

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 : Case No. 18-279-EL-BTX  
Compatibility and Public :  
Need for the Glencoe- :  
Speidel 138 kV :  
Transmission Line Rebuild :  
Project. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Ms. Greta See, Administrative Law Judge, at  
the Ohio University Eastern Campus, Shannon Hall,  
45425 National Road West, Room 219, St. Clairsville,  
Ohio, called at 6:16 p.m. on Thursday, November 29,  
2018.

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6 On behalf of the Applicant.

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Thursday Evening Session,  
November 29, 2018.

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ALJ SEE: The Ohio Power Siting Board has  
scheduled for public hearing at this time and place  
Case No. 18-279-EL-BTX which is entitled in the  
Matter of the Application of AEP Ohio Transmission  
Company, Inc., for a Certificate of Environmental  
Compatibility and Public Need for Its Glencoe-Speidel  
138 Kilovolt Transmission Line Rebuild Project.

My name is Greta See, and I am an  
Attorney Examiner with the Legal Department of the  
Ohio Power Siting Board. I am filling in for the  
assigned Attorney Examiner Dan Fullin. My colleague  
John Pawley, who you -- who is also employed by the  
Board, and you likely met when you first came in,  
is -- can answer questions about the process if you  
choose to leave before the hearing gets concluded; or  
if you wait a few minutes afterwards, Mr. Pawley and  
I will address any further process questions you  
might have.

Mr. Pawley also asked if you wanted to  
offer testimony tonight. At this point no one has  
signed up to offer testimony, but if you do, when you  
come forward, I'll ask you to be sworn in or affirm

1 that the information you are about to give is true.  
2 I will ask you to state and spell your name for the  
3 record and to provide us your address.

4 The whole purpose of this hearing tonight  
5 is for you to put in the transcript your concerns or  
6 issues you have with the proposed project. Sitting  
7 next to me is a court reporter. If you plan to --  
8 plan to testify or testify, I'll ask that you please  
9 speak clearly so that the court reporter accurately  
10 reflects your comments on the record. If you have a  
11 prepared written statement, it would be helpful if  
12 you gave us a copy so that the court reporter can  
13 have it to refer to.

14 If you decide to offer testimony, counsel  
15 for the company and myself can ask you questions to  
16 clarify your testimony. If you're just here to  
17 observe, you can elect to leave at any time. And  
18 with that, the Board appreciates you coming out this  
19 evening to potentially offer testimony.

20 At this time I would like to take  
21 appearances on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission  
22 Company.

23 MS. BLEND: Thank you, your Honor. On  
24 behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.,  
25 Christen M. Blend, American Electric Power Service

1 Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, 29th Floor, Columbus,  
2 Ohio 43215.

3 ALJ SEE: Okay. And just to recap some  
4 of the information you heard earlier, there is  
5 currently an evidentiary hearing scheduled to go  
6 forward on December 12 at the Commission's offices in  
7 Columbus. At that hearing counsel for AEP Ohio  
8 Transmission and the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting  
9 Board will have an opportunity to present expert  
10 testimony in support of their positions.

11 And then the next step is for the Board  
12 to consider the application and the Staff's  
13 recommendation as to where the line should be  
14 located. As you also heard, it's approximately  
15 13 miles long and there are two proposed routes, a  
16 preferred and an alternative route, and Staff has  
17 endorsed the preferred route.

18 With that information are there any  
19 questions regarding the Board's process or is there  
20 anyone present that wants to offer testimony tonight?

21 Sir.

22 MR. MITCHELL: I would.

23 ALJ SEE: Please stand and --

24 MR. MITCHELL: Wilson Mitchell, 4856  
25 Stonehaven Drive, Upper Arlington.

1 ALJ SEE: Please raise your right hand.

2 (Witness sworn.)

3 ALJ SEE: Okay. You provided your name  
4 and address on the record. Go ahead with your  
5 testimony.

6 MR. MITCHELL: This is more of a quick  
7 question. When in the process will we be able to  
8 determine, to specify how we plant trees in the  
9 right-of-way?

10 ALJ SEE: Sir, that's probably a question  
11 better posed to representatives of AEP and if you  
12 could, hold on or one of you could step out of the  
13 room at this point and answer the gentleman's  
14 question in the event there is someone else that  
15 wants to offer testimony.

16 Sir, do you -- okay. And then you can  
17 always come back in and go back on the record and  
18 offer testimony if you wish to do so.

19 Is there anyone else present that wishes  
20 to offer testimony tonight? Going once, twice.

21 Okay. I will take a brief recess while  
22 that gentleman gets his question addressed and see if  
23 he has some other comments he would like to make on  
24 the record. So let's go off the record.

25 (Discussion off the record.)

1 ALJ SEE: Let's go back on the record.

2 Is there anyone else present who wishes  
3 to offer testimony?

4 Let the record reflect that there is no  
5 one present that wishes to offer testimony, although  
6 there are several people from the community in  
7 attendance.

8 I would like to thank you for taking your  
9 time out of your evening and coming here and safe  
10 travels back home.

11 Thank you. Hearing is adjourned.

12 (Thereupon, at 6:28 p.m., the hearing was  
13 adjourned.)

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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 Thursday, November 29,  
2018, and carefully compared with my original  
stenographic notes.

Karen Sue Gibson  
Karen Sue Gibson, Registered  
Merit Reporter.

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