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Chairman Asim Z. Haque
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

RE: PUCO Case No. 18-0031-EL-BTX
Pine Ridge Switch – Heppner 138kV Transmission Line Project
aka the Coal Township 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project
Proof of Notification – O.A.C. 4906-3-03(B)(2) Letters to Property
Owners and Tenants Regarding the Public Information Open House

Dear Chairman Haque:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco) files this proof of notification pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-3-03(B)(2). AEP Ohio Transco mailed the attached correspondence to each property owner and affected tenant in compliance with the rule's requirements via first class mail on January 4, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christen M. Blend

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cc: Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff



AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

January 4, 2018

Attn: Important information about your property

«NAME»

«ADDRESS»

«CITY», «ST» «ZIP»

Re: Notice of Public Information Meeting for a Proposed Major Utility Facility
AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.
Coal Township 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project Open House Invitation
Ohio Power Siting Board Case Number 18-0031-EL-BTX

Dear Property Owner or Resident:

AEP Ohio is upgrading the local electric transmission system in Jackson County and you have been identified as a landowner along or adjacent to the existing transmission line.

Please join us for an informational open house from **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 25 at Northview Elementary School located at 11507 Chillicothe Pike in Jackson. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.** The open house will run until 7:30 p.m. The informational open house provides the opportunity to meet and talk with project representatives and view detailed maps. There is no formal presentation. You may come and go at any time.

The proposed Coal Township 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project is part of the overall Jackson-Ross Area Improvements Project and includes upgrading about 4 miles of transmission line to 138 kV standards. The new transmission line will be built adjacent to the existing transmission line, which will be removed once construction is complete. AEP Ohio may supplement current easements to accommodate the need to expand the existing right-of-way. This project is located in Liberty and Coal townships in Jackson County and will update an aging transmission line which will improve the electric transmission reliability in the area by decreasing extensive outages. The project will use several structure types, including steel H-frame and monopoles that will be about 100-feet tall. AEP Ohio anticipates completion of this project at the end of 2021. Early estimates show this is an approximate \$8 million investment.

The rules established by the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) require AEP Ohio to study multiple routes and to submit two routes for the board's evaluation. Either route will allow AEP Ohio to satisfy its objectives for improving the transmission system. Each route has advantages and drawbacks. The public information meeting will help us determine which route to recommend as preferred and which to recommend as the alternate route.

The OPSB is responsible for reviewing all the information related to the project – including input from the public – and determining whether the facility will meet the suitability and necessity requirements of the siting process. Ohio's siting process requires that proposed facilities:

- satisfy the public need criteria for the facility;
- satisfy all engineering requirements of the project;
- address the compatibility of the facility with existing land use in the area; and
- address the socioeconomic, land use, ecological, cultural and environmental effects of the facility on the area.

The OPSB will make the final decision regarding which route is selected. Members of the public are encouraged to comment about this project. You can comment by calling Erin Miller at 614-552-1929 or 877-215-9261 or sending an email inquiry to ecmiller1@aep.com.

You can also send your comments directly to the OPSB at its contact information listed below. Petitions to intervene in the OPSB process can be filed to the siting board up to 30 days following the public notice announcing the public hearing.

To request notice of the public hearing, please call or email Erin Miller at contact information listed above.

Contact information for the OPSB:

Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793
1(866) 270-6772
contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us
<http://opsb.ohio.gov>

Additional information about this project can be found online at AEPOhio.com/Coal. You may also request information or comment on the project by using our website.

On behalf of AEP Ohio, I look forward to seeing you at the public informational open house.

Sincerely,

Erin Miller

AEP Ohio Project Outreach Specialist



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Summary: Notification (Proof of Notification - Ltrs to Property Owners and Tenants re Public Info Open Hse) electronically filed by Ms. Christen M. Blend on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Power Company, Inc.