

BEFORE THE OHIO SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of: :  
: Case No. 18-31-EL-BTX  
In the Matter of the :  
Application of AEP Ohio :  
Transmission Company, :  
Incorporated, for a :  
Certificate of :  
Environmental :  
Compatibility and Public :  
Need for the Pine Ridge :  
Switch - Heppner 138kV :  
Transmission Line Project.:

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PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. L. Douglas Jennings Administrative Law  
Judge, at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,  
180 East Broad Street, Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio,  
called at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

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On behalf of the Staff of the Ohio  
Siting Board.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Bobby Jones, Member of the Public.

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October 24, 2018.

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My name is Doug Jennings. I am the Administrative Law Judge assigned by the Ohio Power Siting Board to preside over this case.

MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor. Good morning. On behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., Christen M. Blend, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

On behalf of Staff.

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1 Board Staff, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, by  
2 Thomas G. Lindgren, Assistant Attorney General. My  
3 address is 30 East Broad Street, 16th Floor,  
4 Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

5 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.  
6 Is there anyone here from the public who has come to  
7 testify or offer testimony?

8 MR. JONES: I'm just here to see what is  
9 going on with the power line going across my  
10 property. I went to a meeting down in Jackson  
11 County, and I didn't know about this until late last  
12 night. So I'm just here. I'm going to observe and  
13 see what they have to say.

14 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.  
15 Thank you.

16 MR. JONES: Thank you.

17 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: It is my  
18 understanding there is a Stipulation between the  
19 parties.

20 MR. LINDGREN: Yes, your Honor.

21 MS. BLEND: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Let's go  
23 ahead and proceed with the marking of exhibits.

24 MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor.

25 I'd like to mark several exhibits for the

Company. The first is AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 1, which is the Pre-Application Notification Letter filed in the docket on January 4, 2018.

The second is AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 2, Proofs of Publication filed January 9 and 11, 2018.

AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 3, the Application the Company filed in this action on March 29, 2018, which was certified as complete by the Board Staff on May 29, 2018.

AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 4, Notice of Compliance filed June 29, 2018.

AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 5, Proof of Notification filed on August 16, 2018.

AEP Ohio Transco No. 6, Proof of Publication and Notification filed September 25, 2018.

AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 7, the Direct Testimony of Alicia M. Cross, filed October 15, 2018.

I'd also like to mark Joint Exhibit 1, which is the Stipulation and Recommendation that the parties filed on October 15, 2018, which is also attached to Ms. Cross' testimony as Exhibit AMC-1.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: All

1 exhibits will be marked accordingly.

2 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

3 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Do you  
4 have a witness to call?

5 MS. BLEND: I do. I'd like to call  
6 Alicia M. Cross.

7 May I approach, your Honor?

8 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Yes.

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10 ALICIA M. CROSS

11 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was  
12 examined and testified as follows:

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 By Ms. Blend:

15 Q. Good morning, Ms. Cross.

16 A. Good morning.

17 Q. Could you please state and spell your  
18 name and state your business address?

19 A. Yes. Alicia M. Cross, A-L-I-C-I-A, M,  
20 C-R-O-S-S. My business address is 700 Morrison Road,  
21 Gahanna, Ohio, 43230.

22 Q. And can you identify the document that's  
23 been placed in front of you and marked as AEP Ohio  
24 Transco No. 7?

25 A. Yes. This is the Direct Testimony of



1 Alicia M. Cross on behalf of the AEP Ohio  
2 Transmission Company.

3 Q. Thank you. And was this testimony  
4 prepared by you or under your direction?

5 A. Yes, it was.

6 Q. And do you have any corrections or  
7 changes to your testimony at this time?

8 A. I do not.

9 Q. If I asked you the questions written in  
10 your testimony verbally today, would your answers be  
11 the same?

12 A. Yes, they would be.

13 MS. BLEND: Thank you.

14 Your Honor, at this point Ms. Cross is  
15 available for cross-examination.

16 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Do you  
17 have any questions?

18 MR. LINDGREN: No questions, your Honor.

19 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The Bench  
20 has no questions. Thank you.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

22 MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor. I  
23 will make a motion for the admission of AEP Transco  
24 Exhibits No. 1 through 7 and Joint Exhibit No. 1.

25 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Is there

1 any objections?

2 MR. LINDGREN: No, no objection, your  
3 Honor.

4 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The  
5 exhibits will be admitted into the record.

6 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

7 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Staff.

8 MR. LINDGREN: Yes, thank you. The Staff  
9 calls to the stand Jon Pawley.

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11 JON C. PAWLEY

12 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was  
13 examined and testified as follows:

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 By Mr. Lindgren:

16 Q. Good morning, Mr. Pawley.

17 A. Good morning.

18 Q. Could you please state your full name for  
19 the record?

20 A. Yes. My name is Jon Pawley, P-A-W-L-E-Y.

21 Q. Thank you. Where are you employed, sir?

22 A. I am part of the Ohio Power Siting Board  
23 Staff, and I'm employed at 180 East Broad Street,  
24 Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

25 Q. Thank you. Do you have before you a copy

1 of your prefiled testimony that has been marked as  
2 Staff Exhibit 2?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. Thank you. And was this testimony  
5 prepared by you or at your direction?

6 A. It was.

7 Q. Thank you. Do you have any changes or  
8 corrections to this testimony?

9 A. I do have one change.

10 Q. And what is that, sir?

11 A. On page 2 of my testimony, line 15, under  
12 Question 5, the response, the date listed on that is  
13 October 16, 2018, as to the document that I was  
14 supporting. That was the Joint Stipulation. It was  
15 actually filed on October 15, 2018. October 16 was  
16 the due date, I believe, that the Administrative Law  
17 Judge had set, but it was filed a day early.

18 Q. Thank you. Did you have any other  
19 changes?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. Thank you. So if I were to ask you all  
22 the questions contained in this exhibit, would your  
23 answers be the same?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Thank you. And do you also have before

1     you a copy of the Staff Report of Investigation that  
2     has been marked as Staff Exhibit 1?

3             A.     I do.

4             Q.     Thank you. Were you the person in charge  
5     of preparing this report?

6             A.     Yes, sir.

7             Q.     Thank you. And does it accurately  
8     reflect the results of Staff's investigation?

9             A.     Yes.

10            MR. LINDGREN: Thank you.

11            I have no further questions. The witness  
12     is available for cross-examination.

13            THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The Bench  
14     has no questions.

15            Insofar as support of the Stipulation, is  
16     that contained within the testimony?

17            MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor.  
18     Ms. Cross was the witness for the Company supporting  
19     the stipulation.

20            THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.

21            MS. BLEND: Her testimony addresses the  
22     three-prong test the Board requires in the  
23     Stipulation. A copy of the Stipulation is attached  
24     to her testimony as Exhibit AMC-1.

25            THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.

MR. LINDGREN: Your Honor, Mr. Pawley's  
prefiled testimony also notes that Staff supports the  
Stipulation.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.  
Mr. Pawley, you are excused.

Any other matters to come before the  
Bench?

MR. LINDGREN: Your Honor, I would move  
the admission of the Staff Report of Investigation  
filed in the docket on September 25, 2018, and I have  
marked that as Staff Exhibit 1. I also move for the  
admission of Staff Exhibit 2, which is the prefiled  
testimony of Jon C. Pawley.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The  
documents will be marked as indicated and admitted  
into the record if there is no objection.

MS. BLEND: No objection.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.  
The documents are admitted.

(EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION  
AND ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: If there  
is nothing further, we are adjourned. Thank you.

(The hearing adjourned at 10:10 a.m.)

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 24, 2018, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

*Rosemary Foster Anderson*  
 Rosemary Foster Anderson,  
 Professional Reporter and Notary  
 Public in and for the State of  
 Ohio.

My commission expires April 5, 2019.

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