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**RE: PUCO Case No. 18-0031-EL-BTX**  
**Pine Ridge Switch – Heppner 138kV Transmission Line Project**  
**aka the Coal Township**  
**Proof of Notification Pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-3-09(A)(1)**

Dear Chairman Haque:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) files this proof of notification in substantial compliance with Rule 4906-3-10(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code. The content of the initial notice complied with all requirements of O.A.C. 4906-3-09(A)(1), and all letters were mailed August 9, 2018, via first class mail.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christen M. Blend

Christen M. Blend (0086881), Counsel of Record  
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Counsel for AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.

cc: Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff



AEP Ohio  
700 Morrison Road  
Gahanna, OH 43230

August 9, 2018

**Attn: Important information about your property**

«NAME»

«ADDRESS»

«CITY», «ST» «ZIP»

**RE: First Notice of Local Public Hearing for a Proposed Major Utility Facility  
AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.  
Coal Township 138 kV Transmission Line Project  
Filed as Pine Ridge Switch-Heppner 138 kV Transmission Line Project  
Case No. 18-0031-EL-BTX**

Dear Landowner,

You are receiving this letter because you own property or live near a proposed transmission line project. We wanted to let you know that local public and evidentiary hearings have been scheduled for the proposed Coal Township 138 kV Transmission Line Project in Jackson County, which was filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) as the Pine Ridge Switch-Heppner 138 kV Transmission Line Project.

See details on the upcoming hearings below. Information about how to provide comments and testimony at the local public hearing is enclosed.

Event	Date/Time	Location
Local public hearing	6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018	Northview Elementary School Gymnasium 11507 Chillicothe Pike Jackson, Ohio 45640
Evidentiary hearing	10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018	Offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Hearing Room 11-C 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43215

The Coal Township 138 kV Transmission Line Project involves upgrading about 4 miles of transmission line in Jackson County. The accompanying reduced-scale map shows the project area. Updating the aging transmission line will improve electric transmission reliability in the area by decreasing extended outages. The project will involve the use of several structure types, including steel H-frames and monopoles that will be about 100 feet tall. Early estimates show this is an approximately \$8 million investment. We anticipate completion of this project in fall 2022.

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., (AEP Ohio Transco), an affiliate of AEP Ohio, filed its Application for this project with the OPSB under Case No. 18-0031-EL-BTX. The Application to construct, operate and maintain this facility is pending before the OPSB.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following service of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4606-03-09. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number.

Copies of the Application, including specific details about the location and construction of the project, are available for public inspection at the:

- Jackson City Library
- OPSB's website at <http://opsb.ohio.gov>. Search under current cases for Case No. 18-0031-EL-BTX. Instructions for electronic or hard copy versions of the Applications can be found at [AEPOhio.com/CoalTownship](http://AEPOhio.com/CoalTownship).

The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the application as required by OPSB regulations:

- Mayor Randy Heath
- Councilman Eric Brown
- Jackson County Board of Commissioners
- Jackson County Engineer
- Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Liberty Township Trustees
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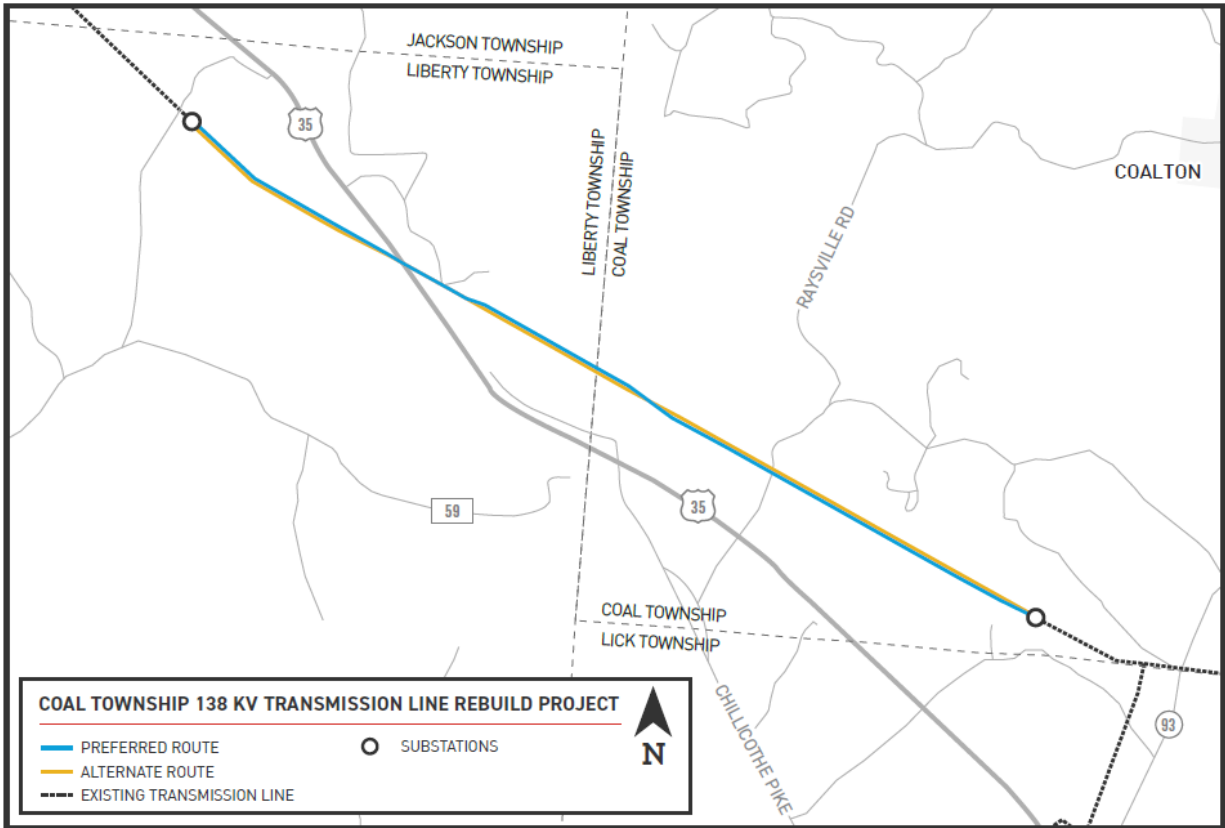
I look forward to seeing you at the local public hearing.

Sincerely,

Erin Miller



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Dear «ATTENTION»,

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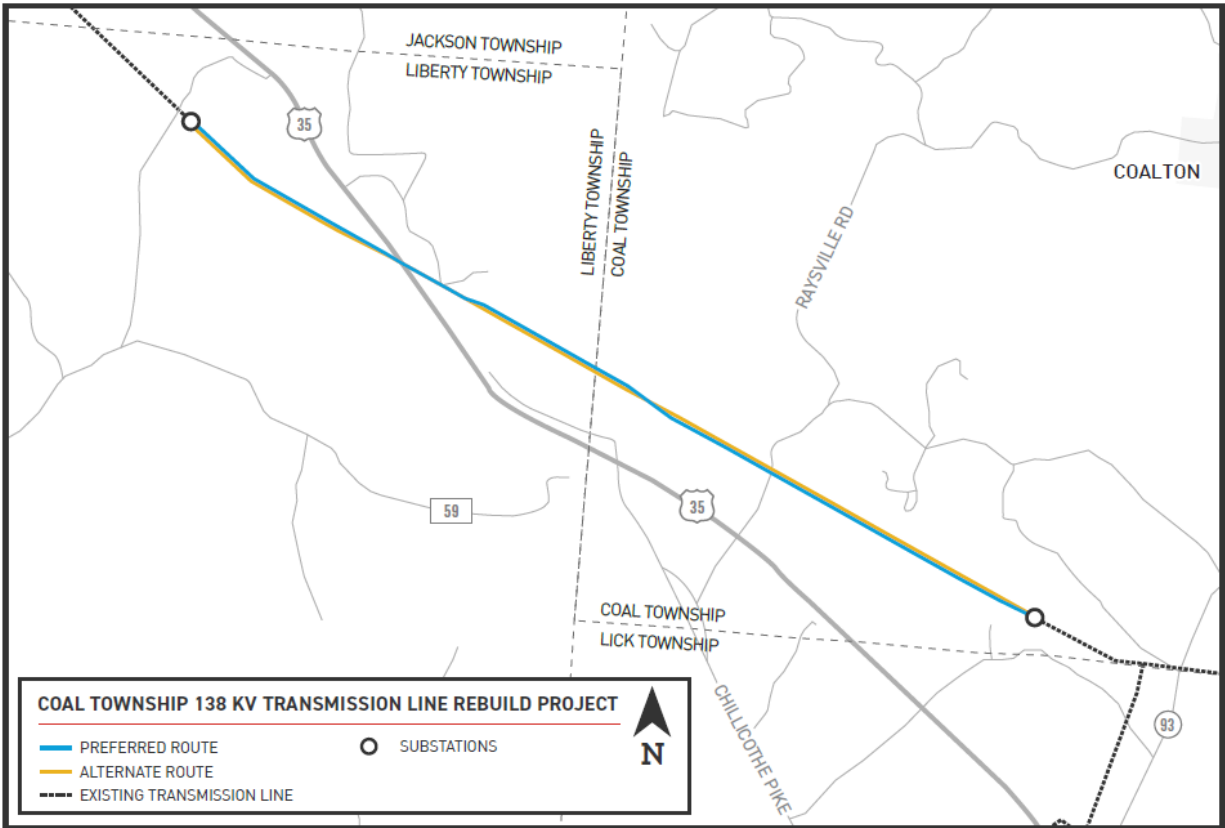
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At the public hearing, the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) will accept written or oral testimony from any person. AEP Ohio and its affiliate, AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco) invites all residents and property owners who wish to present written or oral testimony, to attend this hearing. The OPSB will consider comments from the public and the OPSB Staff Report when evaluating the application. The adjudicatory hearing is open to the public, but participation is limited to the parties in the case.

The following eight criteria are set forth in Section 4906.10 (A) of the Revised Code and will be used, along with additional information, by the OPSB in reviewing the application for a certificate to construct, operate and maintain this transmission line:

- The basis of need for the facility;
- The nature of the probable environmental impact of the proposed facility;
- The facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology, the nature and economics of alternatives and other pertinent considerations;
- In the case of electric transmission lines, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving Ohio and interconnected systems, and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- The facility will comply with chapters 3704, 3734 and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.34 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the Department of Transportation under Section 4361.341 of the Revised Code;
- The facility will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity;
- The facility's impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site of the proposed major utility facility; and
- The facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board considering available technology and the nature and economics of various alternatives.

### ***Section 4906.07, Revised Code provides that:***

Upon the receipt of an application, complying with Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the power siting board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon not less than 60 or more than 90 days after such receipt and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.

On the application for an amendment of a certificate, the board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held for an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternates set forth in the application.



The chairman of the power siting board shall cause each application filed with the board to be investigated and shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date any application is set for hearing, submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of Section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

***Section 4906.08 (C), Revised Code provides that:***



Any person residing in a municipal corporation or county entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under division (B) of section 4906.06 of the Revised Code and any other person, if the person has petitioned the board for leave to intervene as a party within thirty days after the date of publication of the notice required by division (C) of section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, and if that petition has been granted by the board for good cause shown.

The board, in extraordinary circumstances for good cause shown, may grant a petition, for leave to intervene as a party to participate in subsequent phases of the proceeding, that is filed by a person identified in division (A)(2) or (3) of this section that failed to file a timely notice of intervention or petition for leave to intervene, as the case may be.

The board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony.

**Contact:**

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## **How to Testify at an OPSB Public Hearing**

The hearing process allows the public to comment on a pending case before the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). The public hearing is a formal proceeding, not an informal meeting. Please respect the right of other participants to see, hear and fully participate in the proceeding. In order to facilitate an orderly public hearing and accommodate all those interested in participating, we ask the procedures outlined below be followed by everyone.

### **Hearing Procedures**

During the hearing, an OPSB administrative law judge, who conducts the hearing, representatives of other parties in the case, and a court reporter will be seated at the front of the room. There will be a sign-in table near the entrance to the room. If you wish to make a statement at the hearing, please print your name and complete address on the sign-in sheet.

When the hearing begins, the administrative law judge will explain the purpose for the hearing and call forward individuals to present testimony based on the order in which they signed-in. When it is your turn to speak, you will be asked to state your name and address for the record and to swear or affirm that what you are about to say is the truth.

Attorneys representing the applicant and other parties may ask you questions on cross-examination. The hearing will end once all interested individuals have testified. Please note, if you plan to participate as a witness at the adjudicatory hearing, please do not present testimony at the local public hearing.

### **Testimony**

If you wish to make a statement, please focus your testimony on the issues in this case. While there is not a specified time limit, please remember to keep your statement brief and to the point to allow time for others to speak. Your testimony will be transcribed by the court reporter and considered part of the official record of the case to be reviewed by the Board before they make their final decision. The hearing transcript will be made available in the online case record. While not necessary, if you have a prepared written statement, it would be helpful for you to provide a copy to the court reporter.

### **Written Comments**

If you have written comments but do not wish to present testimony, or if you have written comments from someone who was unable to attend this hearing, you may submit the comments to the administrative law judge. The written comments will be filed in the case record. Comments may also be submitted by email to [ContactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov](mailto:ContactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov) or by mail to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215.

### **Questions**

The local public hearing is your opportunity to provide testimony for the Board's consideration. If you have questions about the project as proposed in the application, representatives of the applicant will be available. OPSB representatives will also be available to answer questions about the OPSB process as it relates to the case proceeding, but cannot answer specific questions about the *Staff Report of Investigation*, its findings, and recommendations. Copies of the staff report are available for your review at [www.OPSB.ohio.gov](http://www.OPSB.ohio.gov).

**This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities**

**Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on**

**8/16/2018 11:56:13 AM**

**in**

**Case No(s). 18-0031-EL-BTX**

Summary: Notification (Initial Proof of Notification Pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-3-09(A)(1))  
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