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Ohio Power Siting Board
Mr. Samuel Randazzo, Chairman
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 20-0946-EL-BLN
Support for the Amlin-Dublin 138kV Transmission Line Project ("Project")

Dear Chairman Randazzo:

On behalf of the City of Dublin ("City") I would like to take this opportunity to express the City's support for the Amlin-Dublin 138kV Transmission Line Project as filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB") by AEP Transmission ("AEP") in Case No. 20-0946-EL-BLN on or about May 26th, 2020 ("Application"). Specifically, the City supports OPSB approval of the AEP's Proposed Route for the Amlin-Dublin 138kV Transmission Line Project. The City has reviewed the Application filed by AEP and concluded, based upon the details contained within of the Application and numerous meetings over time between AEP, City staff and City residents, that the Proposed Route as referenced in the Application best meets the needs of the City. The City would also note that throughout the Project planning process, AEP has made appropriate efforts to communicate and engage with the City. The City believes that the Proposed Route is not only the shortest of all alternative routes considered by AEP for the Project, but is also the route that is best suited to protect existing residents while preserving future land use and development needs in the areas for which the Project has been proposed.

The Project, as detailed in the Application involves the construction of approximately 3.4 miles of single-circuit 138-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line between the existing AEP Amlin Substation and the existing AEP Dublin Substation. The Project is located partially in the City of Dublin and partially within an unincorporated area of Washington Township in Franklin County, Ohio. The Project includes a single circuit 138 kV electric transmission line within an approximately eighty (80) foot wide permanent right-of-way (ROW)

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being deployed along and across the Proposed Route. AEP has, in response to its discussions with the City, agreed to limit its use of pole structures along the Proposed Route to sixty-three (63) single circuit steel monopoles with an approximate height limited to sixty-five (65) feet unless otherwise technologically infeasible. It is our understanding that AEP requires the completion of the Project in order to enhance and strengthen their local transmission system, provide for the additional load necessary to serve existing and future customers, and generally enhance the security and strength of the regional electric grid. The City understands the need and supports those efforts and looks forward to the additional benefits its residents and businesses will realize subsequent to the Project's completion.

Further, the City has reviewed both the Ecological Resources Inventory Report provided by Stantec to AEP on or about May 15, 2020 (Exhibit E of the Application) and the other portions of the Application that address AEP's environmental review and has determined, based on that information, that the Proposed Route poses the least impact and is most favorable from an environmental perspective. The City following its review of all the alternative routes (A-D) referenced in Section 4 of the Application, would concur with AEP that Alternative Route D is the best solution to be designated as the Proposed Route. Therefore, understanding that Ohio Revised Code 4906.10(A)(3): States a certificate can be granted by the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) when "That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations". The City also believes that the Proposed Route achieves the objectives of 4906.10(A)(3) as defined. The Proposed Route, when compared to other alternative routes considered, will represent a reduced negative impact on the environment and existing nearby homes in our community.

We believe, after a thorough review and thoughtful consideration is made by the OPSB and staff of the Application as filed by AEP, that the OPSB should conclude that the Proposed Route be selected and approved, as it satisfies the requirements of O.R.C. 4906.10(A)(3) regarding the environment, best


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meets the needs of both the City and AEP, and ultimately represents a win/win solution for all parties.

Should you, staff or members of the OPSB have additional questions or require further information from the City, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana L. McDaniel", written in a cursive style.

Dana L. McDaniel
City Manager, Dublin, Ohio USA

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