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IN RE:)
AEP Ohio Transmission Company)
Seaman-Sardinia 138 kV Transmission)
Line Project)
Case No. 18-0033-EL-BTX)

Date and Time:	Thursday, October 11, 2018 6:01 p.m.
Place:	Brown County Public Library Sardinia Branch 13309 Purdy Road Sardinia, Ohio 45171
Administrative Law Judge:	Daniel Fullin
For American Electric Power:	Christen M. Blend, Esq.
Reporter:	Kelly A. Graff Notary Public - State of Ohio



1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: I'd like to
3 start the hearing.

4 If everyone can hear me, I think I
5 won't stand. If you want me to stand, I
6 will stand.

7 The Ohio Power Siting Board has
8 assigned, at this time and place, a
9 public -- local public hearing in the
10 application by American Electric -- I'm
11 sorry -- AEP Ohio Transmission Company,
12 Case Number 18-33-EL-BTX, which is the
13 Application for Certificate of Environmental
14 Compatibility and Public Need for the
15 Seaman-Sardinia 138 Kilovolt Transmission
16 Line Project, also called the Sardinia Area
17 Improvements Project.

18 My name is Dan Fullin. I'm the
19 Administrative Law Judge with the Ohio Power
20 Siting Board that's been assigned to this
21 case. I will be, you know, making -- I'll
22 be handling today's hearing. And I'll also
23 be the one that's assigned to the
24 adjudicatory hearing.

25 I don't know if everyone has already

1 heard what I've already said, but I'm going
2 to try to go through it one more time.

3 The purpose of tonight's hearing is --
4 it's required by law that we have a local
5 public hearing in the area where the
6 transmission line is being proposed. And
7 the purpose of the hearing is limited to
8 allowing members of the public to testify or
9 make comments about anything that relates to
10 the application that they would like to
11 comment on. The purpose of -- that's the
12 limited purpose of the hearing.

13 The way I intend to proceed is that, if
14 you would like to make public comment and
15 have it be part of the record in this case,
16 the commission -- I keep calling it the
17 commission. I work for two agencies. I
18 work for the Power Siting Board and the
19 Public Utilities Commission. So I said the
20 wrong word. But I'm representing the Power
21 Siting Board here tonight.

22 And whatever comments we gather tonight
23 will be transcribed and made part of the
24 record in this case. And the board will use
25 those comments in making its decision in the

1 case.

2 And, additionally, there will be
3 another hearing that's scheduled to take
4 place on November the 5th. That will be
5 called the adjudicatory hearing,
6 technically. And it -- it will be another
7 part of the procedure in this case.

8 At the adjudicatory hearing, the
9 company itself will put on testimony in
10 support of its application. Anybody that
11 intervenes in the case can put on testimony
12 and, in any way, participate in the hearing
13 in terms of cross-examining other witnesses
14 at the -- at the adjudicatory hearing. And
15 the staff will be participating in the case,
16 as well, at that time, the staff of the
17 Ohio Power Siting Board.

18 So the way I intend to proceed tonight
19 will be, as soon as I'm done rambling on
20 here, to -- if we have a sign-up sheet, I'm
21 going to go get it and call the names off
22 the sign-up sheet of those that are
23 interested in providing comments.

24 After we've had everyone that's on the
25 list have their chance, I will then also ask

1 the room, as many times as necessary, for a
2 raise of hands of anyone that hasn't had a
3 chance to comment that wants to comment.

4 When we get done with all of those
5 comments in that format, then we'll bring
6 this to a close, because that's the --
7 okay -- that's the purpose for the hearing.

8 Now, when we do close and the reporter
9 will be able to leave, if you have
10 additional questions of either the board,
11 staff, myself, or the company, there's --
12 there's people here from the company -- I
13 think there's one, two, three, four, five --
14 six people here from the company. So, off
15 the record, on an informal basis, whatever
16 questions you would like to bring, we can
17 make the other purpose for tonight be about
18 that.

19 So that's the way I intend to proceed.
20 The other thing is, it would be best, if
21 you're providing testimony, that -- I would
22 like to swear you in or let you affirm your
23 comment, so that it will add additional
24 weight.

25 However, if you do not want to have

1 sworn testimony, I'll also allow you to make
2 a comment. I don't know that it will be
3 entitled to the same weight as -- as sworn
4 testimony or affirmed testimony. But you'll
5 have that option.

6 And with each person that I call on, I
7 would like to begin by having them swear or
8 affirm their -- their testimony, and then
9 also have them identify their name and
10 affiliation or address for the record.

11 So with that, I think we're ready to
12 proceed.

13 Oh, I should have the attorney for the
14 company make an appearance.

15 And, also, if you want to identify the
16 people that you have here from the
17 company -- or would you rather do that after
18 we conclude?

19 MS. BLEND: Thank you, Your Honor.

20 I will enter an appearance now.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.

22 MS. BLEND: On behalf of AEP Ohio
23 Transmission Company, Inc.,
24 Christen M. Blend, American Electric Power
25 Service Corporation, One Riverside Plaza,

1 29th Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

2 I don't want to identify everyone by
3 name, but with me this evening we have
4 members of the AEP Ohio Transmission
5 right-of-way siting and project management
6 and outreach teams.

7 Thank you.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. So
9 with that, I'll note that no one signed the
10 sign-up sheet, but that doesn't preclude
11 anyone from -- from giving their comment.

12 Let's have a show of hands of anybody
13 that would like to give a -- give a comment
14 on the record tonight.

15 Okay. I see that one person has their
16 hand up. You can remain -- we positioned it
17 so that the reporter should be able to hear
18 you and see you from where you're at. So I
19 guess I'll have you stand just to be sworn
20 in and then, after that, you can either
21 stand or sit down again. But you can
22 testify from where you're at.

23 (The oath was administered.)

24 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.
25 You can begin. And, again, if you -- I

1 would like it if you would identify yourself
2 for the record.

3 MR. BEST: My name is Tony Best. I
4 live at 8684 Five Points-Fincastle Road.

5 And my concern is, the initial mailings
6 that we had, it doesn't outline the specific
7 properties. So that's -- I think everyone's
8 concern at this point is where are the
9 right-of-ways. We want to know right now,
10 in this part of the process, what properties
11 these lines are going to go across.

12 So to further our input or to have any
13 input -- meaningful input in this hearing,
14 we need to know that, you know, that -- who
15 it's going to affect the most.

16 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Thank
17 you.

18 I'm wondering if the -- if the company
19 would have any response to that at this
20 point or, again, is it something that will
21 be discussed when we're finished here?

22 MS. BLEND: Thank you, Your Honor.

23 The company has no questions for
24 Mr. Best, but would be happy to speak with
25 him after the local public hearing regarding

1 the location of any proposed lines on his
2 property.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.

4 And -- and anyone else that has a similar
5 concern?

6 MS. BLEND: Absolutely.

7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay. Is
8 there anyone else that would like to make a
9 comment on the record tonight?

10 Okay. I don't see anyone's hand
11 raised. So that being the case, I will --
12 am prepared to bring this formal hearing to
13 a close and we'll be adjourned on -- on the
14 formal record in terms of receiving the
15 public comment and input.

16 And so we'll be adjourned.

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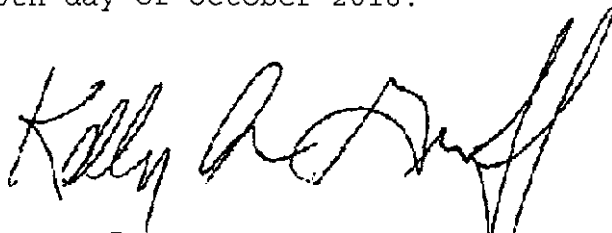
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STATE OF OHIO :
: SS
COUNTY OF HAMILTON :

I, Kelly A. Graff, the undersigned, a
duly qualified and commissioned notary public
within and for the State of Ohio, do certify that
the foregoing is the hearing given at said time
and place; and that I am neither a relative of
nor employee of any of the parties or their
counsel, and have no interest whatever in the
result of the action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand
and official seal of office at Cincinnati, Ohio,
this 20th day of October 2018.



Kelly A. Graff
Notary Public - State of Ohio
My commission expires October 26, 2021.

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