

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application by )  
American Electric Power Ohio Transmission Company ) Case Number  
for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and ) 14-1547-EL-BNR  
Public Need for the Hazelton 138 kV Transmission Line )  
Tap Project. )

Members of the Board:

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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 **October 24, 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 **October 24, 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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## STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

**Case Number:** 14-1547-EL-BNR  
**Project Name:** Hazelton 138 kV Transmission Line Tap Project  
**Project Location:** Licking County  
**Applicant:** American Electric Power Ohio Transmission Company  
**Application Filing Date:** September 11, 2014  
**Filing Type:** Construction Notice  
**Inspection Date:** October 2, 2014  
**Report Date:** October 15, 2014  
**Automatic Approval Date:** October 24, 2014  
**Applicant's Waiver Requests:** None  
**Staff Assigned:** J. Pawley

### Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

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

### Project Description

This project will consist of constructing a 138 kV tap line into and out of the existing Kirk-Jug 138 kV/345 kV transmission line to service the proposed Hazelton distribution substation (to be built by The Energy Cooperative). The line tap will be approximately 800 feet long. Construction of the line tap is anticipated to begin in November 2014. The cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$367,000.

### Site Description

The project is located either within American Electric Power easements or on property belonging to The Energy Cooperative in fee. Land adjacent to the project area is primarily agricultural and rural residential, with an existing 138/345 kV transmission corridor that includes steel poles. The substation site, which is a distribution substation and non-jurisdictional to the OPSB, has been graded for construction. The site is on the south side of Hollow Road in Licking County.

### Nature of Impacts

The applicant will construct the tap from the existing Kirk-Jug 138/345 kV transmission line, and The Energy Cooperative owns the substation site in fee, so no new right-of-way will be required. One new single pole steel structure is required, and the applicant has adequate existing access to the project site. The distribution substation will provide additional electric capacity in the Pataskala and Licking County area.

There is one residence and farms adjacent to the site. The applicant does not expect any impacts to the socioeconomic characteristics of the surrounding area, as there is an existing transmission

line at the site. There are no wetland or stream crossings associated with this project. Likewise, no impacts to threatened or endangered species are anticipated.

### **Conclusion**

The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts. Staff recommends automatic approval of this case on October 24, 2014.

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Summary: Staff Report of Investigation electronically filed by Mrs. Yvonne W Cooper on behalf of Staff of OPSB