

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the :
Application of AEP Ohio :
Transmission Company, Inc. :
for a Certificate of : Case No. 18-0031-EL-BTX
Environmental Compatibility:
and Public Need for the :
Pine Ridge Switch-Heppner :
138 kV Transmission Line :
Project. :
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PROCEEDINGS

Before L. Douglas Jennings, Administrative Law Judge,
at the Northville Elementary School Gymnasium, 11507
Chillicothe Pike, Jackson, Ohio, called at 6:00 p.m.
on Wednesday, October 10th, 2018.

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On behalf of the American Electric Power
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1 Wednesday Evening Session,
2 October 10th, 2018.

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4 ALJ JENNINGS: I'm going to go on the
5 record. The Ohio Power Siting Board has assigned for
6 public hearing at this time and place Case No.
7 18-0031-EL-BTX, which is captioned In the Matter of
8 the Application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company for
9 a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and
10 Public Need for the Pine Ridge Switch-Heppner 138
11 kilovolt Transmission Line Project.

12 My name is Doug Jennings, and I'm the
13 Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Ohio Power
14 Siting Board to preside over this hearing. With me
15 are staff members who are available for questions
16 after today's hearing.

17 At this point in the proceeding I'll ask
18 the parties to enter an appearance on the record.

19 MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor. Good
20 evening. On behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company,
21 Inc., Christen M. Blend, American Electric Power
22 Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, 29th floor,
23 Columbus, Ohio 43215, and with me this evening are
24 members of AEP's right-of-way and siting teams who
25 are also available to answer questions after the

1 hearing.

2 ALJ JENNINGS: Thank you. I'll make a
3 statement for the record. The subject of this
4 evening's hearing is the application filed on
5 March 29th, 2018 to construct a 138 kilovolt
6 transmission line project in Jackson County, Ohio.

7 This public hearing is only one aspect
8 of this process. I would note that another hearing
9 will be scheduled later this month which will be an
10 evidentiary hearing, and that will be held in
11 Columbus, Ohio.

12 The purpose of this evening's hearing is
13 to receive comments from the public regarding AEP
14 Ohio Transmission Company's application. This is not
15 intended to be a question and answer session, but is
16 intended as an opportunity for local community
17 members to express their opinions about the company's
18 proposal.

19 I'll note that the Board Staff has filed
20 a Report of Investigation that was filed on
21 September 25th, 2018. I would emphasize that the
22 Board's Report of Investigation contains
23 recommendations that the Board is not bound to
24 follow, but will consider in this case.

25 Tonight's case is being transcribed by a

1 Court Reporter who will take down any testimony
2 that's provided.

3 I will note that we were prepared to
4 begin this hearing at 6:00. We waited for anyone who
5 may be interested to testify to appear in that time
6 period. It is my understanding that no one has
7 signed up to testify. It has been confirmed that no
8 one has expressed an interest in testifying.

9 So with that, I will wait for another
10 five minutes and see if anyone shows up late. If no
11 one shows up within that time I will adjourn the
12 proceedings. Let's go off the record.

13 (Recess taken.)

14 ALJ JENNINGS: Let's go back on the
15 record. Five minutes has gone by. There have been
16 no witnesses to show up to testify, therefore this
17 hearing is adjourned.

18 (Thereupon, the hearing was
19 adjourned at 6:16 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings
taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, October
10th, 2018, and carefully compared with my original
stenographic notes.

Valerie Grubaugh
Valerie Grubaugh,
Court Reporter and Notary
Public in and for the State
of Ohio.

My commission expires August 11, 2021.



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Summary: Transcript In the Matter of the Application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Pine Ridge Switch-Heppner 138 kV Transmission Line Project, hearing held on October 10th, 2018. electronically filed by Mr. Ken Spencer on behalf of Armstrong & Okey, Inc. and Grubaugh, Valerie