

## THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSTRUCTION  
NOTICE APPLICATION FILED BY AEP  
OHIO TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC.  
FOR THE DEVOLA-GORSUCH 138 kV  
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT.

CASE NO. 18-1799-EL-BNR

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on February 20, 2020

#### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Ohio Power Siting Board dismisses this matter at the request of the applicant, AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.

#### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Transco or Company) is a person as defined in R.C. 4906.01.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4906.04 provides that no person shall construct a major utility facility in the state without obtaining a certificate for the facility from the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board).

{¶ 4} R.C. 4906.03(F) instructs the Board to adopt rules that provide for an accelerated review and automatic certification of an electric transmission line and associated facilities under certain circumstances. In accordance with R.C. 4906.03(F), the Board has adopted Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4906-6 addressing accelerated and expedited accelerated certificate applications.

{¶ 5} Ohio Adm.Code 4906-6-02 identifies the types of accelerated applications as either letter of notification or construction notice applications. Accelerated applications are subject to a 90-day automatic approval process.

{¶ 6} On December 18, 2018, AEP Transco filed a construction notice application seeking accelerated Board approval to construct approximately 0.12 mile of a new single-

circuit 138 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line in Muskingum Township, Washington County, Ohio. The proposed transmission line would complement the overall construction of the new Devola Substation and coincide with the overall upgrade of the existing transmission and distribution line(s) of operation from the existing 23 kV infrastructure into a 138-kV network. The project aligns itself with the implementation of the Company's long-range plan for electrical service reliability and increased capacity for future economic growth in southeast Ohio. This application was automatically approved pursuant to the provisions of R.C. 4906.03(F) and Ohio Adm.Code 4906-6-10 on June 5, 2019.

{¶ 7} By letter docketed on January 7, 2020, AEP Transco sought permission to withdraw this matter at this time. In support, AEP Transco submits that, following automatic approval of this application and prior to construction of the project, the Company identified changes to the approved route and, as such, the Company will not construct this project as proposed. AEP Transco explains that the Company will file a construction notice for the new route in a subsequent application and, therefore, requests that the Board approve the withdrawal of the current authorization.

{¶ 8} The Board finds that AEP Transco's request to withdraw the construction notice application filed in Case No. 18-1799-EL-BNR should be granted and this case should be dismissed and closed of record.

### III. ORDER

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Case No. 18-1799-EL-BNR be dismissed and closed of record.  
It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon AEP Transco and all interested persons of record.

BOARD MEMBERS:

*Approving:*

Sam Randazzo, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Rachel Near, Designee for Lydia Mihalik, Director  
Ohio Development Services Agency

Mary Mertz, Director  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

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