

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	)	
Environmental Compatibility	)	Case No.
and Public Need for the	)	18-33-EL-BTX
Buckley Road-Fremont Center	)	
138 kV Transmission Line Project	)	
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PROCEEDINGS

Before Daniel Fullin, Administrative Law Judge, at the  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad  
Street, Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio, on Monday,  
November 5, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

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Monday Morning,  
November 5, 2018  
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ALJ FULLIN: The Commission has called for -- not the Commission, the Power Siting Board has called for a hearing at this time and place Case No. 18-33-EL-BTX which is the Seaman-Sardinia 138kV Transmission line project case.

My name is Daniel Fullin, I'm the Administrative Law Judge assigned to this case, and I'll begin by asking for appearances beginning with the company.

MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor. On behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. Christen M. Blend, American Electric Power Service Corporation, One Riverside Plaza, 29th floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

ALJ FULLIN: All right, thank you. And now the Staff.

MR. LINDGREN: On behalf of the Board's Staff, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine by Thomas G. Lindgren, Assistant Attorney General, 30 East Broad Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

ALJ FULLIN: All right, thank you. I think I heard even before we started that nobody had any corrections. So if nobody has anything as a preliminary matter I'll just let the company begin by putting on their

1 case.

2 MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor. Before I call  
3 Ronald M. Howard, who's the witness sponsoring the  
4 stipulation recommendation in this case I'd like to mark  
5 several exhibits.

6 ALJ FULLIN: Okay.

7 MS. BLEND: Which are in a binder on the bench  
8 before you.

9 ALJ FULLIN: Yes. I see that they're here and  
10 that they're marked on the cover in each exhibit. So I'm  
11 just going to just kinda rely on those markings as the  
12 official markings of the exhibits.

13 MS. BLEND: Okay. Thank you, your Honor. At  
14 this time the company calls Ronald M. Howard, Jr.

15 ALJ FULLIN: Thank you. You'll be sworn in  
16 first.

17 (THE WITNESS WAS SWORN)

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19 ALJ FULLIN: Would you guys want him sitting here  
20 or -- why don't you -- you can testify from where you were  
21 if you want to.

22 MR. HOWARD: All right.

23 ALJ FULLIN: Okay.

24 MR. HOWARD: Thank you.

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1 RONALD M. HOWARD, JR.

2 called as a witness, being first duly sworn, testified as  
3 follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MS. BLEND:

6 Q. Good Morning, Mr. Howard.

7 A. Morning.

8 Q. Will you please state and spell your name for the  
9 record and state your business address?

10 A. Sure. Ronald M. Howard, Jr., H-O-W-A-R-D. 700  
11 Morrison Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. And I work for AEP  
12 Transmission Company.

13 Q. Thank you. Do you have before you what's been  
14 marked AEP Ohio Transco Exhibit No. 6.

15 A. Yes. I do.

16 Q. Can you identify that document?

17 A. It is the direct testimony of Ronald M. Howard,  
18 Jr., on behalf of AEP Transmission Company in the case of  
19 Seaman-Sardinia 138kV Transmission Line Project.

20 Q. Thank you. And was this testimony prepared by  
21 you or under your direction?

22 A. Yes, it was.

23 Q. Do you have any changes or corrections you need  
24 done at this time?

25 A. I do not.

1 Q. And if I asked you the questions contained in  
2 your prefiled testimony would your answers be the same?

3 A. Yes, they would.

4 Q. Okay. And do you agree with what's been marked  
5 as Joint Exhibit No. 1?

6 A. Yes, I do.

7 Q. Do you know what that document is?

8 A. Yes. It is the stipulation and recommendations  
9 for the Seaman-Sardinia 138kV Transmission Line Project.

10 Q. And this document was also attached as Exhibit  
11 RMH-1 to your testimony; correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 MS. BLEND: Thank you. I have no further  
14 questions for this witness, your Honor.

15 ALJ FULLIN: All right. Thank you. And the  
16 cross-examination.

17 MR. LINDGREN: I have no further questions, your  
18 Honor.

19 ALJ FULLIN: Thank you. I have no questions  
20 either. So are you moving exhibits at this time?

21 MS. BLEND: Yes, your Honor. I'd like to move  
22 for admission of AEP Ohio Transco Exhibits No. 1 through  
23 No. 6, and Joint Exhibit Number 1.

24 ALJ FULLIN: Okay. If there's no objections  
25 those will be admitted into evidence at this time. Do you



1 have anything further to present?

2 MS. BLEND: Nothing further, your Honor.

3 ALJ FULLIN: Mr. Lindgren, would you like to  
4 proceed with -- anything with the Staff?

5 MR. LINDGREN: Yes. Thank you, your Honor.  
6 Before I call a Staff witness I would like to mark two  
7 exhibits, if I may.

8 ALJ FULLIN: Okay.

9 MR. LINDGREN: First, I would like to have marked  
10 as Staff Exhibit 1 the Staff Report of Investigation filed  
11 in this docket on September 26, 2018.

12 ALJ FULLIN: Yes.

13 MR. LINDGREN: And then I would like to have  
14 marked as Staff's Exhibit 2, which is the prefiled  
15 testimony of Jon C. Pawley that was filed in this docket  
16 on October 24, 2018.

17 ALJ FULLIN: Yes. We'll mark those in the sense  
18 that they're already marked in the binder that was  
19 presented to me and labeled as such on the cover. And I  
20 think each exhibit is labeled that way so for the record  
21 they will be so marked.

22 MR. LINDGREN: Now at this time the Staff calls  
23 Jon C. Pawley to the stand.

24 ALJ FULLIN: Again, you can just testify from  
25 where you're at.

1 (THE WITNESS WAS SWORN)

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3 JONATHAN C. PAWLEY

4 called as a witness, being first duly sworn, testified as  
5 follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. LINDGREN:

7 Q. Good morning, Mr. Pawley.

8 A. Good Morning.

9 Q. Could you please state and spell your full name?

10 A. Yes. It's Jon Pawley, P-A-W-L-E-Y.

11 Q. And where is your business address?

12 A. My business address is 180 East Broad Street,  
13 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

14 Q. And where are you employed, Mr. Pawley?

15 A. I'm a staff member with the Public Utilities  
16 Commission of Ohio.

17 Q. Thank you. You have before you a copy of your  
18 prefiled testimony that has been marked as Staff Exhibit  
19 2.

20 A. I do.

21 Q. And was this testimony prepared by you at your  
22 direction?

23 A. Yes, it was.

24 Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to this  
25 testimony?

1           A.    No.

2           Q.    And if I were to ask you all the questions  
3 contained in this exhibit would your answers be the same  
4 today?

5           A.    Yes they would.

6           Q.    Thank you.  You also have before you a copy of  
7 the Staff Report of Investigation that has been marked as  
8 Staff Exhibit 1.

9           A.    I do.

10          Q.    Thank you.  And were you involved in the  
11 preparation of this report?

12          A.    Yes, I was.

13          Q.    And does this report accurately reflect the  
14 results of your investigation?

15          A.    Yes.

16          Q.    Thank you.  Also are you familiar with the terms  
17 of the stipulation and recommendation that has been marked  
18 as Joint Exhibit 1?

19          A.    Yes, I am.

20          Q.    Thank you.  And do you recommend that the Board  
21 adopt this stipulation and recommendation?

22          A.    Yes.  Staff does recommend that.

23               MR. LINDGREN:  Thank you.  I have no further  
24 questions.

25               ALJ FULLIN:  All right.  Any further questions?

1 MS. BLEND: No questions, your Honor. Thank you.

2 ALJ FULLIN: All right. Thank you.

3 MR. LINDGREN: Thank you, your Honor. And I will  
4 move for the admission of Staff's Exhibits 1 and 2.

5 ALJ FULLIN: If there's no objection they will be  
6 admitted into the record at this time. And do you have  
7 anything further to present to the court?

8 (Exhibits admitted into evidence)

9 MR. LINDGREN: Nothing, your Honor.

10 ALJ FULLIN: I don't think we have anything  
11 further from either of the parties or Staff and the  
12 parties. So I think it's appropriate to bring this  
13 hearing to a close at this time. We're adjourned.

14 MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor.

15 MR. LINDGREN: Thank you.

16 (At 10:00 a.m. the hearing was concluded)

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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 November 10, 2018, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

*Romaine James*

Romaine James,

Court Reporter

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