

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the :
Application of AEP Ohio :
Transmission Company, Inc. :
for a Certificate of : Case No. 16-1557-EL-BTX
Environmental Compatibility :
and Public Need for the :
Construction of the West :
Bellaire-Glencoe 138 kV :
Transmission Line Rebuild :
Project. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Daniel Fullin, Administrative Law Judge, at
the Bellaire High School Cafeteria, 349 35th Street,
Bellaire, Ohio, called at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday,
November 14, 2017.

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1 Tuesday Evening Session,
2 November 14, 2017.

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4 A.L.J. FULLIN: The Ohio Power Siting
5 Board has scheduled this -- for this time and place
6 the matter of the Application of AEP Ohio
7 Transmission Company for a Certificate of
8 Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the
9 West Bellaire-Glencoe Transmission Line Project.
10 It's Case No. 16-1557-EL-BTX.

11 As I said, my name is Dan Fullin. I'm
12 the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.
13 And I'd like to now begin by having the appearance
14 from the counsel for the Applicant.

15 MS. BLEND: Sure. Thank you, Your
16 Honor. On behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company,
17 Inc., Christen M. Blend, American Electric Power
18 Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, 29th Floor,
19 Columbus, Ohio 43215. Thank you.

20 A.L.J. FULLIN: We also have two people
21 besides myself that are here from the Power Siting
22 Board, Jim O'Dell and Jill Kocher.

23 What we normally do is we get here early
24 enough that we have a sign-in sheet, but we got off
25 to a little bit late start today. So I figured what

1 I would just do, the purpose of the hearing today is
 2 to allow members of the public to give comments to
 3 the Board for the Board's consideration in this case.
 4 And what we normally do is have anyone that wants to
 5 provide a comment -- it can be a written or an oral
 6 comment -- but if you're here to provide the comment
 7 live by, you know, oral testimony, then I'll have --
 8 I'll raise my hand and -- ask who wants to testify,
 9 have you raise your hands, and then call each of you
 10 forward to give your testimony and have you come up
 11 here to the front so that the court reporter can hear
 12 the testimony. I'll swear you in first, unless you
 13 choose not to be sworn in, let me know that. So
 14 that's the way we'll proceed and that's the purpose
 15 of tonight's meeting.

16 It's not a question-and-answer session
 17 so much as a chance for anyone that already has a
 18 comment about the application to make their comment
 19 here at today's hearing.

20 There's also going to be a full
 21 evidentiary hearing on this case, and that is
 22 scheduled for the Board's offices in Columbus for
 23 November 21st at 10:00 o'clock. Normally those that
 24 provide testimony at the public hearing are providing
 25 their commentary here, and the people that testify at

1 the evidentiary hearing, that's when the company will
2 put on its case in chief and anyone else that's
3 already been named as a party, which in this case --
4 or an intervenor in the case. In this case, I don't
5 think we have anyone that's entered an appearance as
6 an intervenor. So, again, this is probably the best
7 opportunity for you to provide public comment if you
8 wish to do so.

9 The subject of the hearing today is the
10 application filed by AEP on January 27th, and it was
11 later supplemented on August 18th, both of this year.
12 The company's seeking to construct a 138 kilovolt
13 transmission line in Belmont County. The purpose of
14 the line is to -- involves upgrading an existing 69
15 kilovolt transmission line and converting it to a
16 partial 69 kV and a 135 kV line in Pultney, Richland,
17 and Smith Townships. So that's what the Board will
18 end up making its decision based on the testimony
19 tonight, the testimony at the evidentiary hearing,
20 and the application itself.

21 So with that, I'll get started by asking
22 is there anyone here that wants to testify tonight?
23 And if so, let me know by raising your hand. If you
24 want to -- I see you raised your hand. If you want
25 to come forward, or you can probably remain where you

1 are as long as she can hear what you're saying.
 2 Because you're in the middle of the room, you can
 3 probably be heard better from where you're at as long
 4 as she can hear your testimony. If you wanted to
 5 give sworn testimony, I'll swear you in first.

6 MR. HODOROWSKI: That's fine.

7 A.L.J. FULLIN: Okay. I guess you
 8 should be -- stand to be sworn. Do you swear the
 9 testimony you'll give tonight will be the truth, the
 10 whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

11 MR. HODOROWSKI: Yes, sir.

12 A.L.J. FULLIN: Thank you. If you would
 13 begin by giving us your name and address, and maybe
 14 whatever affiliation you might have, if you have one.

15 MR. HODOROWSKI: Okay. My name is David
 16 Hodorowski. This is my wife, Wendy. We are at the
 17 65545 McCurdy Road property. It is subject to your
 18 alternate route.

19 We just want to voice our concern with
 20 having that alternate route taken. We feel that it
 21 will greatly impact the resale property value of our
 22 home. We've recently made some very expensive
 23 additions to our home, and we're worried about the
 24 fact that this would be a third high voltage power
 25 line that will not only traverse our property, but

1 also have a 90 degree turn coming down a second side
2 of our property. I mean, that's basically what we're
3 here for is just to voice our concern, you know,
4 hoping that you will choose the preferred direction
5 of travel for this new high voltage line.

6 A.L.J. FULLIN: All right. Thank you.
7 If you could spell your name for the record.

8 MR. HODOROWSKI: H-o-d-o-r-o-w-s-k-i,
9 David and Wendy.

10 A.L.J. FULLIN: Thank you. And so as I
11 understand your testimony, your concern is about the
12 alternate route. And what I'm understanding is --

13 MR. HODOROWSKI: That's correct.

14 A.L.J. FULLIN: -- maybe it's not the
15 preferred route, but I forget what term you used.

16 MR. HODOROWSKI: You have two listed,
17 preferred and alternate.

18 A.L.J. FULLIN: And the preferred route
19 is something that you would prefer as well because it
20 would have less impact on you --

21 MR. HODOROWSKI: That's exactly correct.

22 A.L.J. FULLIN: -- as individuals?

23 MR. HODOROWSKI: Yeah. From an impact
24 from aesthetic, as well as, you know, potential
25 additional electromagnetic radiation from additional

1 power line behind our house and then directly
2 alongside. We are the property that literally is in
3 that corner of the alternate route.

4 A.L.J. FULLIN: Okay. Thank you.

5 Is there anything else you wanted to
6 add?

7 MR. HODOROWSKI: No. That should do it.

8 A.L.J. FULLIN: All right. If not, then
9 I'll ask if there's anyone else that wants to testify
10 tonight. Let me know by raising your hand.

11 (No response.)

12 A.L.J. FULLIN: Okay. I don't see
13 anyone else raising their hand.

14 Is there anything that the staff wanted
15 to bring up that I didn't already address?

16 MR. O'DELL: No, sir.

17 A.L.J. FULLIN: Or the company, anything
18 that you wanted to say at this time?

19 MS. BLEND: Not at this time, Your
20 Honor. Thank you.

21 A.L.J. FULLIN: Okay. Well, then
22 that -- I think that's really all we were here for
23 tonight is whoever came and wanted to testify, and
24 we've had that. So I will bring this to a close.
25 We'll be adjourned for the evening, and the record is

1 closed for tonight.

2 (Thereupon, the hearing was

3 concluded at 6:13 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings
taken by me in this matter on Tuesday, November 14,
2017, and carefully compared with my original
stenographic notes.

Carolyn D. Ross
Carolyn D. Ross,
Registered Professional
Reporter and Notary
Public in and for the
State of Ohio.

My commission expires April 3, 2019.
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