

## THE 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 FOR THE  
BELL RIDGE-DEVOLA 138KV TRANSMISSION  
LINE PROJECT.

CASE NO. 17-1907-EL-BTX

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on June 8, 2018

{¶ 1} On March 27, 2018, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued an Entry establishing a procedural schedule in this case, including the following items:

- (a) June 4, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. – Local public hearing commences.
- (b) June 8, 2018 - Deadline for Applicant, AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco), to file testimony.
- (c) June 13, 2018 – Deadline for intervenors and Staff to file testimony.
- (d) June 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. – Evidentiary hearing commences.

{¶ 2} On June 6, 2018, AEP Ohio Transco filed a motion (Motion for Extension) by which it seeks a modification of the procedural schedule, along with a request for an expedited ruling on that motion. The purpose of the modification being requested would be to allow the parties to continue further their ongoing settlement negotiations.

{¶ 3} Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-27(C) pertains to requests for expedited rulings on motions. Among other things, it indicates that: (a) any motion may include a request for an expedited ruling; and (b) if the request is for an extension of time of five days or less, an immediate ruling may be issued without the filing of an accompanying memorandum by which the movant might certify whether any party has an objection to the issuance of an expedited ruling.

{¶ 4} AEP Ohio Transco has submitted a memorandum in support of its request for expedited ruling on its Motion for Extension. AEP Ohio Transco submits that all parties have been contacted regarding both the June 6, 2018 Motion for Extension and the request for an expedited ruling on that motion. Further, AEP Ohio Transco certifies that no party opposes either the motion or the request for immediate ruling. Accordingly, the ALJ finds that, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4906-2-27(C), AEP Ohio Transco's request for an expedited ruling on its June 6, 2018 Motion for Extension should be granted.

{¶ 5} In support of its Motion for Extension, AEP Ohio Transco states that, since the completion of the June 4, 2018 local public hearing, the parties have been actively engaged in settlement negotiations that may resolve one or all disputed issues between Staff and AEP Ohio Transco, the only parties in the case. In order to facilitate continued settlement discussions and explore whether a partial or complete settlement may be reached, AEP Ohio Transco requests that the currently scheduled June 18, 2018 evidentiary hearing should remain in place, but that the deadlines for submission of testimony be modified so that AEP Ohio Transco's testimony is due June 12, 2018 and Staff and intervenor testimony is due June 15, 2018. In making its request, AEP Ohio Transco specifically reserves its right to seek a further modification to the procedural schedule in the event that a partial or complete Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation) is filed by two or more parties before June 12, 2018, in order to accommodate the preparation of testimony in support of the Stipulation, possible preparation of testimony in opposition to the Stipulation, and the parties' preparation for hearing.

{¶ 6} The ALJ finds good cause exists for granting the June 6, 2018 Motion for Extension and, indeed, it is hereby granted.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That AEP Ohio Transco's request for an expedited ruling on its June 6, 2018 Motion for Extension be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That AEP Ohio Transco's June 6, 2018 Motion for Extension be granted. It is, further,

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

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s/Stacie Cathcart

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By: Stacie E. Cathcart  
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry granting motion for extension. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Stacie E. Cathcart, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board