

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the :  
Application of AEP Ohio :  
Transmission Company for a : Case No.  
Certificate of Environmental : 13-0430-EL-BTX  
Compatibility and Public Need :  
to Construct the 138 kV Biers :  
Run - Circleville Transmission :  
Line Project. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Jay Agranoff, Administrative Law Judge,  
held at the Pioneer School for Developmental  
Disabilities, 11268 County Road 550,  
Chillicothe, Ohio, on Wednesday, November 5,  
2014, at 6:00 P.M.

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Wednesday Evening,  
November 5, 2014.

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ALJ AGRANOFF: The Ohio Power  
Siting Board has assigned for public hearing at  
this time and place Case No. 13-430-EL-BTX which  
is captioned In the Matter of the Application of  
AEP Ohio Transmission Company for a Certificate  
of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need  
to Construct the 138 kV Biers Run-Circleville  
Transmission Line Project.

My name is Jay Agranoff, and I am  
the Administrative Law Judge assigned by the  
Ohio Power Siting Board to preside over this  
local hearing.

As I mentioned previously, also with  
me today are Mr. Matt Butler and Mr. John Pauley  
from the Ohio Power Siting Board staff. Three  
of us are available if you have any questions  
concerning the application or any other utility  
matter. Please feel free to approach us at the  
completion of this evening's hearing.

At this time I am going to take  
formal appearances on behalf of the parties in  
this particular case. On behalf of the

1 Applicant.

2 MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor.  
3 I am Steve Nourse and I represent AEP  
4 Transmission Company. My business address is 1  
5 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Thank  
6 you.

7 ALJ AGRANOFF: Are there any other  
8 parties that are present this evening that would  
9 like to make an appearance on the record?

10 There being none, the subject of  
11 this evening's public hearing and the one to be  
12 held tomorrow night in Circleville, is  
13 the application filed on June 2nd, 2014 as  
14 amended on October 13th, 2014 to construction a  
15 138 kilovolt transmission line between the  
16 existing Circleville substation in Pickaway  
17 County and Biers Run substation that is  
18 currently under construction in Ross County.

19 I would note that adjudicatory  
20 hearing in this proceeding is scheduled for  
21 currently 10:00 A.M. on November 14th, 2014 at  
22 the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board in  
23 Columbus. However, there is a pending motion  
24 that has currently been filed by AEP requesting  
25 that that particular adjudicatory hearing be

1 rescheduled for a week later, and that is  
2 currently awaiting a ruling from the Ohio Power  
3 Siting Board.

4 I would point out that thiis  
5 evening's hearing is not to address  
6 the application that was filed in case  
7 13-429-EL-BTX which concerns the request to  
8 construct a 138 kilovolt transmission line from  
9 the Biers Run substation to the existing  
10 Hopetown-Delano substation.

11 That particular case is scheduled  
12 for public hearing on December 16th, at 6:00  
13 P.M. here in Chillicothe.

14 In this case the Applicant submits  
15 that the purpose of the proposed project is to  
16 improve and maintain the quality of electric  
17 service and reliability to the south central  
18 Ohio area. This area includes but is not  
19 limited to the communities of southern Columbus,  
20 Chillicothe, Circleville, Highland, Greenfield,  
21 Waverly and others.

22 The Applicant notes that the  
23 Circleville-Chillicothe load area is currently  
24 served primarily by three 138 kilovolt lines  
25 originating from the Columbus, Waverly and

Athens areas.

The Applicant states that the loss of any two of these lines can result in a system criteria violation in the area. According to the application the project is located in a rural setting consisting primarily of agricultural parcels and open land with scattered residential areas, wood lot and minimal commercial, industrial and recreational land uses.

175 residences have been identified as being within a 1,000 feet of the preferred route, and 270 residences has been identified as being within a 1,000 feet of the alternate route.

The Applicant plans to start construction during the first quarter of 2015 with the estimated service date of approximately the first quarter of 2017.

As I mentioned previously, the purpose of this meeting is to hear specific comments from the public regarding the application in this case. It is not intended to be a question and answer session, but instead it is your opportunity to let the Ohio Power Siting

1 Board know as to what you think about  
2 the proposal set forth in the application.

3 I would also note that the Board's  
4 staff filed its report of investigation on  
5 October 21st, 2014. This is simply a  
6 recommendation of the Board's staff and does not  
7 necessarily reflect what the Board's final  
8 determination will be.

9 The Board appreciates your  
10 participation in tonight's hearing and we want  
11 everyone who is interested to have the  
12 opportunity to testify.

13 As I mentioned previously, I have a  
14 list of individuals that have expressed an  
15 interest in testifying. When I call your name  
16 please come forward. And as I mentioned  
17 previously, I will swear you in, and then you  
18 will have the opportunity to provide your  
19 testimony.

20 Please be as specific as you can  
21 when providing your responses, and to make sure  
22 that you provide all of your responses in a  
23 verbal form and not simply, as I mentioned  
24 before, a non-verbal nodding of the head or  
25 shaking of your head.



1                   If there are no other questions then  
2                   at this point we will begin and I will call my  
3                   first witness.

4                   Mr. Kevin Chester. Please come  
5                   forward.

6                   (WITNESS SWORN)

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8                   KEVIN CHESTER  
9                   called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
10                  testified as follows:

11                  MR. CHESTER: We own a parcel of  
12                  land across the mid point that is in the -- part  
13                  of the preferred route that AEP is planning with  
14                  this. And we have already been impacted by the  
15                  transmission maintenance that is already there.  
16                  It's to be a parallel line.

17                  From my understanding that parallels  
18                  the existing line as a 150 foot right-of-way  
19                  within that. From the little bit of contact  
20                  that I have had with AEP or there  
21                  representatives they are asking for another 100  
22                  feet outside of this land, this existing  
23                  easement, which would make it a 250 wide swath.  
24                  And according to your estimates here for 3.8  
25                  miles across that parallel.

1           That is an awful large burden to put  
2           on property owners to ask them to have 50 feet  
3           shy of the length of a football field across  
4           their property.

5           The impact as far as that goes on  
6           banks and embankments and trees and stuff being  
7           cut they say is minimal. I disagree with that.  
8           The parcel that we own has lost ground over a  
9           50-year period to now, you know, the banks  
10          eroded away to trees and stuff like that, trees  
11          have been cut outside of the right-of-way width.  
12          Things, large trees have fell outside which has  
13          caused the problems into that creek bank.

14          It's just a large impact and it's a  
15          lot to ask of a property owner to take that  
16          width across along with the one that is already  
17          there.

18                 ALJ AGRANOFF: If I can ask a  
19          follow-up question.

20                 MR. CHESTER. Sure.

21                 ALJ AGRANOFF: What is your feelings  
22          or preference with respect to the alternative  
23          route that is being proposed?

24                 MR. CHESTER: I feel for anyone that  
25          has to have a route come across the impact that

1 is there. I understand the affected, you know,  
2 if doesn't go through the path for the preferred  
3 route, I just -- to ask someone to give up that  
4 width of right-of-way across their property,  
5 that is a large impact, and it doesn't take a  
6 very long stretch to add up to several acres  
7 that basically you have lost control over.

8 ALJ AGRANOFF: So would it be your  
9 preference that the alternative route be  
10 selected over the preferred route?

11 MR. CHESTER: Of course, it would  
12 be.

13 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Ms.  
14 Amanda Bowdle.

15 (WITNESS SWORN)

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17 AMANDA BOWDLE  
18 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
19 testified as follows:

20 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
21 full name and address.

22 MS. BOWDLE: Amanda Bowdle, 11049  
23 Egypt Pike. My husband and I own land on  
24 Westfall Road that would be impacted. It runs  
25 across the front. We bought the land intending

1 to build a home. So with this impact it would  
2 impact any entry we have onto our property, and  
3 it could cause major impact as far as building a  
4 house and we would not be able to build there.

5 Also impact or livelihood because we  
6 farm that land across the road, and we also have  
7 several properties down where the preferred  
8 route is. So I do have major concerns.

9 Also we do not have AEP power as our  
10 power provider. We are actually on South  
11 Central. So that is another concern if they  
12 piggyback or South Central wishes to do  
13 anything.

14 ALJ AGRANOFF: Would your preference  
15 be that the alternative route be selected?

16 MS. BOWDLE: Of course.

17 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Nourse, do you  
18 have any questions of this witness or the prior  
19 witness? I forgot to offer you --

20 MR. NOURSE: No. Thank you.

21 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr. Rich  
22 Simpson.

23 (WITNESS SWORN)

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25 RICHARD SIMPSON

1 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
2 testified as follows:

3 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
4 full name and address, please.

5 MR. SIMPSON: Richard Simpson, 675  
6 Albright Mill Road, Chillicothe.

7 I too have a parcel of land where  
8 the existing 345 line crosses and the new 138  
9 preferred route is going through, parallel it.

10 I would prefer the alternative  
11 route, naturally. However, I ask that the --  
12 instead of 100 feet being cleared on the  
13 preferred route that right-of-way be overlapped  
14 with the existing 150 foot right-of-way to cause  
15 less impact on my property.

16 I live on a parcel of land with  
17 mature Sugar Maple, large trees. And our home  
18 is relatively close to the line.

19 A 100 foot clearing is going to  
20 substantially impact negatively on my property  
21 values, and the visual impact is going to be  
22 great from my property along with my neighbors'  
23 properties.

24 So, I request that should  
25 the preferred route be chosen that consideration

1 be taken on overlapping the right-of-way to  
2 lessen the impact to our properties.

3 ALJ AGRANOFF: When you say  
4 overlapping the right-of-way, can you give me a  
5 better understanding of what you intend by that?

6 MR. SIMPSON: Currently there is 150  
7 feet on the existing 345 lines. AEP is  
8 requesting another 100 feet, parallel to that.

9 What I am asking is consideration be  
10 taken where only 75 feet or 50 feet be cleared  
11 and the 100 feet overlap into the 150 foot wide  
12 existing easement.

13 ALJ AGRANOFF: I appreciate that.  
14 Mr. Nourse, any questions?

15 MR. NOURSE: No questions. Thank  
16 you.

17 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. Mr.  
18 Paul Kingery.

19 MR. KINGERY: I just have some  
20 questions after the meetings.

21 ALJ AGRANOFF: Okay. Certainly.  
22 Thank you.

23 Ms. Barb Lapp Bradbury.

24 (WITNESS SWORN)

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BARBARA LAPP BRADBURY

called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
testified as follows:

ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
full name and address.

MS. BRADBURY: Barbara Lapp  
Bradbury. My home address is 2722 Thompson Hill  
Road, Otaway, Ohio.

I am now the owner of my mother's  
farm which is on Albright Mill Road along with  
my sisters. The farm is up for sale this coming  
Saturday.

We understand that the alternate  
route of the line will go through the boundary  
of my mother's land. My mother spoke with AEP  
reps a couple times this year. I attended a  
recent meeting with mom here.

She didn't want to see a line go  
through her land. Her view is unparallel  
probably in Ross County. And she wanted AEP  
reps before they made a decision to come down  
the driveway and see it themselves. So I state  
that for her since she can't say it.

It is unparallel. It's a view, I  
understand that. But the farm has been in the

1 family for a hundred years. It's the Lapp farm,  
2 it's an agricultural farm and we hope it stays  
3 that way, although it is for sale.

4 It's possible I would be an owner  
5 depending how Saturday goes. That is not the  
6 preference, but it's possible.

7 So, our preference is that the route  
8 remain the alternate route, not the preferred  
9 route, because the preferred route does not  
10 cross my mother's boundary. However, we were  
11 going to be affected possibly by the Hopetown  
12 route, but that is not under discussion today.  
13 That is all.

14 ALJ AGRANOFF: If I understood  
15 correctly, I thought you said that the alternate  
16 route was the one that was going to actually  
17 cross onto the property.

18 MS. BRADBURY: Yes, it's in the view  
19 of the unparalleled view, yes. The alternate  
20 route is. We prefer it remain the alternate  
21 route and not the preferred route.

22 ALJ AGRANOFF: So, if one of the two  
23 routes were selected by the Ohio Power Siting  
24 Board you would prefer that the preferred route  
25 be selected?



1 MS. BRADBURY: We would prefer that  
2 the preferred route remain the preferred route.

3 ALJ AGRANOFF: Okay. Thank you.  
4 Mr. Nourse.

5 MR. NOURSE: Nothing. Thank you.

6 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Matthew Kunsman.

7 (WITNESS SWORN)

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9 MATTHEW KUNSMAN

10 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
11 testified as follows:

12 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please proceed.

13 MR. KUNSMAN: My name is Matthew  
14 Kunsman, I am an attorney in Newark, Ohio. I am  
15 here tonight because the property owners  
16 couldn't be here.

17 They are Mark and Jennifer Dunn. My  
18 address is 33 West Main Street, Newark, Ohio.  
19 I am part of the firm MorrowGordonByrd.

20 Mark and Jennifer reside at 3375  
21 Willow Road in Elewa, Wisconsin.

22 The property they own, which is  
23 the affected property, are tax parcel No.  
24 37091217002 through 37091273009.

25 I understand because I am here on

1       behalf of the Dunns and I am not here in person  
2       that the Board may have to adjust the weight of  
3       my testimony.

4               But the Dunns and I have reviewed  
5       the application provided by AEP and they are in  
6       the process of a contract, real estate contract  
7       for these parcels I mentioned.

8               They have been in negotiation with  
9       that contract since April of 2014. They are set  
10      to close at the end of this month with an  
11      individual with the sole purpose of building a  
12      house on that property.

13              We examined the proposals and maps  
14      provided by AEP as part of this application, and  
15      concerned that the alternate route will travel  
16      directly through the parcels owned by Mark and  
17      Jennifer Dunn. As a result the alternate route  
18      will have a significant impact on the current  
19      contract for sale of this property, including  
20      likely rescission of the contract or  
21      cancellation of that contract.

22              Based on this my clients wish to  
23      express their support and preference for the  
24      preferred route as indicated on the maps  
25      included as part of AEP's filing. Thank you.

1 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr.  
2 Nourse.

3 MR. NOURSE: No questions.

4 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir.  
5 Matthew Noble.

6 (WITNESS SWORN)

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8 MATTHEW NOBLE  
9 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
10 testified as follows:

11 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
12 full name and address.

13 MR. NOBLE: My is name Matthew  
14 Noble. My address is 17933 Westfall Road. I am  
15 one of the 11 residents that live within 100  
16 feet of the preferred route.

17 And my concerns are the impacts of  
18 honestly the line crossing right in front of my  
19 property, that the property values in that area,  
20 what the impacts of those will be.

21 I prefer the preferred route due to  
22 those -- I just bought this property there, so,  
23 you know, it would be a big impact on what I do  
24 there, or what I may do with it later on.

25 ALJ AGRANOFF: Your preference would

1 be the alternative route?

2 MR. NOBLE: Correct. The  
3 alternative route, yes, sir.

4 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Nourse.

5 MR. NOURSE: No. Thank you.

6 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. Mr.  
7 Michael Hubay.

8 (WITNESS SWORN)

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10 MICHAEL HUBAY

11 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
12 testified as follows:

13 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
14 full name and address.

15 MR. HUBAY: I am Michael Hubay, 623  
16 Albright Mill Road.

17 I would just like to state that the  
18 preferred right-of-way will come about, well,  
19 touch my deck I think in the back of my house.  
20 Pretty close. And I just would like to see the  
21 alternate route used.

22 But there is a lot of people that is  
23 I think the opposite. That is all I have got to  
24 say.

25 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Nourse.

1 MR. NOURSE: No, thank you.

2 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. Mr.  
3 Rick I believe Hartt. Please come forward if  
4 you would like to testify.

5 (WITNESS SWORN)

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7 RICK HARTT

8 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
9 testified as follows:

10 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
11 full name and address for the record.

12 MR. HARTT: My name is Rick Hartt. I  
13 live at 915 Betts Lane, Chillicothe, Ohio. And  
14 I am really affected by the alternate route. My  
15 brother and I and my family, my wife and my  
16 sister-in-law, we own several acres through the  
17 alternate route and it will split our farm in  
18 half.

19 We also raise cattle on this  
20 property, and we heard stories, and I think  
21 there is a record, that there has been some  
22 studies even done that transmission lines does  
23 affect the production of beef cattle, milk cows  
24 and such. Okay. That is one of my concerns on  
25 the alternate route.

1           My other concern is that I was at a  
2 meeting here when they first proposed this  
3 route. I asked the people two things.

4           Have they done an archaeological  
5 survey on this area on the alternate route.  
6 Because we actually have properties registered  
7 with the National Archaeological Society of the  
8 United States. There is mounds, Indian mounds  
9 on our property.

10           And they wouldn't give me an answer  
11 how far they would put the line close to these  
12 mounds which is registered. Okay.

13           Second thing was I am also on the  
14 Zoning Appeal Board of the Ross County Airport.  
15 They did not know that there was zoning law that  
16 related to the Ross County Airport.

17           There is a buffer area of three mile  
18 that has something to do with height  
19 restrictions. I asked the question, nobody knew  
20 the answer. They said they didn't know anything  
21 about it, and they never got back with me.

22           So, at this point two things on  
23 concerns of the alternate route. So, you know,  
24 that is my concerns.

25           I didn't get some answers and I

1 personally, I don't like either route because  
2 even the preferred route affects some of our  
3 property in the family on a small way. But, the  
4 alternate route will split our farm in half.  
5 That is all I have to say.

6 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr.  
7 Nourse.

8 MR. NOURSE: No, thank you.

9 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. Mr.  
10 Scott Cormany.

11 (WITNESS SWORN)

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13 SCOTT CORMANY  
14 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
15 testified as follows:

16 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
17 full name and address for the record.

18 MR. CORMANY; My name is Scott  
19 Cormany. I live at 3464 Biers Run Road,  
20 Chillicothe, Ohio.

21 And I am for the preferred route.  
22 I am not for either route, but preferred route  
23 runs, according to AEP maps, and my analysis,  
24 which I do for a living, runs 77 percent of the  
25 run along existing right-of-ways, which the

1       alternate route only runs 26 percent through  
2       existing right-of-ways.

3               That is the main reason why I prefer  
4       the preferred route. I know the impact on  
5       people along that route will be felt, but it's  
6       not putting development where there is no  
7       development. The alternate route runs through  
8       rural farm ground, wood lots, forest, crosses  
9       creeks.

10              There is no road that goes along it.  
11       It's just open space. If AEP or the Ohio Power  
12       Siting Board selects the preferred route at  
13       least it's putting it along an existing roadway  
14       along an area that has customers to serve.

15              It's been mentioned before, someone  
16       in the audience, they don't get their power from  
17       AEP, they get it from South Central. AEP  
18       provides the power for South Central.

19              I wouldn't even call this a  
20       necessary evil. It's my understanding that  
21       electric usage has been stagnant in this area  
22       for decades. I am not sure why AEP is pursuing  
23       this as aggressively as they are.

24              Again, my preference is for the  
25       preferred route simply because it runs along an



1 existing right-of-way.

2 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr.  
3 Nourse.

4 MR. NOURSE: No, thank you.

5 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. Mr.  
6 Bill Hamman. Is Bill here? Would you like to  
7 testify?

8 MR. HAMMAN: No.

9 ALJ AGRANOFF: Okay. Ms. Pamela  
10 Cormany.

11 MS. CORMANY: No, thank you.

12 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Richard Cormany.  
13 Please come forward.

14 (WITNESS SWORN)

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16 RICHARD CORMANY  
17 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
18 testified as follows:

19 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
20 full name and address.

21 MR. CORMANY: My name is Richard  
22 Cormany. I live at 3287 Biers Run Road,  
23 Chillicothe, Ohio.

24 We are next door to the new  
25 substation. Next door to the proposed

1 transmission line to Chillicothe. And the  
2 alternate route to Circleville would run  
3 parallel to our boundary line. It crosses what  
4 some people would consider open land, but as  
5 Barb mentioned it's beautiful virgin, unspoiled  
6 by any other power lines.

7 And we would really hate to see the  
8 area scared by a power line which could be  
9 routed in a direction that parallels the  
10 existing power lines, would impact everyone I  
11 understand.

12 But, the power line is already  
13 there. They can use that route or near it for  
14 77 percent of the route. It would not in our  
15 opinion impact, as great an impact, as an  
16 entirely new route for the transmission line.

17 The idea of the need for this I too  
18 question. It's like the second backup to the  
19 backup to the power lines they already have.  
20 And yet and we do not use AEP power, we are on  
21 South Central line, yet they are going to be  
22 putting power lines in to take the power  
23 elsewhere.

24 It doesn't -- all these impacts that we are  
25 suffering does not benefit us.

1                   So, aside from the questionable  
2 motives of this whole project, we object to the  
3 alternate route because it transgresses a  
4 beautiful virgin territory, comes very close to  
5 our property, and does not take advantage of the  
6 existing right-of-ways and roadways that could  
7 be used in the project.

8                   ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr.  
9 Nourse.

10                  MR. NOURSE: No, thank you.

11                  ALJ AGRANOFF: I appreciate it, sir.  
12 That's all the individuals on my list that  
13 indicated a desire to testify. I know there was  
14 at least one gentleman, I believe, that had not  
15 put his name on the list that said they would  
16 like to testify now. Is there anybody else who  
17 would like to testify?

18                  Sir, please come for.

19                  (WITNESS SWORN)

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21                  GARY ARLEDGE  
22 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
23 testified as follows:

24                  ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
25 full name and your address.

1                   MR. ARLEDGE: My name is Gary  
2 Arledge. I live at 3967 Pennyroyal Road,  
3 Chillicothe, Ohio.

4                   I have two farms over on Pennyroyal.  
5 There is about 2000 foot of right-of-way going  
6 through the corner of one and the majority of  
7 the other one.

8                   It's on ground, I spent 13 years,  
9 two to three months a year clearing, and that is  
10 where they want to put it right through my  
11 farmland. Didn't make any effort to follow any  
12 boundaries, any fence line or wood lines. Going  
13 to put it right through where I have cleared the  
14 ground. That would adversely affect farming  
15 from now on.

16                  And I am very much opposed to the  
17 alternative route. The alternative route is the  
18 one that would impact me. The other one is not  
19 close to me.

20                  ALJ AGRANOFF: So your preference  
21 would be the preferred route.

22                  MR. ARLEDGE: I don't have a  
23 preference on that. I just have one that  
24 don't -- if I had to say a preference, yes, it  
25 would be the preferred route.

1 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Nourse.

2 MR. NOURSE: No, thank you.

3 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. Is  
4 there anybody else in attendance that would like  
5 to testify?

6 Why don't we take that individual  
7 there and then, sir, we will get to you.

8 (WITNESS SWORN)

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10 ARLENE SIMMONS

11 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
12 testified as follows:

13 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
14 full name and address.

15 MS. SIMMONS: My name is Arlene  
16 Simmons. My address is 3099 State Route 207,  
17 Chillicothe.

18 I live on the alternate route. And  
19 I am hoping they pick the preferred route. The  
20 way the wire runs it would come up across my  
21 back yard. Not talking far away, I am talking  
22 right smack in my back yard.

23 I have concerns with cancer,  
24 technology interference. It sounds like they  
25 are going to have to do a clear cut right behind

1     our house, and my understanding 100 foot clear  
2     cut if it goes through this route.

3             There is a hill there. I don't know  
4     how it could possibly be mowed, so I assume it  
5     would be sprayed. So, all that would run down.

6             We have a pond right there right  
7     close to the house. It's an acre. I am  
8     concerned for fish kills. The effect on just  
9     all the wildlife that would come to use this  
10    pond.

11            We also have a registered Indian  
12    mound. Property value decrease. I just think  
13    it's ugly, you know. So my preference is the  
14    preferred route.

15            ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr.  
16    Nourse.

17            MR. NOURSE: No, thank you.

18            ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Sir.

19            (WITNESS SWORN)

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21                         JOHN BOWDLE  
22    called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
23    testified as follows:

24            ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
25    full name and address.

1                   MR. BOWDLE: My name is John Bowdle,  
2                   1106 Albright Mill Road, Chillicothe.

3                   The map, page 1, has an error on it.  
4                   Actually where it is listed, it's Albright Mill  
5                   Road. This information was given to AEP at a  
6                   previous meeting and it has not been corrected.

7                   Several of us here live on Albright  
8                   Road and I think it should be corrected.

9                   ALJ AGRANOFF: Sir, for the purposes  
10                  of specifying it on the record, when you say on  
11                  page 1, what are you --

12                  MR. BOWDLE: Map page 1 on 13-04.  
13                  Ackley Road is listed here by the preferred  
14                  route for the power line. It has an incorrect  
15                  name.

16                  ALJ AGRANOFF: So the record is  
17                  clear, you are looking at the Staff Report that  
18                  was filed in this particular proceeding on  
19                  October 21st, 2014?

20                  MR. BOWDLE: Yes. That's correct.

21                  ALJ AGRANOFF: And you are looking  
22                  at the first map identified on page 1?

23                  MR. BOWDLE: Yes.

24                  ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you.

25                  MR. BOWDLE: Okay.

1 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Nourse, anything  
2 on that?

3 MR. NOURSE: No, thank you.

4 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Is there  
5 anybody else in attendance that would care to  
6 testify?

7 If not, I would like for us to at  
8 least remain until about 7:00 o'clock, so about  
9 another 15 minutes or so, in case there is an  
10 individual that comes in and thought we would be  
11 here until 7:00 and would like to testify.

12 So, we will go into recess for about  
13 15 minutes or so. And during that particular  
14 break if you have particular questions either of  
15 the AEP representatives or of the Power Siting  
16 Board's representatives feel free to engage in  
17 those conversations.

18 And we will be in recess for about  
19 15 minutes. Thank you.

20 (RECESS TAKEN)

21 ALJ AGRANOFF: Is there anybody  
22 else that would like to testify has that not  
23 previously done so? This is your opportunity.

24 Or tomorrow if you would like to  
25 join us in Circleville you are more than welcome



1 to testify there as well. If you sleep on it  
2 and then say, gee, I wish I had that chance, you  
3 will have that chance tomorrow.

4 If there is nobody else then, Mr.  
5 Chester, if you can just come forward for a  
6 moment, please.

7 And remember, you are still under  
8 oath. And if you could please for the record  
9 just give your full name and address.

10 MR. CHESTER: Kevin Chester, 5939  
11 Egypt Pike, Chillicothe.

12 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Okay. If  
13 there is nothing further in terms of anyone's  
14 desire to testify, then let the record reflect  
15 that it is approximately 7:10 and we will be  
16 adjourned.

17 Thank you. Appreciate everyone  
18 being here.

19 (At 7:10 P.M. the hearing was  
20 concluded).

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing  
is a true and correct transcript of the  
proceedings taken by me in this matter on  
November 5, 2014, and carefully compared with my  
original stenographic notes.

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Michael O. Spencer,  
Registered Professional  
Reporter.

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