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**Re: PUCO Case Number: 15-2038-EL-BTA  
Biers Run-Delano 138kV Transmission Line Amendment II**

Dear Chairman Porter,

Attached please find the filed public notice concerning the proposed major utility facility in the above-referenced case. The notice was published pursuant to Rule 4906-5-08, Ohio Administrative Code.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Hector Garcia

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Counsel for AEP Ohio Transmission Company



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## Proof of Publication

I, Walter Dozier, do hereby attest that the AEP Legal Notice did appear in the following newspaper as ordered:

Chillicothe Gazette

12/14/15

Walter Dozier

Walter Dozier

12/21/15

Date

State of Ohio  
County of Franklin

On this day, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walter Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Patricia A. Conkle

Notary Public



Patricia A. Conkle  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 06-17-19

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco), an affiliate of AEP Ohio, has filed an amendment with Ohio Power Siting Board seeking to modify its certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano 138-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project. The Ohio Power Siting Board approved the Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano 138-kV Transmission Line Project in case number 13-0429-EL-BTX in March 2015.

The purpose of this amendment is to adjust the approved route to accommodate a change requested by a property owner. This adjustment is generally located between Union Lane and Egypt Pike.

AEP Ohio Transco believes this adjustment to the approved route can be reasonably accommodated without causing increased impacts and have, therefore, proposed the adjustment in the amendment. In the event this proposed adjustment is not approved by the siting board, AEP Ohio Transco intends to proceed with constructing that portion of the project on the route previously approved by the siting board.

Those who wish to comment or raise objections to the proposed amendment may do so by filing written comments or a request for a hearing with the siting board within 10 days of the publication of this notice. Written comments and hearing requests must specifically reference Case No. 15-2038-EL-BTA.

The approved Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano 138-kV transmission line will extend from Biers Run Substation to the Delano Substation passing through Hopetown Substation, a proposed distribution substation that will replace the existing Camp Sherman Substation. The line will traverse Union and Green townships in Ross County.

The accompanying map depicts the proposed line route for the Biers Run-Delano line. It should be noted that due to the reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide. Copies of the actual amendment, including specific details about the location and construction are available for public inspection at the following locations:

## Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library

Mr. C. Nicholas Tepe, Director  
140 South Paint Street  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601  
740-702-4190

**Ohio Power Siting Board**  
**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793  
614-466-3292

An electronic version of the amendment can be found at the Ohio Power Siting Board website at <http://opsb.ohio.gov/>. Search under Case Number 15-2038-EL-BTA.

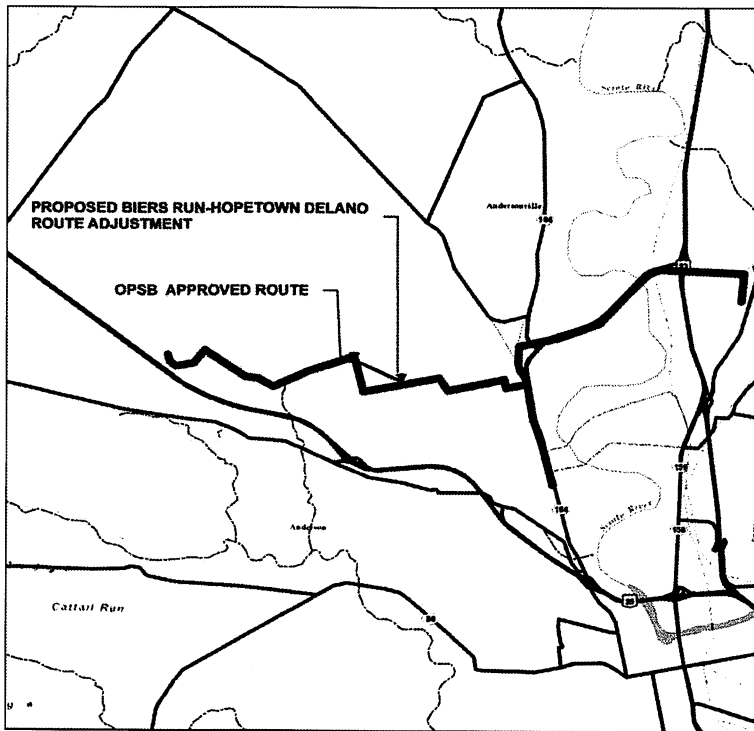
The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the application as required by state of Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

## Ross County Board of Commissioners

Mr. James M. Caldwell  
Mr. Doug Corcoran  
Mr. Stephen A. Neal  
2 North Paint Street, Suite H  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

## Ross County Engineer

Mr. Charles Ortman  
755 Fairgrounds Road  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601



**Ross County Planning Department**  
Mr. Keith Putnam, Administrator  
15 North Paint Street, Suite 200  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

## Union Township Trustee

Mr. Harold W. Bennett  
379 Shiloh Road  
Frankfort, Ohio 45628

## Union Township Trustee

Mr. Donald W. Arledge  
210 Yellowbud Road  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

## Union Township Trustee

Ms. Wilma Ann Whitten  
216 Andersonville Road  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

## Union Township Fiscal Officer

Ms. Karen Rittinger Gossman  
9254 Williamsport Pike  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

## Green Township Trustee

Ms. Marcella J. Wolfe  
10153 State Route 159  
Kingston, Ohio 45644

## Green Township Trustee

Mr. Robert A. Wakefield  
10153 State Route 159  
Kingston, Ohio 45644

## Green Township Trustee

Mr. Dale A. Naas  
10153 State Route 159  
Kingston, Ohio 45644

## Green Township Fiscal Officer

Mr. D. Brad McCorkle  
3867 Sulphur Spring Road  
Kingston, Ohio 45644

The state power siting board has served the following state agencies with copies of the application:

- Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
- Ohio Department of Agriculture
- Ohio Department of Development
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Ohio Historical Society

## CRITERIA USED TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION

The following eight criteria are set forth in Section 4906.10 (A) of the Revised Code and will be used, along

with additional information, by the board in reviewing the application for a certificate to construct, operate and maintain the Biers Run-Hopetown-Delano transmission line:

- The basis of need for the facility. In the case of a majority utility facility described in division (B)(1) of Section 4906.01 of the Revised Code, the board shall presume the need for the facility as that need is stated in an application pursuant to division (A) (3) of Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code;
- The nature of the probable environmental impact of the proposed facility;
- The facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology, the nature and economics of alternatives and other pertinent considerations;
- In the case of electric transmission lines, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving Ohio and interconnected systems, and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- The facility will comply with chapters 3704, 3734 and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.34 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the Department of Transportation under Section 4361.341 of the Revised Code;
- The facility will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. The facility's impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site of the proposed major utility facility; and
- The facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board considering available technology and the nature and economics of various alternatives.

Section 4906.07, Revised Code provides that:

Upon the receipt of an application, complying with Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the power siting board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon not less than 60 or more than 90 days after such receipt and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.

On the application for an amendment of a certificate, the board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held for an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternates set forth in the application.

The chairman of the power siting board shall cause each application filed with the board to be investigated and shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date any application is set for hearing, submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of Section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

For more information about this project, please visit AEP Ohio's Transmission Project web page at <http://www.aeptransmission.com/ohio/>

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call 614-562-1929 or send an email inquiry to [beschmied@aep.com](mailto:beschmied@aep.com). Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:



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AEP Ohio  
Attention: Brett Schmied  
700 Morrison Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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