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Honorable Nicholas J. Walstra, Administrative Law Judge Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

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RE: Herlan – Blue Racer 138 kV Transmission Line Project OPSB Case No.: 16-1858-EL-BTX Proof of Notification – Letters to Property or Land Owners Regarding the Public Hearing and Adjudicatory Hearing Date and Time

Dear Judge Walstra:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., (AEP Ohio Transco) files this proof of notification in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4906-3-10(A). The initial notice followed all the requirements of OAC 4906-3-09(A)(1)(a-h). Enclosed is a sample of the initial notice. All letters were mailed on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 via first class mail.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Hector Garcia</u> Hector Garcia Counsel for AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.

## <u>Herlan – Blue Racer 138 kV</u> <u>Transmission Line Project</u> <u>Sample Initial Notice</u>

AEP Ohio 700 Morrison Road Gahanna, OH 43230



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Attn: Important information about your property «FIRST\_NAME» «LAST\_NAME» «CO\_NAME» «MAILING\_ADDRESS» «CITY\_», «STATE» «ZIP»

## RE: Notice of Local Public Hearing for a Proposed Major Utility Facility AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. Herlan – Blue Racer 138 kV Transmission Line Project Ohio Power Siting Board Case Number: 16-1858-EL-BTX

## Dear Landowner,

A local public hearing for the proposed Herlan – Blue Racer 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 6 p.m., at Shenandoah High School, 49346 Seneca Lake Road, Sarahsville, Ohio 43779. An adjudicatory hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at 10 a.m., 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-D, at the office of the OPSB.

The project is known as the Herlan – Blue Racer 138 kV Transmission Line Project. AEP Ohio Transco filed its Application with the OPSB, under Case No. 16-1858-EL-BTX. This number should be included in all communications about this project. The Application to construct, operate and maintain this facility is pending before the board<sup>1</sup>.

The proposed Herlan – Blue Racer transmission line involves building about 3 miles of 138-kV transmission line. The Herlan-Blue Racer 138-kV Transmission Line 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 new line will be built with steel, two pole structures. This line will run through Franklin and Seneca townships in Monroe County, Ohio. AEP Ohio Transco projects the Herlan – Blue Racer transmission line will be an approximate \$7 million investment.

The accompanying reduced-scale map depicts the project area. Copies of the Application, including specific details about the location and construction are available for public inspection at the Monroe County Public Library, and the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793, or by calling 1(866) 270-6772. You can also visit the OPSB's website at <a href="http://opsb.ohio.gov">http://opsb.ohio.gov</a>. Search under current cases for case number Case No. 16-1858-EL-BTX. Instructions for electronic or hard copy versions of the Applications can be found atwww.AEPOhio.com/Herlan-BlueRacer.

The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the Application as required by OPSB regulations: Monroe County Commissioners, Monroe County Engineer, Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Seneca Township Board of Trustees, and the Franklin Township Board of Trustees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Portions of the OPSB's siting requirements to approve applications is enclosed with this letter.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the board up to 30 days following publication of this notice required by Rule 4906-3-09, O.A.C. However, the board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and cite Case Number 16-1858-EL-BTX.

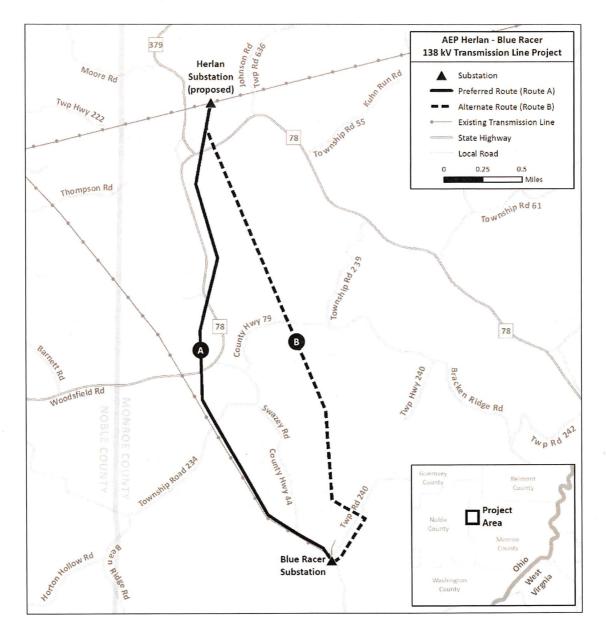
On behalf of AEP Ohio Transco and AEP Ohio, I look forward to seeing you at the public hearing.

Sincerely,

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Brett E. Schmied Project Outreach Specialist

cc: AEP Legal Counsel Alvaro E. Rodriquez, Project Manager



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Summary: Notification electronically filed by Mr. Hector Garcia on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company