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From: Puco ContactOPSB
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2014 3:14 PM
To: Darren Price
Cc: Puco ContactOPSB
Subject: RE: REVISED APPLICATION RE: BIER'S RUN HOPETOWN DELANO 138KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Mr. & Mrs. Price,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding the proposed Biers Run – Hopetown – Delano 138 kV transmission line. Your comments will be filed in the case record, OPSB Case No. 13-0429-EL-BTX.

It is noted that you are in support of the new preferred route proposed by AEP Transco that would transverse the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area.

Again, thank you for your continued interest in your case. I encourage you to continue to follow the progress of the case on the OPSB website (www.opsb.ohio.gov) and in the local newspapers. After the OPSB Staff investigates the project, it will publish a Staff Report of Investigation, including a recommendation to the Board. The Board will then hold a public hearing in the project area to give local residents an opportunity to testify about the project's routes. I encourage you to attend this meeting. Notice of the public hearing will be posted on the OPSB website.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns,

Thanks,

Steve

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From: Darren Price [<mailto:darrenprice45601@yahoo.com>]
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To: Puco ContactOPSB
Subject: REVISED APPLICATION RE: BIER'S RUN HOPETOWN DELANO 138KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

To Whom It May Concern:

As you are aware, AEP has submitted an application for the Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano 138 kV Transmission Line Project. That application was revised on July 18, 2014, with the new preferred route being through the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area. Contrary to the correspondence you received from Mr. Scott Cormany on July 15, 2014, he does not speak for us, much less the 11.5 million people in the state of Ohio, as we adamantly SUPPORT the NEW preferred route through the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area. We support this new preferred route for the same reasoning that we

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were opposed to the previous preferred route along Anderson Station Road. The specifics of our original concerns, which drives our support for the new preferred route, are outlined below.

The Pleasant Valley Wildlife Reserve, which already has an existing power line running through it, provides a viable option for the expansion desired by AEP without negatively impacting the health and safety of school children, property owners, and the property values of nearly 300 homeowners (55-60 residences within the Golf View Subdivision and well over an additional 225 residences in the area). The bottom line is the new preferred route through the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Reserve greatly minimizes the impact of this project on the citizens of Ross County.

While we can appreciate concerns about protecting wildlife, we place greater value on human life. There is evidence that indicates electric and magnetic field (EMF) exposure results in childhood leukemia and potentially other cancers in children. By changing the preferred route to the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area, the impact to the safety of the children in our subdivision, as well as those children that attend Union-Scioto Schools is negated. As previously mentioned, there is currently an electric line running through the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area and any impact to the environment is minimal, not to mention there has been no evidence to indicate the line poses any threats or issues to wildlife. Regardless of this, the fact remains the concern for human life and safety is paramount to any concerns about wildlife impact.

In closing, we are writing to offer our strong support for the new proposed route through the Pleasant Valley Wildlife Area as a safer and more viable option for the citizens of Ross County.

We are available for additional conversation and dialogue, and have also made ourselves available to testify before the Siting Board for any hearings or meetings conducted in regard to this project. If you have any questions, you may contact us via this e-mail address or via cellphone at (740) 656-1274.

Sincerely,

Darren and Tamera Price