

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application by)
Toledo Edison for a Certificate of Environmental) Case No. 18-1402-EL-BNR
Compatibility and Public Need for the Delta-Wauseon)
138 kV Transmission Line Tap to Metal X Project (TE))**

Members of the Board:

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To the Honorable Power Siting Board:

Please review the attached Staff Report of Investigation, which has been filed in accordance with Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) rules. The accelerated certificate application in this case is subject to an automatic approval process as required by Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 4906.03 and Ohio Administrative Code 4906-6.

Staff recommends the application for automatic approval November 1, 2018, unless suspended by the Board, an administrative law judge, or the chairperson or executive director of the Board for good cause shown. If suspended, the Board must render a decision on the application within 90 days from the date of suspension.

Please present any concerns you or your designee may have with this case to my office at least four business days prior to November 1, 2018, which is the recommended automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 18-1402-EL-BNR
Project Name: Delta-Wauseon 138 kV Transmission Line
Tap to Metal X Project (TE)
Project Location: Fulton County
Applicant: Toledo Edison
Application Filing Date: October 10, 2018
Filing Type: Expedited Construction Notice
Inspection Date: October 16, 2018
Report Date: October 25, 2018
**Recommended Automatic
Approval Date:** November 1, 2018
Applicant's Waiver Requests: none
Staff Assigned: J. O'Dell and J. Cross

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

Application: ☒ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☐ Approval with Conditions
Waiver: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Not Applicable

Project Description and Need

Toledo Edison (Applicant or TE) proposes to install 100 feet of 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The new 138 kV line would provide the final conductor span for a proposed customer-owned substation for Metal X, an industrial metal processing and recycling facility.

The Applicant's proposed line is part of a larger project that would interconnect with the existing Delta-Wauseon 138 kV Transmission Line Tap to Nature Farms Substation. Toledo Edison, a FirstEnergy company, would install and own the Metal X project's final 100-foot conductor span. The balance of the Metal X project is the subject of another filing currently pending before the Board (ref: Case Number 18-1401-EL-BNR). The total length of the entire transmission line tap would be 715 feet.

The estimated capital costs of this proposed transmission project total \$72,900 and those costs would be borne by TE. The project area is located within existing right-of-way and no new easements would be required. This project was not included in FirstEnergy Corporation's most recent Long-Term Forecast Report (LTFR) filing, as the request to supply the new customer's substation was not known at the time the LTFR filing.

Nature of Impacts

Land Use

The project area is located in York Township, Fulton County. The proposed single wood pole transmission line route parallels a county road and it would be entirely installed within the Metal X fence line. The surrounding land use is industrial. The project area is located within existing right-of-way, and no new easements would be required.

Cultural Resources

The Applicant has relied on a cultural resource survey that was conducted by American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI) to ascertain potential impacts to historical properties and archaeological sites. The survey determined that adverse impacts to historical properties and archaeological sites are not expected.

Ecological Impacts

Adequate ingress and egress are available for construction. The Applicant has relied on an investigation conducted by ATSI that concluded that it is unlikely that the proposed project would have a significant adverse impact on ecological resources. No vegetative removal would be required. No wetlands, ponds or waterbodies are present. Best management practices would be employed to prevent soil erosion.

Conclusion

Staff's review of the application included consideration of the requirements listed in Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.10. Based on Staff's review, the application meets the necessary criteria for granting a certificate. Staff recommends automatic approval of this application on November 1, 2018.

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