

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

**In the Matter of the Application of
American Electric Power Ohio
Transmission Company Inc., for a
Certificate of Environmental
Compatibility and Public Need for the
construction of a 138 kilovolt
transmission line in Putnam and
Hancock County, Ohio**

Case No. 22-0856-EL-BTX

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Mark Bellamy**

**ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
POWER SITING DEPARTMENT**

STAFF EX. ____

July 24, 2023

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

2 A. My name is Mark C. Bellamy. My business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. business I am employed by the Public
4 Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as a Utility Specialist in the Facility
5 Review and Compliance Division of the Power Siting Department.

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7 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

8 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as a
9 Utility Specialist in the Facility Review and Compliance Division of the
10 Power Siting Department.

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12 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background.

13 A. My education includes earning a Bachelor of Science in Education degree
14 in Chemistry from Arkansas State University.

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16 4. Q. Please summarize your work experience.

17 A. Prior to my employment with the PUCO, I served six years in the U.S.
18 Navy as a Machinist's Mate on a submarine. I operated and maintained
19 atmosphere control equipment, as well as performed duties as a quality
20 assurance inspector. After the Navy, I was employed as a high school
21 science teacher. I joined the staff of the PUCO in 2009. My duties include
22 review and analysis of power siting cases.

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5. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board)?

A. Yes. I have testified in numerous proceedings before the Board.

6. Q. What kind of case is this?

A. The Applicant proposes to construct own and operate an approximately 17 mile 138 kV transmission line to be located in Putnam and Hancock Counties, Ohio.

7. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. I served as the overall Staff Project Lead for the investigation that resulted in the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report) that was filed June 26, 2023, in this docket. I managed the Staff investigation and preparation of the Staff Report in this case. I am sponsoring the Staff Report.

8. 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 compose the Board along with other relevant state and federal agencies, and preparing the Staff report that presents Staff’s analysis, conclusions, and

1 recommendations. As a result of Staff's investigation, Staff recommends
2 that the Board approve the preferred route as presented in the application
3 subject to the 20 conditions that are presented in the Staff Report. In
4 addition, as a signatory party, Staff supports the Joint Stipulation that was
5 filed in this docket on July 24, 2023.
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7 9. Q. What impacts did Staff review for the project in arriving at this conclusion?

8 A. Staff reviewed various types of land use impacts including residential,
9 recreational, institutional, ecological, cultural resources, agricultural,
10 transportation, and overall geological suitability. Staff also reviewed the
11 financial, environmental, and ecological impacts, noise impacts, safety,
12 basis of the need for the project, and aesthetic impacts of the project. Staff
13 also analyzed whether the proposed electric transmission line is consistent
14 with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid serving this
15 state and that this facility would serve the interests of electric system
16 economy and reliability.
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18 10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the **Pre-filed Testimony of Mark Bellamy, on Behalf of The Staff of The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Power Siting Department** has been served upon the below-named persons via electronic mail or regular U.S. mail, this 24th day of July, 2023.

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