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**Re: Proof of Publication
PUCO Case No. 16-0437-EL-BTX
Speidel-Barnesville 138kV T-Line Rebuild Project**

Dear Chairman Haque,

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/ Erin C. Miller
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cc: Jon Pawley



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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:

Barnesville Enterprise

11/16/16

Walter Dozier
Walter Dozier

11/18/16
Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 18th day of November, 2016 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

Forecast for cold season means people should be 'Winter READY!'

Columbus, Ohio – Weather experts are expecting Winter 2016 to be colder and snowier than in recent years. Extreme weather conditions are hard on all of us, but can be particularly challenging for older adults, whose bodies don't react the same way they did when they were younger. As a result, elders can be slower to adjust to adverse conditions and are at increased risk for injury from accidents, like slipping and falling. During winter safety awareness week (Nov. 13-19), the Ohio Department of Aging encourages all older Ohioans and their families to plan today to be "Winter READY!"

"Ohio winters can be unpredictable, but are likely to bring snow, ice, extremely cold temperatures, wind and more – all of which can create significant hazards for anyone, but especially our elders," said Stephanie M. Loucka, director of the department. "Make a plan today to minimize your risk from wintry conditions and maximize your ability to remain active, independent and healthy all winter long."

Stay active safely. Falls are the leading cause of injury-related hospitalization and death among Ohioans aged 65 and older, and the risk for a life-changing fall goes up in icy and snowy conditions. However, even winter falls can be prevented.

• Maintain regular physical activity to ensure you have the

strength and balance you need to prevent falls. Ask your doctor or physical therapist about easy indoor exercises and seek opportunities to be active.

• Invest in extra lamps, night-lights and exterior lights so that you can always see where you are walking, especially around doorways and stairs. Use the highest-wattage bulbs recommended for your fixtures.

• Coats, gloves, hats and other winter clothing are designed to keep you warm, but items that are bulky, don't fit well or can catch on nearby objects can increase your risk of falling.

• Wear boots and shoes that fit properly and have soles with good traction. Keep shoes and walking aids (canes, walkers) in good working condition, dry and free of snow, ice, dirt and mud.

• Keep sidewalks and stairs outside your home clean of ice and snow. Make sure steps leading into your home have sturdy handrails that can support you if you slip.

• Keep space heaters, cords and blankets out of walkways. If you must use throw rugs on cold floors, secure them to the floor with tape.

• Carry a cell phone and designate someone to call for help if you need it. Let loved ones know when you are leaving the house and when you expect to be back; call them after you return home.

Find more tips to prevent falls at the Department of Aging's

STEADY U Ohio website: www.steady.ohio.gov.

Heat your home safely. Older adults are at increased risk for tragic consequences resulting from a fire in their homes. However, like falls, most fires can be prevented.

• Use only space heaters that have been tested and certified to the latest safety standards.

• Keep anything that can burn (papers, blankets, etc.) at least three feet away from any heat source.

• Test your smoke alarms monthly and replace any that are more than 10 years old.

• Have and practice a fire escape plan.

Be prepared. All Ohioans should have a winter preparedness plan that enables them to remain in place for three days if they become unable to leave their homes due to weather conditions. Older adults may have a few special considerations.

• Have an emergency kit that contains, at a minimum, a battery operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries, a loud whistle or bell, food you can open and prepare easily, water (one gallon per person per day), extra blankets and a first aid kit.

• Keep a backup supply of the medicines you take every day. Have an ice chest on hand and keep ice packs in the freezer for medications that need to be kept cool.

• Make sure your medical equipment and assistive devices (such as canes, walkers, wheelchairs, lifts, oxygen tanks, etc.) are easy to locate in an emergency. Have spare batteries and non-powered options for equipment that will not work without electricity.

• Designate a safe place to go if it becomes unsafe to stay in your home, such as a public shelter or a friend's or neighbor's house. Have a plan for getting there.

• Be ready to quickly explain to rescue personnel in an emergency how to help you move safely and quickly (e.g., "take my oxygen tank," "get my insulin from the refrigerator").

Check on your neighbors.

Before, during and after forecasted severe weather, check on older friends and family members to ensure that they are okay and that they have the resources they need to stay safe and healthy.

• Do they need medical attention?

• Do they have safe food and water?

• Is the temperature in their home comfortable?

• Who will they call if they need help?

• If someone appears ill or is injured, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Find help in your community. The Department of Aging works with the state's 12 area agencies on aging to make sure that each community has a plan

for assisting older adults during weather emergencies. Your area agency can also help you identify resources, such as energy assistance, chore service and minor home repairs that can help you stay warm and safe this winter. Call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the agency serving your community.

Follow the Ohio Department of Aging on Facebook and Twitter for more winter safety information and resources all winter long.

The Department of Aging is a proud member of the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness. Visit www.weather-safety.ohio.gov for information on winter safety and severe weather preparedness.

About ODA – The Ohio Department of Aging works to ensure that our elders are respected as vital members of society who continue to grow, thrive and contribute. We collaborate with state agencies and community partners, including area agencies on aging, to help integrate aging needs into local plans and ensure that aging Ohioans have access to a wide array of high-quality services and supports that are person-centered in policy and practice. Our programs include the PASSPORT Medicaid waiver, caregiver support, the long-term care ombudsman program, the Golden Buckeye Card and more. Visit www.aging.ohio.gov.

AEP Ohio and utilities unite against scams that are targeting customers

GAHANNA, Ohio – AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP), is joining forces with more than 80 gas and electric utility companies across the United States and Canada to fight scams targeting customers.

The companies have seen an uptick in the number of scam attempts across the country, especially around the holidays, and criminals are using more sophisticated tactics.

Criminals are posing as utility company representatives and threatening to shut off power unless immediate payment is made or personal information is given.

AEP Ohio urges customers to be wary of suspicious phone calls demanding payment.

In an effort to arm customers against these fraudulent activities, the utility industry has designated Nov. 16 as Utilities United Against Scams Day. "AEP Ohio takes the security

and privacy of our customers very seriously," said Karen Shookster, director of customer services and marketing. "Customers should watch for the warning signs associated with these types of scams and notify local law enforcement right away."

Signs of potential scam activities over the phone include:

• Threatening to shut off power unless an immediate payment is made;

• Telling customers they need a new electric meter, but must make a payment before the new meter is installed;

• Offering a discount on their AEP Ohio bill if they sign up for auto-pay; or

• Demanding that a deposit be paid immediately.

If AEP Ohio customers receive suspicious phone calls that meet any of the criteria above or feel threatened, they should immediately call local law enforcement

and then AEP Ohio at 1-800-672-2231. Customers should never dial phone numbers provided by a suspicious caller.

AEP Ohio will never:

• Demand an immediate payment;

• Insist a payment be made with a prepaid credit card; or

• Ask a customer to meet a representative at another location to make a payment.

For more information visit AEPOhio.com/StopScams.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio, a unit of American Electric Power (AEP), and AEP Ohio Transmission Company Inc. propose to rebuild a 138-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line in Belmont County.

The project is known as the **Speidel-Barnesville 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project**. AEP Ohio Transco filed its application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) under Case No. 16-0437-EL-BTX. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this project. The application to construct, operate and maintain this facility is pending before the board.

DATE, TIME AND LOCATIONS OF PUBLIC HEARING

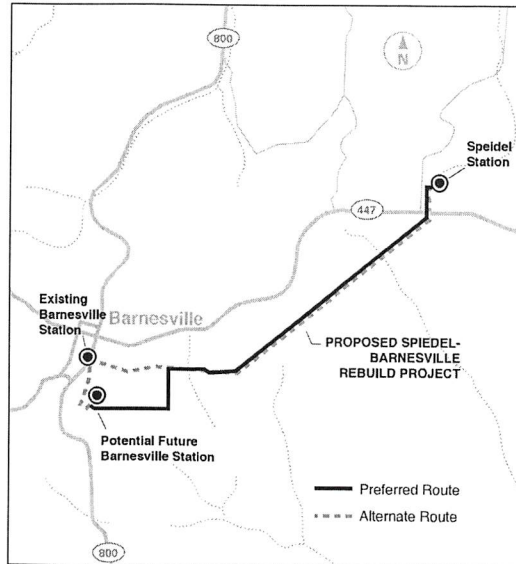
The public hearing in this case shall consist of two parts:

(a) A local public hearing is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, at Barnesville High School, 910 Shamrock Drive, Barnesville, Ohio 43713. At this local public hearing on Dec. 1, the public will be given an opportunity to comment on this project to the OPSB. AEP Ohio and its affiliate, AEP Ohio Transmission Company Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco), invite all residents and property owners who wish to present written or oral testimony, to attend this public hearing; and

(b) An adjudicatory hearing commencing at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 160 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The hearing on Dec. 15, 2016, at the PUCO offices is open to the public, but participation is limited to the parties in the case.

The proposed Speidel-Barnesville transmission line is part of the overall Barnesville Area Improvements Project. The existing 69-kilovolt (kV) facilities were built in the 1940s. These will be replaced with 138-kV lines and structures that are somewhat taller and of sturdier construction. This will allow the lines to carry more current and help meet customers' increased demand for power. The company anticipates completion of this project in spring 2018.

The Speidel-Barnesville 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project will help ensure the continued reliability of the transmission system, which is vital to AEP Ohio's current customers and supports the development of the area's economy.



The Speidel-Barnesville line is about four miles long, depending on the route selected. The line will likely run through Warren Township in Belmont County.

AEP Ohio Transco projects the Speidel-Barnesville line will be an approximate \$16 million investment.

The accompanying map depicts the two proposed routes for the Speidel-Barnesville line. It should be noted that due to the reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide.

This is the second notice regarding this project's respective hearing dates. The first notice was mailed to residents and landowners on Oct. 13, 2016.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call 614-552-1929 or 1-877-215-9261 or send an email inquiry to beschmidt@aep.com. Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

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