

OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
AEP OHIO TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC.
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED TO
REBUILD THE ROSS-GINGER SWITCH 138kV
TRANSMISSION LINE IN ROSS COUNTY,
OHIO.

CASE NO. 17-637-EL-BTX

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on June 6, 2018

{¶ 1} Pursuant to R.C. 4906.04, no person shall construct a major utility facility without first having obtained a certificate from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board). In seeking a certificate, applicants must comply with the filing requirements outlined in R.C. 4906.04, as well as Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4906-2 and 4906-5.

{¶ 2} On December 13, 2017, AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco or Company) filed its application with the Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for its Ross-Ginger Switch 138 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Rebuild Project (the Project). In the application, AEP Ohio Transco explains that the Project is part of the overall Ross-Jackson Area Improvements Project, which the Company has implemented to improve the reliability of the electric transmission grid in Ross and Jackson counties, Ohio. The Project involves rebuilding approximately 4.8 miles of the existing Berlin-Ross 69kV transmission line to 138kV standards.

{¶ 3} On January 3, 2018, the Company filed supplemental application information.

{¶ 4} Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-06, by letter dated February 12, 2018, the Board notified AEP Ohio Transco that its application was compliant and provided sufficient information to permit Staff to commence its review and investigation.

{¶ 5} On March 8, 2018, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-08(A), the administrative law judge (ALJ) in this case filed an Entry setting the procedural schedule, including the date of a local public hearing and an evidentiary hearing.

{¶ 6} On June 4, 2018, a local public hearing was held at the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library, 140 South Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

{¶ 7} On June 6, 2018, AEP Ohio Transco filed a motion for an extension of the deadlines set by the March 8, 2018 Entry to allow the parties to continue settlement negotiations to resolve one or more issues in this case. Specifically, the Company requests that its testimony be due on June 12, 2018 and Staff and intervenor testimony be due June 15, 2018. The Company further requests an expedited ruling pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4906-2-27(C) and indicates that the motion is unopposed.

{¶ 8} Upon review, the ALJ finds that AEP Ohio Transco's motion is reasonable and should be granted. The procedural schedule set in the March 8, 2018 Entry is modified so that AEP Ohio Transco's testimony is due on June 12, 2018 and Staff and intervenor testimony is due on June 15, 2018.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the March 8, 2018 Entry be modified as noted in Paragraph 8. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

s/ Anna Sanyal

By: Anna Sanyal
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry modifying procedural schedule. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Anna Sanyal, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board