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15 Date and Time: Thursday, October 11, 2018  
6:01 p.m.16 Place: Brown County Public Library  
Sardinia Branch  
17 13309 Purdy Road  
Sardinia, Ohio 45171

18 Administrative

Law Judge: Daniel Fullin

19 For American

Electric Power: Christen M. Blend, Esq.

20 Reporter: Kelly A. Graff

Notary Public - State  
21 of Ohio

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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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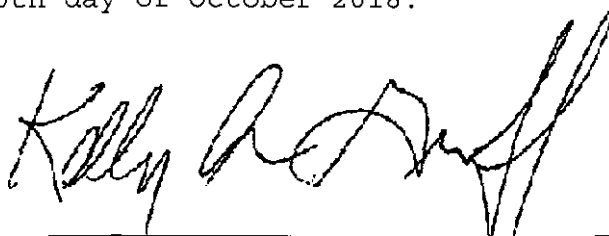
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STATE OF OHIO :  
: SS  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON :

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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