

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of AEP Ohio)
Transmission Company, Inc. for a Certificate of)
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the) **16-1509-EL-BNR**
Philo-Canton 138 kV Transmission Line Relocation.)

Members of the Board:

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To the Honorable Power Siting Board:

Please review the attached Staff Report of Investigation, which has been filed in accordance with Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) rules. The accelerated certificate application in this case is subject to an automatic approval process as required by Section 4906.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The application will be recommended for automatic approval on August 2, 2016, unless suspended by the Board's chairperson or an administrative law judge. If suspended, the Board must render a decision on the application within 90 days from the date of suspension.

Please present any concerns you or your designee may have with this case to my office at least four business days prior to August 2, 2016, which is the automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 16-1509-EL-BNR
Project Name: Philo-Canton 138 kV Transmission Line Relocation
Project Location: Guernsey County
Applicant: AEP Ohio Transmission Company
Application Filing Date: July 11, 2016
Filing Type: Expedited Construction Notice
Inspection Date: July 20, 2016
Report Date: July 26, 2016
Recommended Automatic Approval Date: August 2, 2016
Applicant's Waiver Requests: none
Staff Assigned: J. Whitis, G. Zeto, J. Pawley

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

Application: ☒ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☐ Approval with Conditions
Waiver: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Not Applicable

Application Description

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. proposes to relocate the Philo-Canton 138 (kilovolt) kV Transmission Line located in Guernsey County. The project consists of replacing one existing tower with four new poles on the existing Philo-Canton 138 kV transmission line at the West Cambridge distribution station. The new poles will be constructed entirely on AEP Ohio Transmission Company property and allow for future planned improvements to the West Cambridge distribution station. No new right-of-way is necessary for this project.

Site Description

The project is in Adams Township, Guernsey County at the West Cambridge distribution station. The construction of the four new poles will be located entirely on AEP Ohio Transmission's property.

Construction of the project would occur on previously disturbed land and would not result in any adverse ecological and cultural resources impacts. The project is not located within agricultural district land.

Recommended Findings

Staff's review of the application included consideration of the requirements listed in Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.10. Based on Staff's review, the application meets the necessary criteria for granting a certificate. Staff recommends that the Board approve the proposed certificate.

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Summary: Staff Report of Investigation electronically filed by Mrs. Yvonne W Cooper on behalf of Staff of OPSB