate your time in reading this and hopefully I have made some valid points.

Thanks,



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