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Ohio Power Siting Board  
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RE: Written testimony at public hearing, Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 6p.m.

Property Owner:  
Daniel Caveda  
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Attention OPSB Members,

I am grateful to the OPSB for affirming the opportunity to express our personal opinions and concerns about the proposed "Major Utility Facility" introduced by AEP Ohio Transmission Company; the so called "Southeast Columbus Area Improvements Project".

I oppose the main thrust of the AEP proposal because it seeks to take new right-of-way land to accommodate "building approximately 5 miles of 138-Kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Groves Road and Shannon substations".

My opposition stems, not only for its devastating immediate and long-term impact on my way of life, my health and that of my family, as well as the curtailment of every business plan or future productivity of My 9.5 parcel, but because this proposal has no real merit. It has no clear-cut definitive goal, except maybe as an opportunity for expansion. These are the claims asserted by AEP as to the reasons "Why" this project is needed:

- "Strengthens the electric transmission system by replacing wooden poles from the 1950s with steel poles". This has no bearing in my case since their proposal calls for building a new line. There are no existing poles of any kind here to replace.
- "Reduces ongoing maintenance of the existing power line". Again, this has no bearing in my case. There is no existing power line here, and it would be impossible for new equipment not yet installed to provide any ongoing maintenance record.
- "Improves operational performance by installing modern equipment". This statement is so generic; any installation of modern equipment has, by definition, to improve performance; what would be the point? However, there is no equipment here, modern or otherwise.
- "Reduces the likelihood of extended power outages". Again, any general improvement would be expected to reduce the likelihood of extended power outages. But, the underlying message here is one of what-if; a fear tactic, not related directly with the new line proposal.
- "Speeds recovery of services when outages occur". This is the same, exact argument as the previous one! The word "extended" on that statement makes it so! It utilizes fear again. But black outs are rare and the speed of recovery depend on so many other variables that are not easily predictable or attributable.

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I am not suggesting that AEP is crooked or evil; but one would expect it to look after its own interests. It is powerful, connected and organized; but most important, they have eminent domain powers. It only shares the information it is required by law, what is convenient to the company and not much else. An owner can speak, but cannot vote. You can!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Caveda', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Caveda

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Hearing Date: Oct. 18, 2022

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