

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the :
Application of AEP Ohio :
Transmission Company for a :
Certificate of Environmental : Case No.
Compatibility and Public Need : 13-0430-EL-BTX
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 Amvets Post 2256, 818 Tarlton Road,
Circleville, Ohio, on Thursday, November 6,
2014, at 6:00 P.M.

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Thursday Evening,
November 6, 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 kilovolt Biers
Run-Circleville Transmission Line Project.

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

As I mentioned previously, with me
this evening are Mr. Steve Irwin, Mr. John
Pauley, and Ms. Jill Coaker. And they are
members of the Ohio Power Siting Board staff.
And we are all available after this evening's
hearing for any additional questions that you
might have regarding this particular application
or any other utility matters.

At this time I will take the formal
appearances on behalf of the parties. On behalf

1 of the AEP.

2 MR. SATERWHITE: Thank you, Your
3 Honor. On behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission
4 Company, Matthew J. Saterwhite, Steven T.
5 Nourse, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

6 And as I mentioned previously as
7 well we have representatives here from the
8 Company that are happy to talk with anyone from
9 the public after the hearing on other questions.

10 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Are
11 there any other parties that desire to make a
12 formal appearance at this point in time?

13 There being none, the subject matter
14 of this evening's public hearing and the one
15 that was held yesterday in Chillicothe is the
16 application filed on June 2nd, 2014 as amended
17 on October 15, 2014 to construct a 138 kilovolt
18 transmission line between the existing
19 Circleville substation in Pickaway County and
20 the Biers Run substation that is currently under
21 construction in Ross County.

22 I would note that the adjudicatory
23 hearing that is in this proceeding is scheduled
24 to take place later this month at the offices of
25 the Ohio Power Siting Board, which is in

Columbus, Ohio.

This evening's public hearing, as I mentioned before, is not to address the application in case 13-429-EL-BTX, which concerns the request to construct the 138 kilovolt transmission line from the Biers Run substation to the existing Delano substation. That particular public hearing is scheduled for December 16th at 6:00 P.M. in Chillicothe.

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

The Applicant notes that the Circleville-Chillicothe load area is currently served primarily by three 138 kilovolt lines 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 identification as being within a thousand feet of the preferred route, and 270 residences have been identified as being within a thousand feet of the alternative route.

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

The purpose, as I mentioned before, of this evening's public hearing is to receive comments from the public regarding AEP Ohio Transmission Company's application in this case. It is not intended to be a question and answer session, but instead it's your opportunity to let the Ohio Power Siting Board know what you think about the proposals set forth in its application.

I would also note that the Board's

1 staff filed its report of investigation on
2 October 21st, 2014. This is simply a
3 recommendation of the Board's staff and does not
4 necessarily reflect what the Board's final
5 determination will be in this case.

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

10 As I mentioned before, I will call
11 your name, when I do please come forward, I will
12 swear you in, and then you will have the
13 opportunity to testify.

14 At this point in time I will call
15 the first individual. Terri Barnhart.
16 Please come forward.

17 (WITNESS SWORN)

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19 TERRI BARNHART

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

22 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your
23 full name and address.

24 MS. BARNHART: Terri Barnhart. My
25 address is 18681 Westfall Road, Williamsport.

1 I have never done anything like
2 this. I am on the preferred route, and I would
3 rather you take the other route because I just
4 can't imagine having a big aluminum pole sitting
5 in my front yard.

6 I have nine grandchildren, and on
7 some information you gave us last year they said
8 there was a study done in Denver that has been
9 proven that it could cause cancer in children.
10 And I am concerned about that.

11 Plus, I am, like I asked them, I got
12 a fence and my husband and I planted a bunch of
13 trees back when we moved in, and don't mean to
14 get anybody's sympathy, I lost my husband five
15 years ago due to Agent Orange, and it has all
16 got sentimental value. And I would hate to lose
17 stuff that we have done.

18 Plus, Westfall Road, anybody that
19 lives on Westfall knows it's like 270 during
20 rush hour. People passing each going 80 miles
21 an hour. I have had two people knock my fence
22 down from -- so I wonder what would happen if
23 they hit one of those poles, would the pole fall
24 over and hit the house or one of my dogs be
25 outside and, you know, hurt, kill one of my

1 dogs.

2 But I am just concerned that -- and
3 if they put that in your yard people aren't
4 going to want to buy your house, see that big
5 pole in the front yard.

6 And I have got a farm field across
7 the road, but I know farmers don't want those
8 poles in their area either.

9 So, anyway, that is basically all I
10 have got to say.

11 ALJ AGRANOFF: Okay.

12 MS. BARNHART: Just prefer you go
13 the other route.

14 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr.
15 Saterwhite, do you have any questions of the
16 witness?

17 MR. SATERWHITE: No. Thank you very
18 much.

19 MS. BARNHART: Thank you.

20 ALJ AGRANOFF: The next individual
21 is Ada Burke.

22 (WITNESS SWORN)

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24 ADA BURKE

25 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,

1 testified as follows:

2 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your
3 full name and address.

4 MS. BURKE: My name is Ada Burke,
5 and I live at 24100 State Route 104,
6 Circleville, Ohio 43113.

7 And I am very involved in this
8 because one of your preferred routes either goes
9 right through a swamp area that I gave to the
10 Audubon Club about the year 2000 for
11 preservation. It's not an ordinary wetlands.
12 It's a glacial kettle lake, and I don't know
13 what you can do about it.

14 But, I just don't think that anybody
15 that is in conservation at all would go along
16 with this. So, then they said, well, if we
17 can't go there bend and then they go right down
18 through my house. Well, my house is 144 years
19 old and I lived in it 92 years of that.

20 And don't want it going behind my
21 house when I think you have other routes that
22 wouldn't cost any more or very little more,
23 and not cause all this trauma that you are
24 putting me through.

25 And I guess that pretty well covers

1 what I am thinking. There was one -- one of the
2 people that were doing the surveying and soil
3 testing was at my house last week and he
4 proposed a route that would go in back of my
5 house. And that was not ideal, but it would be
6 a lot better than your two proposed routes.

7 So, that is what I got to say.

8 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr.
9 Saterwhite, do you have questions?

10 MR. SATERWHITE: No, thank you, your
11 Honor. Thank you very much.

12 ALJ AGRANOFF: That you, Ms. Burke.
13 Mr. William Richards.

14 MR. RICHARDS: I decline.

15 ALJ AGRANOFF: Okay. Mr. Robert
16 Hartinger.

17 (WITNESS SWORN)

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19 ROBERT HARTINGER

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

22 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please give your full
23 name and drawings.

24 MR. HARTINGER: Robert Hartinger,
25 1455 Shagbark Street in Circleville. I am a

1 Pickaway County Park Commissioner. I represent
2 the Park District.

3 Looking at the alternate route it
4 looks like it would be using our old railroad
5 track we are turning in to a trail. That could
6 solve some of the problems, maybe.

7 On the west side of Pickaway going
8 to New Holland we already have electric lines of
9 Dayton Power and Light that goes to New Holland.

10 About three years ago we bought
11 the old railroad off the Dayton Power and Light,
12 so we are trying to work that into a trail.

13 I just wanted to go on the record
14 saying that is an alternate route that you may
15 want to look at. I guess that is about all I
16 have to say.

17 ALJ AGRANOFF: Just to clarify the
18 record, that is not the alternate route that is
19 proposed in the application?

20 MR. HARTINGER: Oh, it's not?

21 ALJ AGRANOFF: I am asking you.

22 MR. HARTINGER: Well, I believe it
23 looked like it was. Yes, it is.

24 ALJ AGRANOFF: Okay. So it would
25 be your preference that the --

1 MR. HARTINGER: I would leave it up
2 to you people. That would be a preference that
3 may relieve the pressure off some of the other
4 land owners on 22 now. Since we already have it
5 at the end of New Holland.

6 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Saterwhite, do
7 you have any questions?

8 MR. SATERWHITE: No questions.
9 Thank you.

10 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. Ms.
11 Joyce Hamilton.

12 (WITNESS SWORN)

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14 JOYCE HAMILTON
15 called as a witness, being duly sworn, testified
16 as follows:

17 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your
18 full name and address.

19 MS. HAMILTON; By name is Joyce S.
20 Hamilton. I live at 2811 Reeves Road, Northeast
21 in Warren, Ohio. I am here tonight speaking on
22 behalf of the Shelic Family Trust Farm of which
23 I am a trustee.

24 This proposed -- the preferred route
25 will impact this farm dramatically in that it is

1 going to use more than half of our frontage in
2 the best land that we have to farm.

3 But, the thing that concerns me as a
4 former science teacher and lifelong ecologist is
5 that, as was mentioned by the first lady who
6 spoke, there is a lot of concern about exposure
7 to high power electricity transmission and the
8 occurrence of cancer in specially children,
9 different kinds of cancers.

10 And in your region the preferred
11 route is going to skirt a rather densely
12 populated area that has quite a few children in
13 it. I heard the numbers of residents compared,
14 and I have to question that because in looking
15 at the alternative route it appears to me that
16 it goes in regions that are more open, away from
17 residential areas, particularly on the Westfall
18 Road.

19 We come down, impact our home, our
20 house that we have there. And on down the road
21 it skirts around an area of tiny homes, small
22 homes, as trailers. I think there are about
23 eight there.

24 And it's going to run within several
25 feet, less than 100 feet of all of those

1 domiciles. That is all.

2 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr.

3 Saterwhite, do you have any questions?

4 MR. SATERWHITE: No questions.

5 Thank you very much.

6 MS. HAMILTON: Thank you.

7 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Thomas Ebenback.

8 (WITNESS SWORN)

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10 THOMAS EBENBACK

11 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,

12 testified as follows:

13 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your

14 full name and address for the record.

15 MR. EBENBACK: Thomas Ebenback.

16 I live at 28901 Ebenback Road, Circleville.

17 I think some of the things I have
18 heard already are probably more important than
19 my own. Definitely the aspect of the children
20 and the homes.

21 My particular interest in a personal
22 basis, I have an office where the line is
23 crossing at the intersection of U.S. Route 22
24 and State Route 56. My impact and the question
25 I had as far as placements would be for personal

1 interest.

2 The placement could be a lot
3 different as far as the economic value of my
4 office. So, definitely I am concerned on that.

5 And a lot of good people out here
6 that are friends. I think many of the things
7 already said many people agree with both ways.
8 Both routes would impact people, and the safety,
9 economic value, I think has to be taken into
10 consideration.

11 Definitely the aspect of our history
12 of our state, I think the -- I want to call it
13 pond, I am sorry, should be considered. All of
14 these things are important.

15 I guess that is pretty much all I
16 have to say.

17 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr.
18 Saterwhite, any questions?

19 MR. SATERWHITE: No questions.
20 Thank you very much.

21 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. Mr.
22 John Stevenson.

23 (WITNESS SWORN)

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25 JOHN STEVENSON

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

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

5 MR. STEVENSON: John Stevenson,
6 24574 State Route 104, Circleville.

7 I guess my concerns are that I
8 haven't really heard the answers that I think we
9 need, and that is like how much of field area is
10 going to be taken. The last 40 years I have had
11 the displeasure of farming around the 765 power
12 line going through my farm and other parts of
13 Wayne Township.

14 A major displeasure. And sometimes
15 the safety factor when you are working under it.

16 So, those things would have to be
17 considered in agriculture areas and domestic
18 areas. Can you build under them, can you build
19 a domestic home, how close, things like that.

20 There are just so many unanswered
21 things in my opinion that I am very
22 uncomfortable with. And again the experiences
23 that we have with the 765 knowing that this is
24 just a portion of that power-wise, and we will
25 have the same degradation of the community

1 probably, but still it's an alarming situation.

2 The fact that we can't be identified
3 where the poles will actually be set, that is a
4 concern. How wide the right-of-way will be.
5 We know that it will be 100 feet, but we don't
6 know from where. We don't know where the middle
7 of that 100 feet will be and the poles will be
8 placed.

9 So, there is concerns for my own
10 farm and my neighbors' farms and my neighbors'
11 community. Thank you.

12 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. Mr.
13 Saterwhite, any questions of this witness?

14 MR. SATERWHITE: Thank you, your
15 Honor. No questions. Thank you very much.

16 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. The next
17 name I have is a representative from Dowden and
18 Dowden Incorporated.

19 (WITNESS SWORN)

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21 HAROLD DOWDEN

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

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

1 MR. DOWDEN: Harold Dowden, 2807
2 U.S. 22, Circleville, Ohio. Why, when you get a
3 farm you think it's yours. And you build you a
4 nice house and here comes the electric line.

5 Your 138 acre farm is probably
6 depreciated 15 percent. And if you put
7 the house on the market, guess what? Nobody
8 wants it, because electric line comes behind
9 you.

10 And the way I look at it, you are
11 getting electric from Chillicothe to Circleville
12 already, so why not follow the line you already
13 got. As you can see you got a bunch of people
14 here that's not very happy with this.

15 So, I suggest you use the old
16 existing right-of-way you got and you make a lot
17 of people happy. That is all I got to say.

18 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. Mr.
19 Saterwhite, any questions?

20 MR. SATERWHITE: No questions.
21 Thank you, Your Honor.

22 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Byron Gearhart.

23 (WITNESS SWORN)

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25 BYRON GEARHART

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

3 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your
4 full name and your address for the record.

5 MR. GEARHART: I am Byron Gearhart,
6 9845 Williamsport Pike, Chillicothe.

7 After listening to everybody here
8 this evening it's been educational. I have an
9 existing right-of-way. I also have a farm that
10 is in both paths, and the third path which has
11 already been eliminated.

12 I am a 7th generation farmer, No. 8
13 is interested and No. 9 is starting in. I
14 understand that I own the base that everybody
15 wants, the land. You can't build a road with
16 utilities anywhere but land. And if you are a
17 farmer and you own land they are going to want
18 it.

19 I want electric, I want water, I
20 want the phone, I want a road. I have been
21 through road expansion projects, I have been
22 through a connector link on a 7,500 line, with
23 South Central Power. I have had water lines
24 come up and around and through me. And now we
25 have this.

1 I understand, our society needs 2.3
2 children per family to grow. We are growing at
3 about 2.9 the last figure that I knew.

4 So society grows, we move on, and we
5 expand. Infrastructure that was built 50, 60
6 years ago will not stand up. It has to be
7 either replaced, rebuilt or relocated.

8 As I mentioned, both the proposed
9 and the preferred cross farms I either own or I
10 farm. On Swaney Road last year I went to the
11 meeting and realized one of the routes was right
12 through a field that I have a pivot standing in.

13 Well, I unloaded the one across from
14 Swaney Road this morning. So my plans are going
15 and expanding.

16 So, I understand about the cancer
17 issue with children. I have four of my own and
18 two grandchildren. And we live not that far.
19 My son lives practically underneath a current
20 transmission line that connects Chillicothe and
21 Circleville.

22 So, it is what it is. But, we have
23 to work together. And it's going to be tough to
24 farm around structures, as I know Mr. Stevenson
25 has for years. I farmed around structures until

1 they came along two years later and moved them
2 out along the road.

3 Rural community is very easy target
4 because there is not many people. But with
5 modern machinery, technology, and the size of
6 the machinery we have we can take down very
7 large lines by accident, very easily. Just get
8 on Utube. There is plenty of examples.

9 So, as far as I am concerned it is a
10 necessary evil. We have to have it. Am I happy
11 about it? No. I am willing to work with you
12 any way I can because for the greater good and
13 the advancement of our society we need to have
14 it.

15 Think about this. What would our
16 country be like instead of 9-11 knocking down
17 three buildings, and nearly 4,000 lives, what
18 would we have done if they would have ran into
19 four large power generating stations on the east
20 coast?

21 We would of had tens of thousands of
22 deaths because of no electricity, and 50,000
23 people per square mile in New York.

24 I feel very fortunate to live out
25 here. With agriculture we support the rest of

1 the world. But, in return the infrastructure
2 has to go through us. Thank you.

3 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. One
4 question I do have. Between the preferred and
5 the alternative routes do you have a preference
6 relative to those two options?

7 MR. GEARHART: As they are
8 the preferred route makes more sense. I realize
9 it puts it in many of my friends' back yards.
10 But, water and electricity doesn't meet very
11 well. And safety is a large concern.

12 And I worked with South Central
13 Power on the connector line on Kellenberger Road
14 and we put water 26 to 27 feet in the air. We
15 can here the lines crackle. So, I just, you
16 know, we are smart enough to stay away from that
17 close proximity.

18 ALJ AGRANOFF: So your concern and
19 belief is that the alternative route would
20 create a larger --

21 MR. GEARHART: As it is currently
22 drawn it's right through the middle of a field
23 that has a pivot. Going down along the edge of
24 the road it will be going through a pivot that
25 hopefully will be built by end of the month.

1 And so unless you have a large checkbook and
2 want to move my pivots or come up with another
3 option going around the pivots that is going to
4 be a large problem.

5 ALJ AGRANOFF: And relative to how
6 you believe the alternative route is currently
7 constructed?

8 MR. GEARHART: The alternative route
9 I understand. I don't want it in my back yard.
10 I understand that completely.

11 My grandparents fought Camp Sherman,
12 and they won. My parents fought a duck refuge
13 which was going to take our entire operation and
14 they won.

15 There is no winning this. We have
16 to have it somewhere. Do I want it in the
17 middle of my field where I have to farm around
18 it like Mr. Stevenson? No.

19 Is it better there than 50 feet off
20 the back of someone's house? Probably. It's a
21 situation that has to be resolved. We have to
22 answer questions, and we can point to lots of
23 different studies and lots of different things.

24 But we need to find a way that it
25 impacts people the least and impacts agriculture

1 the least. And that would be the existing
2 right-of-ways.

3 But to do that means to build a line
4 in very close proximity to a line that is
5 already active. That is hazardous.

6 And, you know, I have a current line
7 on Kellenberger Road that is I think it's a 69.
8 It would make sense to put that down the
9 existing right-of-way. But do you want to put
10 large poles up that close to a line? Because it
11 has a 70 foot right-of-way. And you are talking
12 about a 100.

13 So, I don't know. It's painful any
14 way you do it. But if you want to create a
15 completely new line and do with whatever the old
16 ones, impacting people and agriculture is a
17 challenge.

18 Yes, if you are going to make me
19 choose I would prefer the preferred line down
20 Westfall. But, I have a farm there too, and I
21 am going to farm around it one way or another.
22 So it affects me anywhere you go unless you find
23 a completely different route.

24 ALJ AGRANOFF: Okay. Thank you.
25 Mr. Saterwhite, any questions?

1 MR. SATERWHITE: No questions. Thank
2 you, sir.

3 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. David Horn.
4 (WITNESS SWORN)

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6 DAVID HORN
7 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,
8 testified as follows:

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

11 MR. HORN: My name is David Horn.
12 I live at 37 Arden Road in Columbus. And off
13 the record the traffic is terrible coming down.

14 But on the record I just wanted to
15 second what Ada was saying about the proximity
16 of the preferred route to Calamus Swamp.

17 I am the conservation chair for the
18 Columbus Audubon and we manage Calamus Swamp as
19 a conservation area that has not only
20 conversation value as a wetland, and I am not
21 going to lecture anybody on that, but it also
22 has educational value and a quality of life
23 issue as well.

24 And these places that people can go
25 to get away from it all and appreciate the

1 outdoors, there are fewer and fewer of those as
2 our society advances.

3 Here is one that is available, it's
4 there, it's open to the public. You can go up
5 there any old time and walk around. You can
6 park, we have a parking lot and you can walk
7 around the boardwalk in the mud and simply
8 appreciate that area.

9 And the closer that preferred route
10 is to that particular piece of property the more
11 concerns we have that we are going to lose some
12 of that quality of that particular location.

13 ALJ AGRANOFF: Specific to the
14 concerns that you have relative to the society
15 that you represent, is the alternative route
16 more preferable?

17 MR. HORN: The alternative route
18 would be more preferable because it doesn't
19 impact the property directly, which pushes
20 the issue off on some other people who would
21 prefer the preferred route. I understand that.

22 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Saterwhite, do
23 you have questions?

24 MR. SATERWHITE: No questions. Thank
25 you, sir.

1 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr. Tim
2 Hartsock. Are you interested in testifying?

3 MR. HARTSOCK: No, I am not
4 interested in testifying.

5 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. That is
6 all the names that I have been provided.

7 MR. BARTHELMAS: I am on there and
8 you skipped me.

9 ALJ AGRANOFF: I am sorry.

10 (WITNESS SWORN)

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12 STEVE BARTHELMAS

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

15 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your
16 full name and address.

17 MR. BARTHELMAS: My name is Steve
18 Barthelmas. I live at 26450 State Route 104,
19 Circleville.

20 I feel like this thing should be
21 over here talking to these folks here. And
22 Harold stole some of my thunder and with
23 apologies to Mr. Gearhart.

24 Both of these lines that are
25 proposed probably affect me equally. Either one

1 of those. But, Harold, Mr. Gearhart, touched on
2 there is an existing line coming out of the
3 Circleville substation going to Chillicothe.
4 And from the beginning, from the beginning they
5 told me that line was coming out.

6 Now, if they told me wrong, I don't
7 know, but they told me that old line was coming
8 out.

9 And we touched on using that
10 existing right-of-way, rather than affecting the
11 swamp and so many people. Now, you get down
12 about Yellow Bud you are going to have people on
13 Yellow Bud.

14 But, I asked from the beginning why
15 they don't put it on that existing right-of-way
16 since that line is coming out anyway. And
17 nobody has given me a good answer.

18 And that is one point that I want to
19 make. The other point I want to make was you
20 invite all these people in here and you all came
21 down and you don't have too many answers for us,
22 to our questions. I guess that is it.

23 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Saterwhite.

24 MR. SATERWHITE: No questions.

25 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir.

1 Appreciate it.

2 (WITNESS SWORN)

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4 HESBE MIEDEMA

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

7 ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your
8 full name and your address.

9 MS. MIEDEMA: My name is Hesbe
10 Miedema. I live at 24376 State Route 104.

11 ALJ AGRANOFF: And what community?

12 MS. MIEDEMA: In Wayne Township.

13 ALJ AGRANOFF: Is that Circleville?

14 MS. MIEDEMA: Yes. On 104. We have
15 a dairy on 104 and both routes will affect us.
16 One goes on the back and one goes on the side
17 along Mrs. Burke's.

18 And both Ms. Burke and we don't like
19 those routes, but we would like to see that it
20 would go along the 104 so we don't cut through
21 the countryside to us.

22 And I know the swamp is there, but
23 there are electric lines already and it would
24 make sense if it would go along 104 because of
25 the existing lines. And that way it would not

1 affect our farm, and our future plans.

2 If we have to chose out of both
3 options we would prefer the preferred,
4 preferred route, because that is further away
5 from our buildings. And we are scared that the
6 other route will be to close to our buildings
7 and to our equipment and to our cows.

8 And there are reports that it might
9 affect the health, fertility of cows, and for
10 that reason we preferred the red route. But,
11 our preferred route would be along the 104.

12 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you.
13 Mr. Saterwhite.

14 MR. SATERWHITE: No questions.
15 Thank you.

16 ALJ AGRANOFF: Is there any other
17 individuals that would be interested in
18 testifying? Okay.

19 If not then we will conclude this
20 evening's proceeding and we will be adjourned.
21 Thank you.

22 Certainly as I mentioned before if
23 you have any questions of the Ohio Power Siting
24 Board's staff or AEP we will stay as long as
25 need be to answer those questions.

1 Thank you very much.

2 (At 7:00 P.M. the hearing was
3 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 6, 2014, and carefully compared with my
original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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