

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application of)
American Electric Power Ohio Transmission Company)
for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and) Case No. 18-1386-EL-BNR
Public Need for the Hyatt-Genoa 138 kV Transmission)
Structure Relocation Project)**

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 (Ohio Adm.Code) 4906-6.

Staff recommends the application for automatic approval November 23, 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 23, 2018, which is the recommended automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 18-1386-EL-BNR
Project Name: Hyatt-Genoa 138 kV Structure Relocation Project
Project Location: Delaware County
Applicant: American Electric Power Ohio Transmission Company
Application Filing Date: October 31, 2018
Filing Type: Expedited Construction Notice
Inspection Date: November 7, 2018
Report Date: November 16, 2018
Recommended Automatic Approval Date: November 23, 2018
Applicant's Waiver Requests: none
Staff Assigned: J. Pawley

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

Application: ☒ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☐ Approval with Conditions

Waiver: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Not Applicable

Project Description and Need

The purpose of this project is to relocate three structures on the existing Hyatt-Genoa 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in order to accommodate road construction at the request of the City of Columbus. The site is located at the east side of the intersection of Worthington Road, Orion Place, and Olde Worthington Road in the city of Columbus, Delaware County. The City of Columbus is rebuilding the intersection to include a roundabout feature, so existing structures are needed to be removed and relocated in order to provide the extra space needed to rebuild the intersection.

One structure (s154-10) would be relocated 65 feet southeast of its current location, and one structure (s154-11) would be relocated 45 feet east of its current location. During the course of Staff's investigation, Staff was made aware that a third structure (s154-12) needs to be relocated approximately 6 feet from its current location for line engineering purposes. All work to be performed would be located within supplemental AEP easements, which the Applicant is in the process of obtaining from the property owners whose properties are currently subject to easements for the existing structures. The existing structures are wood monopole structures, and would be replaced by steel monopole structures at approximately the same height.

The Applicant anticipates that construction of this project would begin in November 2018, and that the facility would be placed in service by March 2019. The total cost of the structure relocation is estimated at \$450,000, and the Applicant notes that the City of Columbus would reimburse AEP Ohio Transco for its costs associated with the project as part of the intersection improvement project.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has permitting oversight of the roundabout project, and the Applicant states that a Categorical Exclusion Level 1 (CEL 1) document was completed by ODOT.

This project was not included in the Applicant's most recent Long-Term Forecast Report. In addition, the project was not submitted to PJM Interconnection LLC (PJM). The Applicant explained that it did not submit the project to PJM because there will not be an impact on the transmission system or its topology.

Nature of Impacts

Land Use Impacts

The structure relocation is located on commercial property adjacent to a heavily utilized intersection. No residential or agricultural land use would be impacted by this project. The project is located southeast of the Polaris Parkway interchange at Interstate 71.

Adjacent land use consists of commercial office space, hotels, restaurants and other commercial uses. The relocated structures would be placed within lawn areas of commercial development.

Because the project area has previously been developed extensively with roadways and commercial development, no impacts to cultural resources or historic properties are anticipated.

Ecological Impacts

The project area does not contain any streams or wetlands, and no impacts to off-site streams or wetlands would occur as a result of the project. The proposed project would not be located within a 100-year floodplain.

Some tree clearing and landscape removal along the existing roadway would be required for this project. The Applicant has committed to clearing within the seasonal bat clearing window as defined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and ODOT CEL1 document.

Since no in-water work in any stream is proposed, and there is a lack of suitable habitat, impacts to state and federal listed endangered species are not anticipated.

Conclusion

Staff's review of the application included consideration of the requirements listed in R.C. 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 23, 2018.

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Summary: Staff Report of Investigation electronically filed by Adam Bargar on behalf of
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