

**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of Dayton Power and Light :  
for a Certificate of Environmental :  
Compatibility and Public Need for the : Case No. 18-1259-EL-BTX  
West Milton to Eldean 138 kV :  
Transmission Line Project. :  
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**PREFILED TESTIMONY  
OF  
Eric Morrison  
SITING, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY DIVISION  
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

**Staff Exhibit 2**

**September 23, 2019**

1 1. Q. Please state your name and your business address.

2 A. My name is Eric Morrison, and my business address is 180 East Broad  
3 Street, Columbus OH 43215.  
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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission)  
7 as a Utility Analyst 2 in the Siting, Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
8 Division of the Commission's Rates and Analysis Department.  
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10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

11 A. I received a Bachelor's degree in Specialized Studies from Ohio University  
12 in 2007. Areas of study included an emphasis on Civil Engineering and  
13 Business.  
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15 I have been employed by the Commission for roughly two and a half years.

16 More recently, my responsibilities at the Commission have primarily  
17 involved engineering and agricultural matters associated with site planning

18 of major utility facilities in the state of Ohio. I have also been the Staff

19 lead on numerous applications for a Certificate of Environmental

20 Compatibility and Public Need before the Board. Additionally, I have

21 approximately 4.5 years' experience in pipeline engineering at Columbia

22 Gas of Ohio and Northeast Ohio Natural Gas.

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4. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

A. I am sponsoring the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was filed August 30, 2019 in this docket. I am the Staff project lead. I managed the Staff investigation and preparation of the Staff Report in this case. I am also supporting the Joint Stipulation on behalf of Staff, filed in this case on September 23, 2019.

5. Q. Please describe the type of case being considered in this proceeding.

A. The Applicant proposes to build a new 138kV transmission line between the West Milton and Eldean Substations to mitigate a potential violation of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation’s reliability criteria.

6. Q. Please summarize Staff’s investigation that was conducted in this case.

A. Staff’s investigation included reviewing the application, conducting site visits to the proposed facility location, acquiring additional information from the applicant, obtaining input from state agencies that comprise the Board along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing a Staff Report that presents Staff’s analysis, conclusions, and recommendations. As a result of Staff’s investigation, Staff is recommending that the Board approve the application, subject to the 22 conditions that are presented in the Staff Report and one additional condition

1 presented in the Stipulation as condition No. 23. The additional condition  
2 No. 23 was included in the Stipulation in response to information provided  
3 at the public hearing on September 17, 2019. The Staff recommends  
4 approval of the Stipulation filed on September 23, 2019 that includes  
5 Staff's original 22 conditions and additional condition No. 23.

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7 7. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

8 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-  
9 mony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in response  
10 to positions taken by other parties.

## **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Eric Morrison** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, was served via electronic mail upon the following parties of record this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.

/s/ Steven L. Beeler

**Steven L. Beeler**

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