

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 : 13-0429-EL-BTX  
Need to Construct the 138 kV :  
Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano :  
Transmission Line Project. :  
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PROCEEDINGS

Before Jay Agranoff, Administrative Law Judge,  
held at Pioneer School for Disabilities, 11268  
County Road 550, Chillicothe, Ohio, Ohio, on  
Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 6:00 P.M.

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Company.

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Tuesday Evening,  
December 16, 2014.  
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ALJ AGRANOFF: The Ohio Power  
Siting Board has assigned for public hearing at  
this time and place case No. 13-429-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-Hopetown-Delano 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. With me this evening are Megan Addison  
from the Power Siting Board's Legal Department,  
Mr. Matt Butler who is outside, Mr. John Pauley  
and Ms. Katie Salvator, who are all from the  
Ohio Power Sitting Board staff.

We are available if you have any  
questions concerning the application or any  
other utility matter. Please feel free to  
approach one us after the completion of this  
evening's hearing.

At this point in time we will take the appearances on behalf of the parties in this matter. On behalf of the Applicant AEP Ohio.

MR. KUMAN: My name is A. Jay Kumar, I am here on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company. With me is Hector Garcia, he is also here on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company.

Additionally, I have Bret Schmide. He is Project outreach. Sean Malone, the project manager. Tama Davis who is the Project Outreach supervisor. Diane Montgomery who is our right-of-way agent. Scott Reed who is also right-of-way. And Jon Buck who is Community Affairs Manager.

And we will be available for questions afterwards. Thank you.

ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. The subject of this evening's public hearing is the application that was filed on January 8, 2014 as supplemented on May 15, 2014; July, 18, 2014; and July 31st, 2014.

Specifically AEP seeks to construct a 138 kV transmission line between the Biers Run substation to the Delano substation. It will

1 pass through the Hopetown station which is a  
2 proposed distribution substation which will  
3 replace the existing Camp Sherman station.

4 I would note that the adjudicatory  
5 hearing as I mentioned before is scheduled for  
6 10:00 A.M. on January 6th, 2015 at the offices  
7 of the Ohio Power Sitting Board in Columbus.

8 In this case the Applicant submits  
9 that the purpose of the proposed project is to  
10 improve and maintain the quality of electric  
11 service and reliability to the south central  
12 Ohio area. This area includes, but is not  
13 limited to, the communities of southern  
14 Columbus, Chillicothe, Circleville, Waverly and  
15 others.

16 The Applicant notes that the  
17 Circleville-Chillicothe load area is currently  
18 served primarily by three 138 kV lines which  
19 originate from Columbus, Waverly and Athens  
20 areas. The Applicant states that the loss of  
21 any two of these lines can result in a system  
22 criteria violation in the area.

23 According to the application the  
24 project is located in a rural setting

1 characterized by mixed agricultural and  
2 residential land uses and large wooded areas.  
3 Thirty-one residences have been identified as  
4 being within a thousand feet of the preferred  
5 route, one of which is within 100 feet. The  
6 preferred route will cross eight parcels, not  
7 including the common route. The south alternate  
8 route will cross 33 parcels, not including the  
9 common route.

10 The north alternate route will cross  
11 18 parcels, not including the common route.

12 The Applicant plans to start  
13 construction in the spring of 2015 with the  
14 estimated service date of approximately fall of  
15 2016.

16 As I mentioned before, the purpose  
17 of this evening's public hearing is to receive  
18 comments from the public regarding the  
19 Applicant's application in this case. It is not  
20 intended to be a question and answer session,  
21 but instead is your opportunity to let the Board  
22 know what you think about the proposal set forth  
23 in the application, and your preference relative  
24 to the proposed, preferred and two alternate

1 routes.

2 I would note that the Board's Staff  
3 filed its Report of Investigation on December  
4 1st, 2014. This is simply a recommendation of  
5 the Board's staff and does not necessarily  
6 reflect what the Board's final determination in  
7 this case will be.

8 The Board appreciates your  
9 participation in this evening's hearing and we  
10 want everyone who is interested to have  
11 the opportunity to testify. As I mentioned  
12 before, I will call your name as it appears on  
13 the sign-in sheet. When I call your name please  
14 come forward, please raise your right hand and  
15 be sworn in. And then I will ask you to provide  
16 your full name and address. Any questions?

17 If not, why don't we begin. And I  
18 apologize up front if I mispronounce somebody's  
19 last name. I am very familiar with  
20 pronunciations of last names because it happens  
21 to me a lot.

22 Is it Mr. Ray Storts?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't see  
24 Ray in here.



1 ALJ AGRANOFF: Okay. How about Mr.  
2 Scott Cormany? Please come forward, sir.

3 (WITNESS SWORN)

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5 SCOTT CORMANY  
6 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
7 testified as follow:

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

10 MR. CORMANY: Scott Cormany, 3464  
11 Biers Run Road, Chillicothe, Ohio. I just got a  
12 small time line here.

13 In June of 2012, most people know  
14 this, but AEP proposed building 12 acre  
15 substation on Biers Run Road. They had two  
16 sites, but it was on the same farm. How many  
17 people here were notified of that substation  
18 being built?

19 Zero. Right? Very few. Maybe one  
20 percent. But we are all affected by the  
21 substation. Maybe we should have been made  
22 aware of the substation being built, you know,  
23 before so we could of had our say then.

24 But at this point it seems to be

1 putting the -- it just seems ridiculous at this  
2 point, to have this meeting. We are all  
3 affected by this particular substation that was  
4 built there. We could of had our say when the  
5 substation could of had two sites. A site 1 and  
6 site 2. And they did have site 1 and site 2,  
7 but they were on the same farm, they were on  
8 the same property.

9 The same landowners around were  
10 affected, the same landowner rights were  
11 affected, because it was only one site selected.

12 And I am sure that AEP followed the  
13 letter of the law and somehow they met the  
14 criteria for having two sites. But it was  
15 really only one site because the same exact  
16 people, as I said many times before, are being  
17 affected by this one substation. And either of  
18 those sites would have affected the same people.

19 AEP states in their documents online  
20 and in the handouts that there is a critical  
21 need to reinforce the transmission system to  
22 accommodate development in this area and upgrade  
23 the transmission system. It seems to me if you  
24 want to accommodate development in this area you

1 should have put it where the development is.

2 You should not put it through a  
3 wildlife area, you should not put it through  
4 rural farm fields where there are no people.

5 And I understand that if you put it  
6 through a wildlife area and you put it in the  
7 middle of a farm field you are going to have a  
8 lot less people complaining. But maybe that  
9 should be a criteria for putting power lines  
10 through someplace, where you have the  
11 complaints, because that would be serving the  
12 most people.

13 September of 2013 the Ohio Power  
14 Siting Board approved the substation. There are  
15 no plans, grading plans, landscaping plans  
16 associated with this. The other substation that  
17 I found in Ohio is up in Sunbury in Delaware  
18 County, there were two grading and landscaping  
19 plans submitted with that plan.

20 I asked the Project Manager about  
21 that earlier tonight and he said it would be the  
22 Ohio Power Siting Board that would recommend a  
23 grading and landscaping plan.

24 I am not sure if -- because, you

1 know, it's a rural area or, you know, there  
2 was -- it's all farm fields around the  
3 substation, but we did not get a grading plan,  
4 we didn't get a landscaping plan. AEP does not  
5 have to do any of that.

6 I have spoken with the project  
7 manager, he said that there are plans to plant  
8 trees around the site, but they are not required  
9 to. So, I do hope AEP holds to that, plant  
10 trees to mitigate the visual impact of that  
11 site as much as possible.

12 On May 16th we had a meeting exactly  
13 like this one. There was only two transmission  
14 routes at that time proposed. It was a north  
15 route and a southern route. The southern route  
16 went south of 35 by Golf View, the northern  
17 route went north of the wildlife area.

18 You know, at the time I referred to  
19 the route, but there was no mention of this  
20 yellow route. Blue and yellow. At that time  
21 the AEP preferred route was this southern blue  
22 route.

23 They had already discussed with  
24 landowners along that route about compensation

1 and routing. It seemed like it was well on its  
2 way to get the staff's -- Ohio Power Siting  
3 Board staff's approval or recommendation to go  
4 along that route.

5 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Cormany, if I  
6 could just ask for clarification, when you  
7 mentioned the blue route and the yellow route --

8 MR. CORMANY: The southern -- at  
9 that time the southern route that went south of  
10 35 was the blue route, and the northern route  
11 was the red route.

12 ALJ AGRANOFF: So the northern and  
13 southern routes as they currently stand were  
14 what you just identified?

15 MR. CORMANY: No. They are  
16 different now. Now it's the southern route is  
17 still blue, but the northern route is yellow.  
18 Hold on. Yes, the northern route is yellow, the  
19 route going through the wildlife area is red.  
20 And the southern route is still blue.

21 At the time, I was speaking at the  
22 time it was the southern blue route and northern  
23 red route.

24 ALJ AGRANOFF: I just want to bring

1     you back to the terminology that we have as of  
2     today.

3             MR. CORMANY:  Yes.  So it would be  
4     the today's southern blue route, which was AEP's  
5     preferred route at the time, and then there was  
6     a northern route, which is now currently the  
7     northern yellow route or alternate route.  And  
8     no route through the wildlife area whatsoever.

9             And on AEP's website it actually  
10    says right on it, it says why doesn't AEP go  
11    along the wildlife area?  It is more direct  
12    route and would not impact residences.

13            So, just like the previous  
14    statement, there is a critical need to reinforce  
15    the transmission system to accommodate  
16    development.  So why put it in an area that has  
17    no development?  It makes no sense to me.  To  
18    accommodate development in this area and update  
19    the transmission system.

20            Okay.  So let's go back to what was  
21    actually written in the document.  It is a much  
22    more direct route and will not impact  
23    residences.  Pleasant Valley wildlife area is  
24    managed by the Ohio Department of Natural

Resources Division of Wildlife. This land is public land, it is protected as a natural area and for wildlife habitat. Division regulations restrict construction through this area.

Now, obviously deed restrictions on the wildlife area, on its use. It also was purchased from the federal government, and this is all just what I have learned. I am not a lawyer, I do not know this to be true, but to the best of my knowledge it was purchased from the federal government. They would need the federal government's Division of Wildlife Service permission to get this power line through here.

The money that was used to purchase the wildlife area by ODNR was actually provided from hunting license fees. There is a stipulation on hunting license fees that says it can only be used for hunting and wildlife reasons.

There is just a lot of reasons why this should not go through the wildlife area.

Back to the time line. Somewhere between May and July of 2014 before this second

1 public hearing there was a meeting held between  
2 AEP and members along that southern blue route.  
3 Then there was a meeting on July 22nd. AEP  
4 proposed a third transmission route through the  
5 Pleasant Valley wildlife area.

6 I was disappointed with this process  
7 the whole way through. I feel like we have had  
8 no options. The site would impact us, me,  
9 specifically my wife and my daughter, whether it  
10 was site 1 or site 2.

11 There is another transmission route  
12 going north to Circleville, and then this route.  
13 So, I don't know how you could have -- I don't  
14 know why I keep saying it because it doesn't  
15 matter, but I don't know why you would have two  
16 sites that impact the same people. It's not two  
17 sites, it's one site.

18 I cannot believe that is  
19 following the law. Second, I realize that the  
20 one site, got hundreds of tall shiny silver  
21 towers. There is five of them that looks  
22 terrible. And then now this transmission line  
23 is going to run right by my parents' house.  
24 And they babysit our daughter. So we have been



1 impacted greatly by this, and continue to be.

2 And I honestly feel like we have no  
3 say. AEP's preferred route seems to be this  
4 route through the wildlife area. The staff has  
5 decided that that is okay. I wish they would  
6 reconsider, and choose the southern route.

7 Thank you.

8 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. I  
9 have both Pat and Jean Porter.

10 MR. PORTER: We misinterpreted the  
11 sign-in sheet.

12 ALJ AGRANOFF: Would you like to  
13 testify?

14 MR. PORTER: No.

15 ALJ AGRANOFF: Mr. Tom Lawhorn.  
16 Please come forward, sir.

17 (WITNESS SWORN)

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19 TOM LAWHORN

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

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

24 MR. LAWHORN: Thomas Lawhorn, 3210

1 Egypt Pike. My reason for being here tonight is  
2 like the last gentleman is to protect my little  
3 slice of heaven.

4 I am asking for consideration to  
5 modify the preferred route. My concern in this  
6 is in the second paragraph on the preferred  
7 route. The route parallels the northern and  
8 eastbound boundaries of the PBW for  
9 approximately two miles and turns south along  
10 the west side of Egypt Pike, the southern  
11 boundary of the PBW which is a common boundary  
12 to my property.

13 I bought, I own my house at 3210  
14 Egypt Pike. I bought the property adjacent next  
15 door as an investment to build my retirement  
16 home there.

17 And my concern is that they are  
18 going to have these power lines running down  
19 right beside my house when there is an option  
20 that exists. I would like to request that they  
21 at least consider stopping where coming down  
22 Egypt Pike about 200 feet short of where they  
23 are. There is a little section of woods, if  
24 anybody is familiar with that area from AEP, and

1 then beside the woods is adjoined by a vast  
2 field.

3 If you feel like you have to go  
4 through the game reserve is cut down the  
5 northern edge of the woods along the field there  
6 which would not interfere with anybody. And I  
7 am sure it's probably not even any additional  
8 cost to do so. The fact that you also would be  
9 supporting the green initiative by saving a lot  
10 of trees. I would have a sliver of woods  
11 between my house and the game reserve.

12 Another concern is too that when I  
13 called the information hotline I was told that  
14 it was going to be just wooden post poles, and  
15 now that I am hearing that it's potentially  
16 going to be much more than just wooden poles  
17 there. So I am going to have to look at these  
18 things every day, where the reason I built that  
19 property was it was a wildlife area that is  
20 woods. Okay.

21 And taking that option away from me,  
22 which is going to significantly devalue the  
23 price of that piece of property.

24 The other thing too, I have a lot of

1       trespassers that park across the street at the  
2       game reserve. And they are already tresspassing  
3       on my property poaching and all it's going to do  
4       is create an interstate highway right down that  
5       property line on my adjacent property.

6               Those are my concerns. And I would  
7       just like the Board to consider modification of  
8       the preferred route and stop a couple hundred  
9       yards from where it's at and runs down the  
10      woods line adjacent to the field on my property.

11             ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir.

12             THE WITNESS: Thank you.

13             ALJ AGRANOFF: Martha Brittinger.

14       Please come forward.

15             (WITNESS SWORN)

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17             MARTHA BITTINGER

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. BITTINGER: My name is Martha  
23       Bittinger. My address 23597 State Route 104,  
24       Chillicothe.

1                   Excuse me for reading the prepared  
2                   statement, but I have some facts and I wanted to  
3                   make sure I have them correct. I am the owner  
4                   of a 52-acre of the section of the family farm  
5                   that was passed on to me 55 years ago to take  
6                   care of.

7                   Our farm is just north of the AEP  
8                   plant on Delano, and it is also bisected by  
9                   State Route 159. Your proposed line will make a  
10                  90 degree in our field. We have two homes  
11                  located just west of 159, the location of the  
12                  original homestead where the pole will be.  
13                  At the present time we have these encumbrances  
14                  located at the property.

15                  In 1910 with several additional  
16                  deeds my great grandfather deeded land to the  
17                  Norfolk & Western Railroad cutting through a  
18                  section of the farm that leads to 159. In 1954  
19                  Ohio Midland Power acquired a little under an  
20                  acre in one corner of the farm.

21                  In 1988 AT&T placed an underground  
22                  cable along two property lines on the western  
23                  section of the farm.

24                  In 1994 Columbia Gas located another

1 underground line across the highway. In 1996  
 2 into 1998 South Central Power has an underground  
 3 easement along the east side of 159, a 10 foot  
 4 easement along the north line with all the  
 5 anchors being in or near the fence line to  
 6 the -- from the railroad west. And they also  
 7 have a 10 foot easement along the north line  
 8 between the railroad and their station. They  
 9 have other additional changes that were made  
 10 actually to the station.

11 In 1997 Ross County drainage  
 12 easement was placed on the southwest corner in  
 13 an attempt to improve Delano ditch. And the  
 14 cleaning of the ditch has been blocked by a  
 15 neighbor.

16 Finally in 2005 the land was flooded  
 17 by the inability of government to be able to  
 18 negotiate with the neighbor to clean the ditch.  
 19 So Ross County Soil and Water placed 18 acres of  
 20 the land in a CRP program.

21 ALJ AGRANOFF: What does that stand  
 22 for?

23 MS. RITTINGER: Conservation  
 24 Reserve -- I am sorry. Conservation Reserve

1 Program.

2 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you.

3 MS. RITTINGER: The AEP proposal  
4 shows a pole placed 10 feet from the north  
5 property line on the western section of the  
6 farm. Remember, this is a 52 acre farm, with  
7 the highway and railroad through it.

8 I intend to hold firm with my  
9 request that the pole be placed on the property  
10 line. I have been told that 10 feet would be  
11 allowed for farming around it.

12 Now, any of you that are farmers out  
13 there, do you know any existing field equipment  
14 that is going to go through a 10 foot opening?

15 I can tell you right now on all our farms we  
16 have had to go and remove the old 16 foot gates  
17 because we cannot get the machinery through 16  
18 feet.

19 Note that the present easements are  
20 all either along the fence line, even  
21 the underground easements are along fence lines.

22 Only the railroad cuts across and  
23 crosses 159. The ground between the property  
24 line and the proposed pole could not be

1 maintained anyway regardless because the CRP  
2 regulations allow noise only for a very maximum  
3 of one time per year. Over and over -- I am  
4 sorry. For some reason I am nervous. I am  
5 usually not when I talk.

6 It just seems ridiculous that they  
7 can't be moved 10 feet. Over and over the bush  
8 hogs, and ours are 15 foot wide, and can you  
9 imagine how I would be able to hire someone to  
10 take their lawnmower down and mow the grass that  
11 has been growing for at least 365 days? I don't  
12 know how you could maintain it.

13 I am willing to sign an easement  
14 putting the pole over to the fence line, but I  
15 am strongly opposed to any attempt to set a pole  
16 10 feet out from the fence. Thank you.

17 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr. Ray  
18 Fischels.

19 MR. FISCHELS: I thought it was a  
20 sign-in sheet.

21 ALJ AGRANOFF: Okay. Ms. Patty  
22 Haller.

23 (WITNESS SWORN)

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PATTY HALLER

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

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

MS. HALLER: My name is Patty Haller  
and my address is 639 Golf View Drive.

Let's start by saying this puts me  
in a very difficult position because many of the  
people who are here today are friends of mine  
and people that I care very deeply about. So  
it's very difficult to get up here and address  
this situation, but there are many facts that I  
think need to be considered.

We are all in this for what we want  
to be a positive for this area moving forward.  
I don't want it to cut into people's fields, I  
don't want it to cut into their property, I  
don't want to see values decreased in  
properties. And I certainly don't want to see  
businesses have a difficult time because these  
different routings are going to interfere with  
the progress moving forward.

So my ultimate statement is I hope

1       that AEP takes into consideration all of the  
2       factors that are going to affect the lives of  
3       people who are here and as they move forward  
4       they take into consideration all of the things  
5       that everyone is bringing to the table; that  
6       there are too many lives that are being affected  
7       and I want them to make sure that if there is an  
8       easier way to get from point A to point B  
9       without affecting as many people, as many lives,  
10      as much property, that they take that into  
11      consideration. And if that means a little jog  
12      in an electric line to save peoples' properties,  
13      for peoples' farms, or the wildlife preserve or  
14      whatever needs to be done that that's taken into  
15      consideration.

16               And one of the reasons I chose to  
17      speak is the line does not go through my  
18      property at all. It doesn't border my property,  
19      it doesn't cut my property. I am in proximity  
20      to it.

21               I have a six year old daughter and I  
22      worry about the health effects of the  
23      electromagnetic fields that are created by these  
24      lines. So, I would want them to take the path

1 of least affect to lives by the electromagnetic  
2 fields that this is going to create.

3 I don't like that means the option  
4 goes through many farms and any wildlife  
5 reserves, but I can say I don't like the fact  
6 that some of the alternative routes go by  
7 schools and neighborhoods and homes of small  
8 children because in Ross County we are one of  
9 the leading cancer counties in the State of Ohio  
10 already. I would hate to think that trying to  
11 save money to make short cuts and routes that  
12 were less costly and more effective is going to  
13 affect the lives of many of the children that  
14 live in this community.

15 So I just respectfully ask that all  
16 those factors are taken into consideration in  
17 moving forward.

18 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr.  
19 Richard Cormany.

20 (WITNESS SWORN)

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

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

3                   MR. CORMANY: Richard Cormany, 3287  
4 Biers Run, Chillicothe, Ohio.

5                   I am the unfortunate nextdoor  
6 neighbor to the major substation that is being  
7 put in. I echo my son. The reason we are all  
8 pitted against each other is we were not really  
9 provided two alternative choices for this  
10 substation in the first place.

11                  Two sides of the same farm. So it's  
12 no matter where we put the substation it's going  
13 to affect us, the same group of people. But in  
14 our case now the substation that is next door to  
15 us, the red and yellow power lines will follow  
16 the northbound boundary line of our entire farm,  
17 and then turn at 90 degrees at the edge of our  
18 farm and go the entire length of the farm to the  
19 east, southeast, the other side.

20                  So if this is our farm, if  
21 the substation lies here, the power line goes  
22 here, our house is here 250 feet from the power  
23 line, goes to the end of our farm here, and then  
24 proceeds down along the entire side of the farm

1 to Cats Tail Road. So, it impacts us directly.

2 And then it proceeds to the wildlife  
3 area. Initially the wildlife area was not even  
4 being considered because the game reserve stated  
5 that it was basically against the law. I am not  
6 a lawyer, but they said it was not possible to  
7 run the power line through it.

8 Subsequently, and at that time the  
9 southern route was the preferred route,  
10 subsequently, for some reason the state wildlife  
11 people came to AEP and said, yes, we would like  
12 you to go through our property. We don't know  
13 what preempted this change in mind or if it's  
14 even legal, but resulted in them, AEP, selecting  
15 this red route as their preferred route.

16 Two objectives of the substation and  
17 power line was to increase reliability to  
18 electrical users and to provide for increased  
19 development and use of electricity.

20 Going through -- going along the  
21 side of our fields and through the wildlife area  
22 will -- will be of little use to open fields and  
23 no use to any of the wildlife in the reserve.  
24 So the stated purposes of the power line are not

1 being met by where they would be routing it with  
2 the red and yellow lines.

3 The blue line, the original  
4 preferred line, has been adjusted and modified  
5 several times to accommodate concerns of people  
6 in that area. And it is going through areas  
7 that are developed, but they are also the areas  
8 that -- are the type of areas that will be using  
9 the power.

10 The other, I hate to say advantage,  
11 but there is no advantage to any of this, but to  
12 the blue line is that for a good portion of its  
13 route it follows the existing power lines and  
14 existing right-of-ways and railroad tracks and  
15 so forth.

16 So, these areas have already been  
17 impacted by the development and power lines and  
18 so forth. And so they would run where the  
19 development already exists, as opposed to the  
20 red and yellow lines, which here are unimpacted  
21 by development.

22 Once you run a power line through  
23 the wildlife area it's forever lost. I mean,  
24 you can't reverse that. And the same goes with

1 the open fields, which I am concerned with, and  
2 will be surrounded by.

3 We are not the users, the wildlife  
4 is not the users of these power lines, yet we  
5 are being asked to bear the impact of the power  
6 lines. So, that is my objection to the red  
7 route and the yellow route. The red and yellow  
8 combined routes encompass our farm -- well, not  
9 actually. They run the borders, two of the  
10 four sides of our farm, and then split Cat Tail  
11 Road and run through the game reserve, which is  
12 at least against the intent of the reserve, if  
13 not against the premise and the rules under  
14 which it was established.

15 So I would like the power board to  
16 consider -- or the Siting Board to consider that  
17 impact on the wildlife area and the pristine  
18 fields that the rest of the red and yellow lines  
19 would impact.

20 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Mr.  
21 Darren Price.

22 (WITNESS SWORN)

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24 DARREN PRICE

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

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

5               MR. PRICE:   Darren Price, 444 Golf  
6       View Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio.  I have some of  
7       the same feelings as the previous speaker about  
8       it's unfortunate we are all facing this  
9       situation that we are.  I think some things to  
10      keep in mind as we look at this, while we  
11      wouldn't wish this on any other area, we look at  
12      the options that have been afforded to us, we  
13      look at the impact to my family, our friends and  
14      our neighbors, along that south alternate route,  
15      we have major concerns there.

16              And that is why our support is for  
17      the current preferred route that goes through  
18      the wildlife area.  Initially when you look  
19      the impact to our homes, we have an unabated  
20      view of the hillside behind us, and that is all  
21      well and good to think we all have property that  
22      we are proud of and enjoy the views that are  
23      there, and that is certainly important because  
24      it does provide us unabated view.  And when we



1 bought the property, purchased it, that was the  
2 reason we purchased it.

3 We specifically purchased that  
4 property because of its location. And as has  
5 been mentioned when you put a 100 foot monolith  
6 tower behind your property then it destroys  
7 that.

8 So, from that perspective I think we  
9 would all agree we all see that impact on  
10 various areas. To me the bigger impact though  
11 is on people. And start looking at the impact  
12 as far as there is a recognized impact with the  
13 electric and magnetic field hazards, and there  
14 is evidence to support that there is increased  
15 evidence of the influence on children.

16 And with the potential along that  
17 alternate south route of passing within, and it  
18 says here 33 parcels, that is where it crosses,  
19 that is not the homes that it impacts.

20 Within our subdivision there is over  
21 60 homes there, and that is -- I can evidence  
22 that by a petition we all signed back in May of  
23 2013, the impact is there. And also that line  
24 would cross in very close proximity to schools.

1 So we have young children there going to be  
2 exposed to this on a daily basis.

3 Along with that Tom Jackson who is a  
4 PhD, which I think gives him some credibility,  
5 he is the president of Real Estate Property  
6 Analytics Corporation, he stated that whenever  
7 you have property and there is power lines going  
8 on your property it drops the property value at  
9 least 10 percent. So that is a concern.

10 Once again when you have the bigger  
11 concern being the safety and health of our  
12 children and us. And as Patty mentioned, this  
13 area has a high incidence of cancer, and by  
14 running these type of lines through the  
15 probability is an increase in that. So that is  
16 certainly a concern that we have.

17 And reflecting back on the Power  
18 Siting Board, they issued a report. Within that  
19 report they talked about the preferred route  
20 impacting eight parcels as far as crossing  
21 through that. And the north alternate route 18,  
22 the southern route 33.

23 The other thing that I found that  
24 has spoken even more volumes is there is no

1 consideration about the impact to the  
2 environment. Based on this report by the Power  
3 Siting Board the least amount of impact is along  
4 the preferred route. So we look at the north  
5 route, look at the south route, the  
6 environmental impact and the impact of the  
7 Pleasant Valley Wildlife area, the least  
8 environmental impact is to the Pleasant Valley  
9 Wildlife area.

10 So if we have a smaller impact on  
11 home values we are going to have a less impact  
12 on the environment, and less impact on people,  
13 to me that route should be the preferred route  
14 which is currently listed on the map that we  
15 were shown this evening.

16 I would like to offer that as my  
17 testimony in regard to this project.

18 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir.  
19 Lieutenant Colonel John Venneman.

20 (WITNESS SWORN)

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22 LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN VENNEMAN  
23 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
24 testified as follows:

1 MR. VENNEMAN: Lieutenant Colonel  
2 John Venneman, 534 Golf View, Chillicothe.

3 I would like to begin by quoting  
4 from a letter put out from the Regulatory  
5 Services of AEP, particularly an attachment to  
6 it. When we use the term the wildlife area a  
7 lot of red flags go up, but according to AEP's  
8 own research it says here "Threatened and  
9 endangered species affected by the preferred  
10 route, zero."

11 So to go through the Pleasant Valley  
12 Wildlife area will not affect any sort of  
13 threatened or endangered species or anything  
14 else.

15 And I would like to also reiterate  
16 Mr. Price, about the affect of the  
17 electromagnetic fields, specifically the high  
18 incidence rates of cancer among children.

19 To go to the southern alternate  
20 route would put the lines by Unioto school, and  
21 that would jeopardize the health of 2,000  
22 children. Now, these 2,000 children, we are  
23 talking about elementary, middle, high school,  
24 potentially 13 years out of their lives exposed

1 to these fields in the school, not to mention  
2 the teachers who may have 30 years of exposure.

3 Well, there is a question about the  
4 effects of the exposure. To not take this into  
5 account, to put -- to use the southern alternate  
6 route and not the proposed route, would be  
7 totally irresponsible and foolish.

8 To say also that because electricity  
9 helps people, therefore, people should suffer,  
10 you are saying people should have cancer and  
11 leukemia rather than putting it through an area  
12 with no people.

13 In addition to the 2,000 children  
14 and faculty, going back to AEP's attachment as  
15 far as the residences affected by the lines, the  
16 preferred route, which is the logical route,  
17 would affect within a 1,000 feet 26 residences.

18 The southern alternate route 251.  
19 So in addition to the 2,000 children and faculty  
20 you want to jeopardize the health of the 251  
21 families who are trying to make their lives in  
22 their homes.

23 I feel that we should support the  
24 preferred route. It is the logical route, and

1 it is the logical route to help the lives and  
2 the health of the people.

3 Thank you for your time.

4 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Robin  
5 Hand.

6 (WITNESS SWORN)

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8 ROBIN HAND

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. HAND: My name is Robin Hand,  
14 359 Anderson Station Road.

15 My wife, speaking of Unioto and the  
16 effect that the southern route, the blue route,  
17 would have. My wife is a teacher at Unioto  
18 Elementary.

19 I have five other neighbors and  
20 myself. Myself, I have a 10 acre parcel and  
21 this southern route, the blue route, would butt  
22 up to my property line along with my neighbors.

23 We have sent letters to the Siting  
24 Board and we have sent letters to AEP. So we

1 obviously support the preferred route, the red  
2 route, and I am in support of the red route.

3 So my friends in Golf View, I  
4 understand where you are coming from. We are  
5 going to have the electromagnetic field on  
6 the rear property line. And that is why we  
7 don't want the 138 kV line there.

8 Also someone said that we may  
9 benefit by that, but I don't know about anybody  
10 else, but on Anderson Station Road I am served  
11 by South Central Power. So in no way, shape or  
12 form does AEP putting a 138 kV line behind my  
13 property benefit me nor any neighbors, it hurts  
14 our property value and exposes our children and  
15 grandchildren to EMS.

16 And just so some of you know that  
17 are opposed to the other routes, many of us on  
18 the southern route, the blue route, I am getting  
19 a 69,000 kV line on my rear property line and  
20 there is no Siting Board to fight this with.  
21 It's going to be there.

22 I have written letters to everybody.  
23 Siting Board only handles voltages over 100,000,  
24 but I have written letters on that 69 kV and

1 it's going to be there anyway.

2 So I am trying to keep two of these  
3 lines off my rear property line. So I  
4 appreciate your time, I appreciate consideration  
5 that many of us here are opposed to the southern  
6 route and support the red preferred route  
7 through the wildlife area because it affects  
8 much less human life. Thank you.

9 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Ron  
10 Peecher.

11 (WITNESS SWORN)

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

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

18 MR. PEECHER: Ronald Peecher. I  
19 live at 213 Cat Tail Road.

20 ALJ AGRANOFF: In Chillicothe?

21 MR. PEECHER: Yes.

22 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you.

23 MR. PEECHER: My property is  
24 affected and we were not given the opportunity



1 to even negotiate where the right side or left  
2 side of the power line is going to go. We had a  
3 red side and blue side to vote on here and it's  
4 all the same piece of property.

5 The power line affects my farm and  
6 my sister's farm. On the north side of the line  
7 we have 317 acres, my south side, my two  
8 sisters, and in the beginning the preferred  
9 route was on the south side. They started doing  
10 the boring and at that time there was a --  
11 people got together and got with AEP. They had  
12 a prior meeting at Holiday Inn.

13 At that time when it was decided  
14 that the power line go through the game  
15 preserve. Nobody on the blue side, the north  
16 side had any opportunity to defend us at all.

17 And in the beginning we said the  
18 Indiana bat was an endangered species, and  
19 somehow this disappeared along with the wetlands  
20 on the north side. I don't know what happened  
21 there, but that is how it got to go on the other  
22 side.

23 I have approximately nine power  
24 poles. My friend has got a couple. My friend,

1 Richard Cormany's house, I believe called me and  
2 said there would be seven to nine power lines.  
3 And that does affect our view also.

4 So far, I have not been, nobody to  
5 my house from AEP, only contractors come. And I  
6 don't know why, but to me if this is an AEP  
7 project how can you turn it over to a  
8 contractor? Don't make any sense to me.

9 I had a meeting with them, first  
10 meeting I got the contractor came there and then  
11 somebody finally showed up from AEP. And then  
12 about three weeks later I finally got a  
13 gentleman in the back come talk to us.

14 But, after all this they tell me  
15 there is no way that it's going to be changed.  
16 But I don't know what the answer is. If I fight  
17 with one side I affect my sister, she fights it  
18 affects me. My grandfather and my father had  
19 cleared the land on both farms. And exactly  
20 where they want to put the line is where our  
21 property was cleared.

22 To me they are going to offer us a  
23 minimum amount of money and not consider  
24 anything going in on the amount of money my

1 grandparents, father spent clearing these  
2 fields. But, farming and taking away our  
3 ability to make our money on the field because  
4 they tell me I can go ahead and plow anyway just  
5 like the lady said, ten feet. Well, that is  
6 fine if I can get a tractor around a telephone  
7 pole.

8 But, I don't know what the answer  
9 is. I know they need the power line, but PJM  
10 who is supposedly behind this line says we need  
11 this power line for -- to keep our power grid  
12 operating. They already have two routes in that  
13 area right now, and they are trying to put the  
14 third one in. To me it's unnecessary.

15 I guess it's going in anyway, but  
16 should be some way somebody can fight what they  
17 are doing. That is all I got to say.

18 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. The  
19 next name I have is I believe a David Sheridan.

20 (WITNESS SWORN)

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22 DAVID PHILIP SHERIDAN  
23 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,  
24 testified as follows:

1                   ALJ AGRANOFF: Please state your  
2 full name and address for the record.

3                   MR. SHERIDAN: 847 Anderson Station  
4 Road. David Philip Sheridan. Chillicothe,  
5 Ohio.

6                   I am here the same as the rest of  
7 you, I was a bit confused. Supposedly by my  
8 property there is going to be a 69 kV line. My  
9 neighbor next to me was told they are going to  
10 buy your property. You must sell. Get out.

11                  They did so, it was their homestead,  
12 they did exactly that. The final hour AEP said,  
13 no, we don't want you now. But they have  
14 already sold, already moved out and resold the  
15 house. Don't make sense.

16                  If they are going to run it like  
17 that why did they tell these people they were  
18 going through their property and now they are  
19 not.

20                  Also, I would like to know if this  
21 69 kV which is supposedly going by my property  
22 and will affect my property along with my  
23 neighbors, going to be single pole construction,  
24 or in the business we used to call it Christmas

1 tree construction, and what right-of-way do they  
2 want from the center of the line out on both  
3 sides? How far distance are they going to ask  
4 for easement so they can maintain the line. How  
5 far is it going to go.

6 And No. 2, I can't understand why, I  
7 have not contacted these people, I received a  
8 letter from an attorney stating that AEP is  
9 going to take part of my property and if I  
10 didn't do something about it they would do it by  
11 emanate domain.

12 Well, AEP has not contacted me nor  
13 my neighbors. All we got was this letter from  
14 this firm, lawyer firm, which if worst comes to  
15 worst I don't intend to use them, I am going to  
16 use my own lawyer, if I have to do so.

17 But my understanding is why we have  
18 had several proposals through our property and  
19 they keep changing after they had caused these  
20 people to lose their homestead, was actually  
21 told to sell, you got X amount of days to get  
22 out, they did so, they cleared it out, they got  
23 out and come to the last minute and said, sorry,  
24 we don't want you.

1                   We were told at that time because  
2                   they found Indian artifacts. If you live in our  
3                   area the Indians were all over the place. And  
4                   I don't care where you dig or where you are  
5                   going to hunt in our area you are probably going  
6                   to run into some of their remains. So that  
7                   didn't hold water either.

8                   And then this summer they had  
9                   surveyors come through on the edge of our area  
10                  between myself and the neighbors and I went out  
11                  and I said, hey, guys, can you tell where you  
12                  are going? Yep, right here where you see these  
13                  flags. Down through the corn field.

14                  Great, that don't bother anybody  
15                  there. Then get letters from the lawyers  
16                  stating, guess what, they don't know what they  
17                  are talking about. Don't make sense to me.

18                  What I would like to know is  
19                  apparently I know from working for this company  
20                  that they do not consider 69,000 transmission  
21                  line anymore. 138,000 is all they consider.

22                  So what I want to know is 138,000  
23                  going to affect us where we are at? It's  
24                  obvious a 69 is going through, but where? That

1 is all I want to know, sir.

2 Thank you for your time and I hope  
3 all my neighbors get answers as well.

4 ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you. Murray  
5 Johnson.

6 (WITNESS SWORN)

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8 MURRAY JOHNSON

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. JOHNSON: Murray Johnson, 539  
14 South Park Road, LaGrange, Illinois 60525.

15 Good evening, everyone. My name is  
16 Murray Johnson, and my family has been actively  
17 involved in talking with many of you folks,  
18 sending e-mails to many of you. And I would  
19 like to thank everyone for coming out today.

20 Whether you are on one side of the  
21 fence or the other side of the fence I think  
22 this is very healthy and very important that we  
23 have this dialogue, this conversation and  
24 communication.

1                   And at the end no one wins. We all  
2                   in some way or another are going to feel like we  
3                   have lost, because whether it's the 138 line  
4                   going through or if it's the 69, we are all  
5                   being affected one way or to other.

6                   We hope that somewhere along  
7                   the line that the benefits of the work that is  
8                   being done will benefit the energy users  
9                   somewhere across the country, but for right now  
10                  all we can do is think about ourselves.

11                  I am a little bit different than  
12                  everyone else here, and I recognize that,  
13                  because I don't live here. I live in Chicago.  
14                  But my family has had a farm here for over 150  
15                  years, and we have been farming that now for  
16                  five generations and we are moving into our 6th  
17                  generation.

18                  We are not going anywhere. I may  
19                  not live here physically, but I am here and I  
20                  flew in this afternoon just because this is that  
21                  important to me to be here and I am going back  
22                  tomorrow.

23                  So I may not seem like I am part of  
24                  the group because I don't -- that I am not



1 looking at lawyers, but this is affecting our  
2 family financially, and the legacy that goes on  
3 forward to my children and my grandchildren in  
4 the future.

5 So it is -- I am passionate about  
6 it, and that is the reason why my sister and I  
7 have been advocates of this communication from  
8 the very beginning.

9 With that in mind I would like to  
10 thank the Siting Board and I would like to thank  
11 the folks at AEP. I know it's been a bumpy  
12 road, I know that there has been frustrations, I  
13 know that there is sometimes the feeling of lack  
14 of communications and why does one person find  
15 something else out and someone else is finding  
16 out another piece of news.

17 And I know it has also been  
18 frustrating that sometimes we are told that the  
19 lines are going one way and then we find out  
20 they are going a different way. It's been  
21 extremely frustrating.

22 But, with that in mind I actually  
23 want to thank AEP for being flexible. They have  
24 been open. They have had several of the these

1 meetings here at Pioneer Hall here, and I have  
2 tried to be at most every one that I could.

3 They have also been good about  
4 listening when we have tried to present a  
5 reasonable approach of looking at things from a  
6 different perspective. From the very beginning  
7 they have said to us that everyone here is going  
8 to say not on my yard. Go to someone else's  
9 yard because my yard, my fields are more  
10 important.

11 I recognize completely my fields are  
12 not more important than your homes. My farm is  
13 not more important than your children's school  
14 or anything else.

15 So, I appreciate the fact that  
16 everyone is here having a conversation and  
17 talking about this. It will affect all of us  
18 one way or another, and no matter what as it was  
19 noted that the 69 volt will be going through  
20 many of our fields and there is no siting board  
21 that would be able to -- that we can stand up  
22 and talk to about that.

23 So, we just hope that AEP and  
24 the folks who are working on that are sensitive

1 to the needs that we have as families, as  
2 farmers, and as friends putting this together.

3 But I do want to stress the fact  
4 that I am in favor, if there has been ever any  
5 doubt, of having the red line. And I do  
6 apologize, I know that it affects other  
7 families. There is no doubt that it does.

8 But as the numbers have said it does  
9 affect less people than it does the blue route  
10 or the yellow route. And I am very sensitive to  
11 that; that it is important that instead of  
12 saying not on my property, someone else's, if we  
13 can be sensitive to the fact that it does affect  
14 less people.

15 The other thing that I want to be  
16 sensitive to is that it seems logical to have  
17 the red route as opposed to the blue route or  
18 the yellow route. It's less acreage, less land  
19 that is being used up, and it's a more direct  
20 route.

21 Now, one of the things, since I  
22 don't live here, I have spent a lot of time  
23 researching and going through all of the data  
24 and the reports. And because of that I have got

1 in my car and spent a lot of time driving every  
2 one of these routes backwards, forwards and to  
3 try to understand where the route is going  
4 through. And when it was initially presented to  
5 us that it could not go through the wildlife  
6 area, I am a big fan of the national parks, I am  
7 a big fan of land that is set aside for forest  
8 preserves, and protecting the wildlife.

9 So I was respectful of that. But  
10 then one day I went up and took a look at the  
11 wildlife area, and I realized that maybe there  
12 is some misconception of what the wildlife area  
13 is. And so I have spoken with many of our  
14 neighbors and the farms and asked them if they  
15 have been there, and many of the neighbors have  
16 never been to the wildlife area.

17 In fact, the folks at AEP, many of  
18 them have not seen it. So I personally drove  
19 some of the folks from the AEP around the  
20 wildlife area. And what I saw is not  
21 Yellowstone National Park. Yosemite National  
22 Park.

23 It is not even considered the Bad  
24 Lands. It is -- from some people I know it is a

1 wonderful retreat. And I don't want to take  
2 that away. It is important to have those areas  
3 set aside.

4 But it is far better to have some  
5 wires going across this land area than it would  
6 be to affecting the families and farms that it  
7 would if it were going across the blue route.

8 So, if you have not been to the  
9 wildlife area, Siting Board, I encourage you to  
10 take a look at exactly what is there, or from  
11 what I discovered is not there. There are no  
12 lush trees, there is no lush land.

13 It is a nice area to go for a walk  
14 unquestionably, but it is not enough to justify  
15 having the power lines go in front of a family's  
16 home for their viewing, or something that goes  
17 past schools. It's important that we be  
18 respectful, but the wildlife area is not being  
19 affected whatsoever by having the power lines go  
20 through there.

21 So again in closing thank you,  
22 Siting Board, for listening to us, but more  
23 importantly thank you everyone who has come out  
24 and voiced your opinion one way or the other.

1                   And as was said by Patricia at the  
2                   very beginning when I came in, this is hard for  
3                   everyone, and I hope at the end people can still  
4                   be friends and neighbors and work together.  
5                   But I think we have accomplished a lot just by  
6                   having these conversations. Thank you very  
7                   much.

8                   ALJ AGRANOFF: Thank you, sir. John  
9                   Doerres.

10                  (WITNESS SWORN)

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

15                  ALJ AGRANOFF: State your full name  
16                  and address.

17                  MR. DOERRES: My address is 1532  
18                  Professional Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio. I am not  
19                  involved directly with any one of the lines  
20                  except the substation and the line that goes  
21                  through what most of you know as the wildlife  
22                  area.

23                  Both of these areas were part of  
24                  Camp Sherman. The historical disturbance that

1 might be -- admittedly there is no Indian  
2 feathers attached that I am aware, but someone  
3 mentioned early they are everywhere.

4 So we have no, to my understanding,  
5 legal recourse other than the respect of those  
6 who wish to preserve a bit of the history of  
7 what actually made Chillicothe and Ross County  
8 possibly what it is today; good, bad or  
9 indifferent.

10 One thing in particular, when I did  
11 mention to folks and made AEP -- thought I made  
12 them aware, I know I made the Siting Board  
13 aware, but not in a formal manner, that these  
14 were two portions of what was Camp Sherman. And  
15 I jokingly mentioned when going over it with  
16 them I am glad they missed the trenches. Most  
17 unique.

18 This Camp is unique in many ways,  
19 but I am not here to give a history lesson,  
20 don't want to take the time either. You all  
21 have other interests. But they did miss them,  
22 but they didn't even know they were there.

23 It's never be mentioned. I will be  
24 interested to read the report. And someone else

1 mentioned earlier about the wildlife area, and  
2 yet there is nobody, and I dare say most of you,  
3 I know two or three here that do know, that that  
4 was part of Camp Sherman.

5 Not let's get back to the other part  
6 which us up and down all of 104, and the main  
7 portion which is the proposed area of the  
8 Hopetown substation.

9 Still haven't figured out why they  
10 call it the Hopetown substation. Maybe somebody  
11 else objected to that. I am not aware they had  
12 any kind of public meeting or required to. So I  
13 have been told about that substation and those  
14 who attended that meeting on behalf of  
15 government officials that I have talked to, I  
16 guess two words when I explained what the area  
17 covers.

18 It's wow and amazing. Then they  
19 follow it up with an explanation "I didn't know  
20 that." They have lived here as long as I have,  
21 so I made the classic example of assuming. Not  
22 anymore.

23 The area of the proposed substation  
24 from your information, and I will make it as



1       brief as I can, was the nerve center of the Camp  
2       for the years it was in operation. It was  
3       the Division Headquarters, it was telegraph  
4       headquarters, the personnel office.

5               It had a 4,000 set YMCA Auditorium,  
6       had the KFC Hall for about 1,500. It had the  
7       Jewish Center. It had the Red Cross office,  
8       which the Red Cross was started here because of  
9       Camp Sherman.

10              A few other areas. It had the main  
11      post office. We do still have the library.  
12      It's the original for all the Army and Navy  
13      Camp. It's the last building of Camp Sherman.

14              I don't want it restored. I think  
15      it's a good example of how these places were  
16      built, but, this land in one sense of the word  
17      is as sacred as anything across the road, which  
18      still trying to figure out what remains there.  
19      And that is no offense to those people.

20              So not knowing I was going to speak  
21      I guess I better cut to the end and if somebody  
22      has a question. Are they allowed to ask  
23      questions?

24              ALJ AGRANOFF: No, they can speak to

1       you after.

2                   MR. DOERRES:  Oh, they will, I am  
3       sure.  So I will give all of you an assignment,  
4       I don't have enough cards with me, pass the word  
5       on, the substation did have two other areas  
6       which it could be relocated, and it should be.  
7       More footprints cross that land than the poem  
8       which we are all aware of, "Footprints in the  
9       Sand."

10                   There were estimated 250,000 pairs  
11       of feet marching across that land.  It was the  
12       cultural center.  The YMCA administration  
13       office, the personnel office, Arrow Squadron.  
14       You name it.

15                   You can e-mail me if you wish at  
16       muse@campsherman.org.  Thank you.

17                   ALJ AGRANOFF:  Thank you, sir.  Less  
18       Park.

19                   MR. PARK:  I am here just to listen.

20                   ALJ AGRANOFF:  No problem.  Those  
21       are all the names that I have on the list.  Is  
22       there anybody else in attendance who desires to  
23       testify?

24                   Okay.  If not, I certainly

1 appreciate everybody's attendance here today.

2 It is now 7:23 and we are convened. Thank you.

3 (At 7:23 P.M. the hearing was  
4 concluded)

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6 CERTIFICATE

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8 I do hereby certify that the foregoing  
9 is a true and correct transcript of the  
10 proceedings taken by me in this matter on  
11 December 16, 2014, and carefully compared with  
12 my original stenographic notes.

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16 Michael O. Spencer,  
17 Registered Professional  
18 Reporter.

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