

Attn: Ohio Power Siting Board
80 East Broad Street Columbus,
Ohio 43215-3793

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To Whom It May Concern:

PUCO

Residents of both Paint Road and New Westville Road are in strong opposition of any and all power line projects that may concern our properties. We ask that you consider how this will impact our community when deliberating. This project presents health concerns, loss of revenue, and the eye sore this will create. Many residents have lived and farmed this area for generations and should not have to sacrifice precious ground or potential revenue for any reason. Included are several correspondences voicing our concerns. We ask that you reject the proposed routes and challenge AES to find another route.

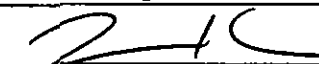

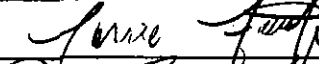

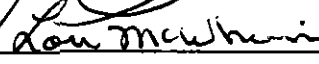
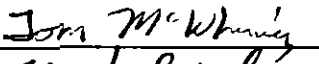
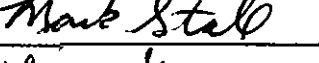

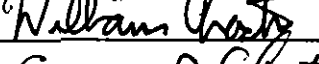
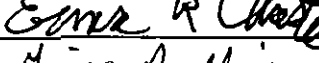
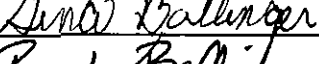

Receipt of this letter would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Zach & Lauren Kohli
5132 Paint Rd
New Paris OH, 45347

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See our signatures of opposition below.

Date	Signature	Printed Name	Address
2-4-23		ZACH KOHLI	5132 PAINT RD
2-4-23		Lauren Kohli	5132 Paint Rd.
2-4-23		LORRIE FOYST	4500 PAINT RD
2-4-23		GARY MILLING	5328 Paint Rd.
2-4-23		Lori McWhinney	3932 New Westville Rd.
2-4-23		Tom McWhinney	3932 New Westville Rd.
2-4-23		MARK STALL	5258 Paint Rd
2-4-23		Lisa Stall	5258 Paint Rd.
2-4-23		William Chasteen	5385 Paint Rd.
2-4-23		ERIC R CHASTEEN	5381 PAINT RD
2-5-23		Gina Ballinger	5048 New Westville Rd.
2-5-23		RANDY BALLINGER	5048 NEW WESTVILLE RD.

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Eddie and Vickie McWhinney
4939 New Westville Road
New Paris, OH 45347

December 20, 2022

AES Ohio
1900 Dryden
Dayton, Ohio 45439

RE: New Westville Area Improvement Project
OPSB Case Number: 22-0627-EL-BTX
OPSB Case Title: Dayton Power and Light-West Manchester-Blazer-Hodgin 138kV
Transmission Line Project

To Whom It May Concern,

They say that change is inevitable. And we are seeing that firsthand. In the last year, Jackson Township has had three road closures that not only affects farmers, but many other rural families and a school district just to accommodate longer trains.

Amish families are moving in to our area at a high rate and changing the landscape completely. Monthly we are receiving letters from solar farms wanting to buy or lease our land. And now, AES is proposing power lines through our property. Our property has a renovated one-room schoolhouse (circa 1869) and a cemetery with some graves dating back to the 1700's.

This much change in a few short years is too much.

Respectfully, we are not on board with power lines running through valuable family farms without exploring other routes that would be less invasive. Our family, for many generations, has been blessed to live in this special place we call home, and we hope it stays that way.

In closing, we wonder why all of a sudden this has come up and what is the ultimate purpose for this change.

Sincerely,

Eddie and Vickie McWhinney

Zach Kohli

From: Zach Kohli
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:02 PM
To: aesohionewprojectoutreach@aes.com
Cc: turbohooves@gmail.com; Kreg Kohli
Subject: New Westville Area Improvements

To whom it may concern,

My wife Lauren and I have recently learned of the purposed route of new power lines from the Hodgin Rd substation to New Westville. This route would put unsightly and unhealthy power lines directly across our property and that of my fathers (Kreg Kohli). This is unacceptable and you will find zero compromise from my family on the matter. It is our respectful promise to fight this in every way possible.

Our home was built 1870 by the McWhinney family. Many of whom live and farm in this area and will also be impacted by the purposed route. This area is much more than tillable acreage and woodlots. It is steeped in a rich family history and cared for with pride.

We have done our absolute best to maintain the historical character of the property. We have repaired the old bank barn built in 1862, built horse stalls, miles of fence and a riding arena. We are extremely passionate about our riding horses and saddle donkeys. We have also spent countless hours clearing honeysuckle, planting pollinator plots and planting trees. We did not buy this beautiful property to have our views ruined, hard work and health jeopardized.

I have spoken with members of the McWhinney family and other neighbors and we have their support. We are respectfully asking to find another route, another way as the purposed route is unacceptable.

Again, we will not compromise our position on this matter.

We look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Zach and Lauren Kohli

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Ohio Power Siting Board:

I am writing this letter in regard to the proposed power lines on our land. As I talked to a gentleman a couple weeks ago about our concern I thought maybe I should put something on paper just in case that got lost.

One property that will be affected by these power lines has been in the McWhinney family since 1834! We are not large aggressive farmers but we love the land and care for how it is treated. *We make our living off farming and cannot afford to lose land to put up electric poles.* It is a beautiful drive down Westville Road any season of the year and the compliments we get for our stewardship are as meaningful to our family as the money we make farming.

The other land is on Cox Road. I started renting that land around 1970. In 2015 after saving and doing without a lot of things for years we purchased the land. We have put in Government approved waterways, tilled and no-tilled (for last 30 years), and as you might guess, I treat the land as I would like to be treated. *This particular farm was home to Indian settlements and in past years Earlham College used to do supervised digs to study the contents of the soil.*

In summary of this letter, I have witnessed windmills, solar panels and even power lines, (from Dayton to Eaton) being constructed. What a total mess and they destroy the landscape. We have many stories as we have friends along that construction to Eaton that are not happy. I hope our feelings have been made clear and no monetary offer would even be considered for this project going through our land! We are longtime Farm Bureau members also. If farmers continue letting farmland to be disrupted, our country and the world are destined for hardship!

Sincerely,

Tom McWhinney & Lori McWhinney

Tom and Lori McWhinney

3932 New Westville Rd.

New Paris, OH 45347

P.S. We have a son, daughter and three grandchildren that share our same beliefs.