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RE: Pre-Application Notification Letter
In the matter of the application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Seaman-Sardinia 138 kV Transmission Line Project.
Case No. 18-0033-EL-BTX

Dear Chairman Haque:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) files this pre-application notification letter in accordance with Rule 4906-3-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code. According to this provision, a prospective applicant must hold a public informational meeting within 90 days before filing an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need and provide this notice to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) at least 15 days before the public informational meeting. Specifically, O.A.C. 4906-3-03 requires:

- (1) A basic description of the project that shall include information about the anticipated function, equipment size, approximate aerial extent, general location, and purpose of the project.**

AEP Ohio Transco proposes the Seaman-Sardinia 138 kV Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) to improve reliability in the surrounding area through the construction of a greenfield 138 kV looped tap from the nearby Hillsboro-Maysville 138kV line (Kenton (LGEE) – Wildcat 138 kV Circuit) and the conversion of the existing 69 kV Sardinia Station to 138 kV, allowing the existing 69 kV Seaman-Sardinia line and associated facilities to be retired. The Sardinia Station fence line will also be expanded to accommodate new 138 kV equipment.

The Project will be approximately 4.45 miles long. The line will run through Eagle Township in Brown County. AEP Ohio Transco anticipates building the new transmission line using several structure types, including steel monopoles.

AEP Ohio Transco estimates that the Project will cost approximately \$19 million.

AEP Ohio Transco expects to file an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Seaman-Sardinia 138 kV Transmission Line Project with the OPSB in spring 2018.

The Sardinia Station expansion will have the following major equipment:

- 2-138 kV CB's
- 138 kV Transformer circuit switcher

The new transmission line will have the following major equipment:

- Steel monopoles
- Conductor
- Shield wire
- Associated hardware

(2) The date, time, and location of the public informational meeting to be held pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule.

AEP Ohio Transco plans to hold a Public Information Meeting on February 1st, 2018, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Sardinia Elementary School, 7742 Tri County Road, Sardinia 45171. If there is any change to the meeting date, time or place, the OPSB Staff will be notified.

(3) A list of any anticipated waivers of the board's rules that the applicant will be requesting for the project.

At this time, AEP Ohio Transco does not anticipate filing any waivers.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christen M. Blend

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