



Legal Department

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**Re: PUCO Case No. 13-0429-EL-BTX Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano**

Dear Chairman Johnson:

Attached please find the public notice filed concerning the proposed major utility facility in the above-referenced case. The notice was published in pursuant of Rule 4906-5-08, Ohio Administrative Code.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

//s/Steven T. Nourse  
Steven T. Nourse

Attachments

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

**Ohio police officers arrest man who pointed out suspect**

DAYTON (AP) — Police in Dayton said a man who pointed out a suspected drug dealer was found with heroin while talking with officers. Both men are now due in court today on drug charges. Police said a 22-year-old man alerted authorities to the suspected drug

dealer at a downtown bus station. Officers say they found a 47-year-old with capsules of suspected heroin. But while talking with the younger man, they noticed he had a hypodermic needle. They also discovered two capsules containing heroin. WHOI-TV in Dayton reports that police say the man then told officers that he had just been through rehab and "just

fell off the horse."

**Air passengers surrender strange items to officials**

AKRON (AP) — Transportation Security Administration officials said the number of air passengers attempting to take firearms through airport security checkpoints has risen at Canton-Akron Airport and across the country. The Akron Beacon

Journal reports TSA has created a display of prohibited items as a reminder to people about rules established since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Officials said six passengers have tried to take firearms through security at Canton-Akron this year, compared with three in 2013. TSA said most seemingly non-lethal items are surrendered by air passengers who are given the option of returning

the items to their car, giving them to someone who is not flying or mailing them home. Among the stranger items on display are a jar of peanut butter and a cast-iron skillet. CLEVELAND (AP) — Franz West's orchestra is slated to continue leading the Cleveland Orchestra

past its centennial under a new contract extension. The organization says his contract as music director has been extended to 2022. That would stretch several years beyond the centennial season in 2017-18. The celebrated, Austrian-born conductor debuted as music director in 2002. He has helped broaden the orchestra's community engagement and programming and increase its international reputation and work.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY**

AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power (AEP), and the AEP Ohio Transmission Company, propose to construct a new 138-kVolt (kV) electric transmission line in Ross County.

The project is known as the Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano 138-kV Transmission Line Project. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 4908, AEP Ohio seeks a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the state of Ohio Power String Board.

**DATE, TIME AND LOCATIONS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The public hearing in this case shall consist of two parts:

(a) a local public hearing, pursuant to Section 4908.08(C), Revised Code, where the Power String Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person. This non-adjudicatory hearing will begin at 6 p.m., Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at the Pioneer School of Developmental Disabilities, 11260 County Road 550, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601; and

(b) an adjudicatory hearing commencing at 10 a.m., Tuesday January 6, 2015, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793. The hearing on January 6, 2015, at the PUOC offices is open to the public, but participation is limited to the parties in the case as defined by ORC 4908.08.

This notice is the first notice published regarding this project's respective hearing dates. A second notice will be published in the same newspaper in December 2014.

The application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is pending before the state of Ohio Power String Board. This application has been assigned Case Number 13-0429-El-87X. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this project.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the board up to 30 days following publication of this notice required by Rule 4908.5-4908.11, O.A.C., or by November 8, 2014, whichever is later. However, the board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and cite Case Number 13-0429-El-87X.

The proposed Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano transmission line is part of the overall Biers Run Project, which includes the proposed Biers Run Substation and the proposed Biers Run-Circleville 138-kV transmission line. The Ohio Power String Board certified AEP Ohio's application for the proposed Biers Run Substation in Sept. 2013. AEP Ohio filed its application for the proposed Biers Run-Circleville line in June.

The proposed Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano line will extend from Biers Run Substation to the existing Delano Substation, passing through Hopetown Substation, a proposed distribution substation that will replace the existing Camp Sherman Substation. The preliminary Hopetown Substation site is approximately five miles southeast of the Biers Run Substation. Delano Substation is approximately four miles to the northeast of the Hopetown Substation site.

The Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano line will be approximately 12 miles long depending on the route selected. The line will likely run entirely in Ross County through Union Township with a short section in Green Township.

The overall Biers Run Project is a major transmission reinforcement effort to help AEP Ohio maintain adequate transmission reliability in southern Ohio. The total project will allow the company to address reliability concerns about potential low voltages and thermal overloads under certain conditions. AEP Ohio studies indicate that without this reinforcement plan, the performance of the company's transmission system will be inadequate to provide the level of service its customers expect.

To resolve these issues, AEP Ohio has proposed and PJM — the regional transmission organization to which AEP Ohio belongs — has approved a baseline project to construct the new 345/138/69-kV Biers Run Substation, to build two new 138-kV

circuits, the proposed Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano line and a line from Biers Run Substation to Circleville Substation, and two new 69-kV circuits to reinforce the 138-kV and 69-kV transmission systems in the area. These new facilities will provide the much needed voltage and thermal capacity support, as well as ensure short- and long-term transmission reliability for the area.

AEP Ohio will invest an estimated \$97 million in the overall project. The Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano line investment will be approximately \$17 million. This new transmission line is expected to provide more than \$500,000 in tax revenue annually for the community. The Biers Run Substation investment is approximately \$16 million and is estimated to contribute more than \$1 million in tax revenue annually for the community. The Biers Run-Circleville line is estimated to be an approximate \$23 million investment and is projected to provide approximately \$1 million annually in tax revenue annually for the community.

The accompanying map depicts the two proposed line routes for the Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano line. It should be noted that due to the reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide. Copies of the actual siting application, including specific details about the location and construction are available for public inspection at the following locations:

**Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library**  
Mr. C. Nicholas Tepe, Director  
140 South Paint Street  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601  
740-702-4190

**Ohio Power String Board Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793  
614-466-3282

An electronic version of the siting application can be found at the Ohio Power String Board website at <http://osob.ohio.gov>. Search under current cases for Case Number 13-0429-El-87X.

The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the application as required by state of Ohio Power String Board regulations:

**Ross County Board of Commissioners**  
Mr. James M. Caldwell, President  
Mr. Robert D. Concoran  
Mr. Stephen A. Neal  
2 North Paint Street, Suite H  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**Ross County Engineer's Office**  
Mr. Charles Ortmann  
755 Fairgrounds Road  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**Ross County Planning Department**  
Mr. Keith Pirtman, Administrator  
15 North Paint Street, Suite 200  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**Union Township Trustee**  
Mr. Harold W. Bennett  
379 Shiloh Road  
Frankfort, Ohio 45628

**Union Township Trustee**  
Mr. Donald W. Arledge  
210 Yellowbud Road  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

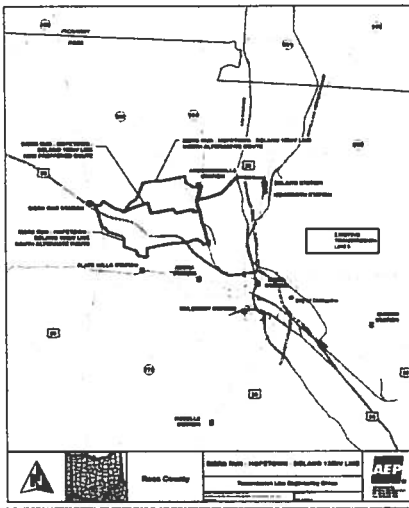
**Union Township Trustee**  
Mr. Robert L. Whittorn  
144 Andersonville Road  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**Union Township Fiscal Officer**  
Ms. Karan Rittinger Gosman  
3254 Williamsport Pike  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**Green Township Trustee**  
Mr. Marcella J. White  
10153 State Route 159  
Kingston, Ohio 45644

**Green Township Trustee**  
Mr. Robert A. Walsfield  
10153 State Route 159  
Kingston, Ohio 45644

**Green Township Trustee**  
Mr. Dale A. Hess  
10153 State Route 159  
Kingston, Ohio 45644



**Green Township Fiscal Officer**  
Mr. D. Brad McCorle  
3867 Sulphur Spring Road  
Kingston, Ohio 45644

The state power string board has served the following state agencies with copies of the application:

- Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
- Ohio Department of Agriculture
- Ohio Department of Development
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Ohio Historical Society

**CRITERIA USED TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION**

The following eight criteria are set forth in Section 4908.10 (A) of the Revised Code and will be used, along with additional information, by the board in reviewing the application for a certificate to construct, operate and maintain the Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano transmission line.

- The basis of need for the facility;
- The nature of the probable environmental impact of the proposed facility;
- The facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology, the nature and economics of alternatives and other pertinent considerations;
- In the case of electric transmission lines, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving Ohio and interconnected systems, and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- The facility will comply with chapters 3704, 3734 and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under sections 1501.32, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.34 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the Department of Transportation under Section 4301.341 of the Revised Code;
- The facility will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity;
- The facility's impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 529 of the Revised Code that is located within the site of the proposed major utility facility; and

- The facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board considering available technology and the nature and economics of various alternatives.

Section 4908.07, Revised Code provides that:

Upon the receipt of an application, complying with Section 4908.06 of the Revised Code, the power string board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon not less than 60 or more than 90 days after such receipt and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.

On the application for an amendment of a certificate, the board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held for an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternatives set forth in the application.

The chairman of the power string board shall cause each application filed with the board to be investigated and shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date any application is set for hearing, submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of Section 4908.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

For more information about the Biers Run Project, visit AEP Ohio's Transmission Project web page at <http://www.aeptransmission.com/ohio/>.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call the AEP Ohio Transmission Project Information Line toll-free at 1-877-235-8891 or send an email inquiry to [baeschnved@aep.com](mailto:baeschnved@aep.com). Any mail can be sent to the following:



AEP Ohio Transmission Company  
700 Morrison Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230  
Attention: Brett Schmadt,  
Outreach Specialist



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## Affidavit of Publication

State of Ohio  
County of Franklin} ss.

Being duly sworn, Walter Dozier says as follows: the AEP Legal Notice did appear in the following newspaper as ordered:

Chillicothe Gazette

10/6/14

  
Walter Dozier

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 23 day of October, 2014

  
Notary Public



Patricia A. Conkle  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 06-17-19

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Summary: Proof of Pub -Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano electronically filed by Mr. Steven T Nourse on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company