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To: Ohio Power Siting Board

Re: Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano AEP transmission line
Case# 13-0429-EL-BTX

I am writing to the board regarding the above AEP line that recently changed its preferred route to go through the local Pleasant Valley Wildlife area. I copied the letter that the original ODNR supervisor (Gary Ludwig) wrote to AEP denying them access to the Wildlife Area. I have been trying to trace down the steps that were taken to get the route changed. I have enclosed the letter which states his reasoning for being against the use of the Wildlife Area and states that he wasn't even willing to take the matter to the GSA for their approval. The GSA approval is an area that I have been trying to get documentation of and so far I can't find anyone at the GSA that knows anything about this transaction.

Mr. Ludwig retired in February of 2014 and since then, AEP has gained access to the Wildlife Area which seems very strange that all of a sudden after one supervisor leaves that the next one would OK this so quickly. I also am having a hard time figuring out how this all got through the federal government so quickly as well. It just isn't adding up. Even if there were no other valid routes they could take, I would be against them using the Wildlife Area. What happens now if they get the OK? Now you have opened up the area and it would be very difficult to stop any other business that wants to go through the area which could eventually lead to it being completely used for commercial purposes instead of what it's designed for. I know that's an extreme outlook but why would you even go down that path when there are two other viable options. Just because a few "voters" raised concerns about seeing a new electric line doesn't give you the right to start the process of destroying a Wildlife Area. The customers would surely be complaining if they didn't have electricity so having to deal with a new line is just part of having electricity in their homes and those few shouldn't be able to get a Wildlife Area changed to allow commercial useage no matter how much they complain or who they complain to.

Let's keep the Wildlife Area as it is and has been since it was activated!!

Sincerely,
Concerned Citizens of Ross County

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