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June 9, 2015

Kevin Moore
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Re: West Milton-Eldean 138 kV Transmission Line, 14-0469-EL-BTX

Mr. Moore,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding Dayton Power & Light's proposed West Milton-Eldean 138 kV (kilovolt) transmission line. Your correspondence has been docketed in the record for OPSB case number 14-0469-EL-BTX.

Dayton Power & Light (DP&L) filed its application in this case on March 11, 2015. On May 11, 2015, DP&L requested that the OPSB suspend its review of the application in order to enable the company to submit an addendum to the original application. After DP&L submits this additional information, the OPSB staff will conduct an investigation of the company's proposal and prepare a report making recommendations to the Board. Prior to the Board's decision in this case, a local public hearing will be scheduled to allow area residents an opportunity to provide sworn testimony regarding DP&L's proposal.

I have enclosed a flowchart that describes the OPSB process and a fact sheet that describes how you may participate. If you would like to discuss your concerns regarding field tile and soil compaction in greater detail, please contact me at (866) 270-6772. You may also wish to contact DP&L's project manager Greg Tokar at (937) 331-4647 to have a conversation regarding your property.

Again, thank you for your interest in this case.

Sincerely,

Matt Butler, Public Outreach Manager
Ohio Power Siting Board

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Public Participation in the OPSB Process

Residents and public officials living in and around the proposed project area of an Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) case are often interested in receiving information about the case and participating in the power siting process. There are a variety of ways to stay informed and make your voice heard. Please contact us with your questions and concerns. The Board and its staff are interested in hearing from you.

What is the Ohio Power Siting Board?

The OPSB reviews applications for the construction of major utility facilities, including electric power plants and transmission lines, gas transmission lines, and wind farms. Comprised of seven voting members, the Board is chaired by the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The other voting members include the directors of the Ohio Development Services Agency, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the Ohio departments of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources, as well as a public member appointed by the governor. Four non-voting members, two from the Ohio Senate and two from the Ohio House of Representatives, also sit on the Board.

What is in a power siting application?

In the application, the developer must describe the proposed facility and its impact on the surrounding area. The application for a transmission line or substation must contain information on both a preferred and an alternate site/route. The "preferred" designation does not indicate any favor or prior approval of the Board.



How can I see a copy of the application?

After the application is determined to be complete by the Board, legal notices are published in newspapers in areas impacted by the proposed facility. The legal notice includes a listing of area libraries where a copy of the application may be viewed. The application can also be viewed online at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

Who is involved in the siting process?

Parties to the case include the applicant, the Board's technical staff, and other persons or entities that have requested and been granted intervenor status.

The *applicant* has the burden to prove that the application meets the statutory requirements and should be approved.

The *Board staff* investigates the application and files a report of investigation in the case. The staff report serves only as a recommendation, and the Board members have final decision-making authority.

*Intervenor*s are persons or entities who wish to participate in the evidentiary hearing by presenting pre-filed testimony and/or evidence and by cross examining other parties' witnesses. To become an intervenor, one must file a request in the case by the deadline set in the case.

How can I participate?

Public Informational Meeting

Before filing an application to build a new facility, the developer is required to hold a public informational meeting. The purpose of this meeting is for company representatives to inform stakeholders about plans to file an application with the OPSB. The meeting also serves as an opportunity to gather input and hear the public's concerns, which the company considers in developing its application. OPSB representatives are on-hand to discuss the siting process and public participation.

Local Public Hearing

Once the company submits its application, the OPSB staff scrutinizes the plan, makes a formal request for comments from other agencies and parties, and then makes a recommendation to the Board members. After the OPSB staff makes its recommendation, a formal public hearing is held. At this hearing hosted by the OPSB, members of the public provide sworn testimony that becomes part of the case record considered by the Board.

Submit Written Comments

Interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments to the OPSB. In order to be filed in the case record, submissions must include the case number.

What is the difference between a local public hearing and an evidentiary hearing?

The purpose of the local public hearing is to gather sworn statements concerning the application from members of the affected public who are not actual parties to the case. This

hearing provides the Board with information about the reaction of the local community to the proposed application and becomes part of the official record that the Board considers before making its decision.

The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to allow parties to the case to provide sworn pre-filed testimony and cross examine witnesses. This hearing forms the evidentiary record that the Board will consider in arriving at its formal decision on the case.

Because the two hearings serve separate functions, no person (including any person who has been granted intervention) is allowed to testify at both the local public hearing and the evidentiary hearing. A person may only testify at the local hearing on behalf of an intervener, if the intervener agrees, on the record, to withdraw as an intervener.

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What happens once the hearings are complete?

Once the hearings are complete, the parties may be allowed to file briefs. Once that process is completed, the Board's administrative law judge will draft a proposed decision for consideration by the Board. This process can take up to 90 days after completion of the record depending on the case.

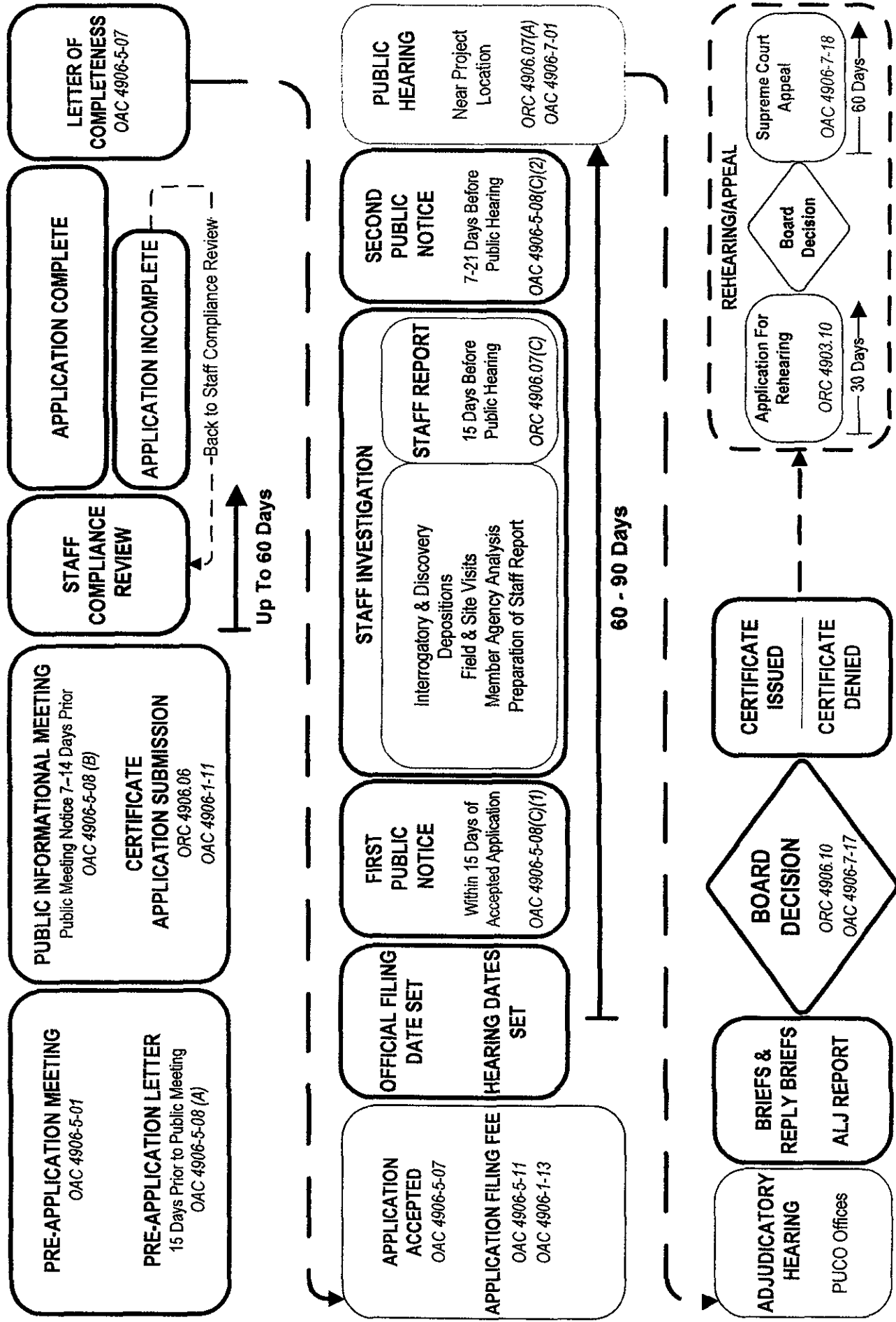
Once the draft proposal is ready, the administrative law judge will provide it to

the Board for consideration at one of its scheduled agenda meetings. Once the Board issues its decision, parties have 30 days to seek an appeal of the decision with the Board. If an appeal is filed, the Board then has 30 days from the date the appeal is filed to rule on the request for appeal.



OHIO POWER SITING PROCESS FLOWCHART

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