

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of AEP :
Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. for a :
Certificate of Environmental : Case No. 17-0638-EL-BTX
Compatibility and Public Need for :
Construction of the Ginger Switch - Vigo :
138kV Transmission Line Project. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
JON C. PAWLEY
SITING, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

Staff Exhibit 2

September 11, 2018

1 1. Q. Please state your name and your business address.

2 A. My name is Jon C. Pawley, and my business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus OH 43215.
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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission)
7 as a Utility Specialist 3 in the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable Energy
8 Division of the Commission's Rates and Analysis Department.
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10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

11 A. I received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Architectural
12 Technology from SUNY Alfred State College in 1986, a Bachelor of Arts
13 degree in Environmental Design from the University of Buffalo in 1991,
14 and a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from the Ohio State
15 University in 1993.

16 I have been employed by the Commission for roughly twenty years. More
17 recently, my responsibilities at the Commission have primarily involved
18 social and cultural resource matters associated with site planning of major
19 utility facilities in the state of Ohio. I have also been the Staff lead on
20 numerous applications for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and
21 Public Need before the Board.
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1 4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Board?

2 A. Yes. I have testified in many cases before the Board concerning Staff's
3 investigation and report findings and recommendations on proposed siting
4 projects involving power plants, wind farms, substations, and transmission
5 lines.

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7 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

8 A. I am sponsoring the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was
9 filed August 15, 2018 in this docket. I am the Staff project lead. I man-
10 aged the Staff investigation and preparation of the Staff Report in this case.

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12 6. Q. Please describe the type of case being considered in this proceeding.

13 A. The Applicant proposes to rebuild a new transmission line that would
14 operate at 69 kV until 138 kV service would be needed to serve future
15 customer load.

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17 7. Q. Please summarize Staff's investigation that was conducted in this case.

18 A. Staff's investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site
19 visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information
20 from the applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that comprise the
21 Board along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a
22 Staff Report that presents Staff's analysis, conclusions, and

1 recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff is recom-
2 mending that the Board approve the application, subject to the 21 condi-
3 tions that are presented in the Staff Report.

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5 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

6 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
7 mony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in response
8 to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Jon C. Pawley** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail upon the following parties of record this 11th day of September, 2018.

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