

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the :
Application of AEP Ohio : Case No.
Transmission Company, Inc. for : 22-856-EL-BTX
a Certificate of Environmental :
Compatibility and Public Need :
for the New Liberty-East :
Leipsic 138 KV Transmission :
Line Upgrade Project. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Isabel Marcelletti, Administrative Law
Judge, held at the offices of the Public
Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad
Street, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, on
Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.

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12 Ohio Power Siting Board.

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Tuesday Morning,
July 25, 2023.
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ALJ MARCELLETTI: Good morning everyone. The Ohio Power Siting Board has set for hearing at this time and place Case No. 22-856-EL-BTX which is captioned In the Matter of the Application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the New Liberty-East Leipsic 138 Kilovolt Transmission Line Upgrade Project.

The subject of today's hearing is an application filed by AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc., which I am going to refer to as AEP Ohio, for the purpose of constructing an approximately 18-mile long transmission line beginning at the Company's East Leipsic substation off Road 5 in Leipsic and travels east to the Radar Road substation off County Road 126 in the village of Macomb, and then it will continue southeast to the New Liberty substation off Township Road 94 in Findlay, Ohio.

1 The line would improve the
2 reliability of the electric transmission grid in
3 Putnam and Hancock Counties.

4 My name is Issy Marcelletti, and I
5 am the Administrative Law Judge assigned by the
6 Board to hear this case.

7 And at this time we will take
8 appearances of the parties. First on behalf of
9 the Company.

10 MR. DEWITT: Thank you, your Honor.
11 On behalf of the AEP Ohio Transmission Company,
12 Inc. Sam DeWitt, American Electric Power Service
13 Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, 29th Floor,
14 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

15 ALJ MARCELLETTI: Thank you.
16 Counsel on behalf of Staff.

17 MR. EUBANKS: Yes, your Honor. On
18 behalf of Staff, Robert Eubanks, 30 East Broad
19 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

20 ALJ MARCELLETTI: Thank you. Are
21 there any members of the public here who intend
22 on providing testimony before the evidentiary
23 hearing begins?

24 Seeing and hearing none, we will
25 have the Company please proceed.

1 MR. DEWITT: Thank you, your Honor.
2 The parties have stipulated to the admission of
3 several exhibits, and I would like to mark those
4 for the record, and then move for their
5 admission.

6 So the first exhibit is AEP Ohio
7 Transco Exhibit No. 1 which is the
8 Pre-application notification letter filed on
9 September 19th, 2022.

10 ALJ MARCELLETTI: So marked.
11 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
12 IDENTIFICATION)

13 MR. DEWITT: The next is AEP Ohio
14 Transco Exhibit No. 2 which is the Proof of
15 Publication notification filed on October 21st,
16 2022.

17 ALJ MARCELLETTI: So marked.
18 (EXHIBIT HEREBY MARKED FOR
19 IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES)

20 MR. DEWITT: Next is AEP Ohio
21 Transco Exhibit No. 3 which is the Application
22 filed on January 4th, 2023.

23 ALJ MARCELLETTI: So marked.
24 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

25 MR. DEWITT: Next is AEP Ohio

Transco Exhibit No. 4 which is the Proof of
Notification filed on March 21st, 2023.

ALJ MARCELLETTI: So marked.

(EXHIBIT HEREBY MARKED FOR
IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES)

MR. DEWITT: Next AEP Ohio Transco
Exhibit No. 5 which is the Proof of Notification
filed July 13th, 2023.

ALJ MARCELLETTI: So marked.

(EXHIBIT HEREBY MARKED FOR
IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES)

MR. DEWITT: Next is AEP Ohio
Transco Exhibit No. 6 which is the Proof of
Notification filed on July 3rd, 2023.

ALJ MARCELLETTI: So marked.

(EXHIBIT HEREBY MARKED FOR
IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES)

MR. DEWITT: Next is AEP Ohio
Transco Exhibit No. 7 which is the Direct
Testimony of David J. Binger filed on July 24th,
2023.

ALJ MARCELLETTI: So marked.

(EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

MR. DEWITT: And finally Joint
Exhibit No. 1, the Stipulation and

1 Recommendation filed on July 24th 2023.

2 ALJ MARCELLETTI: It will be so
3 marked. Thank you.

4 (EXHIBIT HEREBY MARKED FOR
5 IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES)

6 MR. DEWITT: As I mentioned
7 previously, the parties have stipulated to the
8 admission of these documents and I would now
9 move for their admission.

10 ALJ MARCELLETTI: And they are so
11 admitted.

12 (EXHIBITS HEREBY ADMITTED INTO
13 EVIDENCE)

14 MR. DEWITT: Thank you, your Honor.

15 ALJ MARCELLETTI: And I believe
16 Staff has stipulated to no cross-examination of
17 your witness. So I will just turn it over to
18 Staff.

19 MR. EUBANKS: Yes, your Honor. Also
20 the Company has agreed to stipulate to the
21 admission of Mark Bellamy's testimony and to
22 waive cross-examination.

23 As mentioned in the Stipulation,
24 Staff's Exhibit 1 is the Staff Report filed on
25 June 26th, 2023.

Staff's Exhibit 2 is the prefiled
testimony of Mark Bellamy filed on July 24th,
2023.

ALJ MARCELLETTI: They are so
marked. And as you mentioned that the Company
stipulated to their admission so I will admit
them now into the record.

(EXHIBITS HEREBY MARKED AND ADMITTED
INTO EVIDENCE)

ALJ MARCELLETTI: With that, folks,
is there anything else that we need to address
in this hearing?

MR. DEWITT: No.

ALJ MARCELLETTI: Hearing none, then
we are adjourned. Thank you.

(At 10:07 the hearing was concluded)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct transcript of the
proceedings taken by me in this matter on July
25, 2023, and carefully compared with my
original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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