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ATTN: Mr. Jon Pawley – Project Manager - Facilities, Siting & Environmental Analysis Division  
Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB)  
State of Ohio  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
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RE: Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano 138 kV Transmission Line Project  
Response to General Conditions as written in the Staff Report &  
Contained within the Stipulation of the OPSB's Opinion, Order and Certificate  
Case No. 13-0429-EL-BTX

Dear Mr. Pawley,

In response to the General Conditions within the OPSB's Opinion, Order and Certificate for the Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano 138 kV Transmission Line Project, AEP has addressed each condition with a written response as outlined below. The format below states the sited condition with the subsequent AEP response:

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Staff recommends the following conditions to ensure conformance with the proposed plans and procedures as outlined in the case record to date, and to ensure compliance with all conditions listed in this staff report:

1. The facility shall be installed at the Applicant's Preferred Route as presented in the Applicant's second and third supplemental filings and further clarified by recommendations in this Staff Report of Investigation.
  - ◆ **AEP will construct the transmission line along the Preferred Route as presented in the applications second and third supplemental filings and further clarified by recommendations in this Staff Report of Investigation.**

2. The Applicant shall utilize the equipment and construction practices as described in the application and as modified and/or clarified in supplemental filings, replies to data requests, and recommendations in this Staff Report of Investigation.

◆ **AEP will comply with all of the requirements stated within the text of this condition.**

3. The Applicant shall implement the mitigation measures as described in the application and as modified and/or clarified in supplemental filings, replies to data requests, and recommendations in this Staff Report of Investigation.

◆ **AEP will comply with all of the requirements stated within the text of this condition.**

4. The Applicant shall conduct a preconstruction conference prior to the start of any construction activities. The conference shall include a presentation of the measures to be taken by the Applicant and contractors to ensure compliance with all conditions of the certificate, and discussion of the procedures for on-site investigations by Staff during construction. Prior to the conference, the Applicant shall provide a proposed conference agenda for Staff review. The Applicant may conduct separate preconstruction meetings for each stage of construction.

◆ **AEP will comply with all of the requirements stated within the text of this condition and have scheduled the preconstruction conference for Tuesday Sept. 29 at 9:00 am.**

5. At least 30 days prior to the preconstruction conference, the Applicant shall have in place a complaint resolution procedure to address potential public grievances resulting from project construction and operation. The resolution procedure must provide that the Applicant will work to mitigate or resolve any issues with those who submit either a formal or informal complaint and that the Applicant will immediately forward all complaints to Staff. The Applicant shall provide the complaint resolution procedure to Staff, for review and confirmation that it complies with this condition, prior to the preconstruction conference.

◆ **AEP has a website:**

**<http://www.aeptransmission.com/ohio/BiersRun-Hopetown-Delano/>**

**On this website there are notifications as to how to contact AEP to express concerns regarding the project. The exact language is:**

To ask questions or submit comments about this project please contact:

Brett Schmied, Project Outreach Specialist at 614-552-1929 or email [beschmied@aep.com](mailto:beschmied@aep.com)

**AEP will keep a log of ALL calls to this line documenting date, caller, phone number, reason for call, who returned the call, when the call was returned and the resolution, mitigation measures or summation of the conversation. This will be compiled on a spread sheet and each entry will be shared with Staff immediately.**

6. At least thirty days before the preconstruction conference, the Applicant shall submit to Staff one set of detailed engineering drawings of the final project design, including temporary and permanent access roads, and construction staging areas, so that Staff can determine that the final project design

is in compliance with the terms of the certificate. The final design shall include all conditions of the certificate and references at the locations where the Applicant and/or its contractors must adhere to a specific condition in order to comply with the certificate.

♦ **Detailed engineering drawings will be issued to OPSB staff via email on August 26, 2015.**

7. If any changes are made to the project layout after the submission of final engineering drawings, all changes shall be provided to Staff in hard copy and as geographically-referenced electronic data. All changes outside the environmental survey areas and any changes within environmentally-sensitive areas will be subject to Staff review to ensure compliance with all conditions of the certificate, prior to construction in those areas.

♦ **AEP will provide Staff with hard copies and geographically-referenced electronic data for any changes made to the project layout after detailed engineering drawings have been submitted.**

8. Within 60 days after the commencement of commercial operation, the Applicant shall submit to Staff a copy of the as-built specifications for the entire facility. If the Applicant demonstrates that good cause prevents it from submitting a copy of the as-built specifications for the entire facility within 60 days after commencement of commercial operation, it may request an extension of time for the filing of such as-built specifications. The Applicant shall use reasonable efforts to provide as-built drawings in both hard copy and as geographically-referenced electronic data.

♦ **AEP will provide as-built drawings and geographically-referenced electronic data within 60 days after the commencement of commercial operations.**

9. Prior to the commencement of construction activities that require permits or authorizations by federal or state laws and regulations, the Applicant shall obtain and comply with such permits or authorizations. The Applicant shall provide copies of permits and authorizations, including all supporting documentation, to Staff within seven days of issuance or receipt by the Applicant.

♦ **AEP will obtain all permits or authorizations needed to complete construction activities and will provide copies of those to Staff within 7 days of issuance or receipt. To date the following permits will be required (all permits will be emailed to Staff directly):**

- Scioto River Crossing - Section 10 Permit Application: Permit has been filed and Supplemental information was provided week of 5/7/15.
- ODOT: Received approved permits for all crossings via email on 5/26/15.
- CSX Railroad: Permit received from CSX the week of 6/22/15.
- FAA: no need to light structures, but some requests to light cranes with red obstruction light and flag.

10. The certificate shall become invalid if the Applicant has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the proposed facility within five years of the date of journalization of the certificate.

♦ **AEP will comply with this requirement and is planning to break ground in September of 2015.**

11. As the information becomes known, the Applicant shall provide to Staff the date on which construction will begin, the date on which construction was completed, and the date on which the facility begins commercial operation.

- ♦ **AEP intends to start construction in September of 2015. Any and all tree clearing activities will begin after October 1, 2015 and all construction activities are anticipated to be completed by June of 2016. Commercial operations are anticipated to begin in March of 2016. Accurate dates will be provided as activities evolve and dates become evident.**

Should you or Staff have any questions or require further clarification regarding these responses, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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Project Manager

American Electric Power

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Summary: Correspondence -letter to Jon Pawley-Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano electronically filed by Mr. Matthew J Satterwhite on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company