

March 13, 2024

Ms. Tanowa Troupe
Docketing Division, Ohio Power Siting Board
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need
Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project
Case No. 23-0953-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Please find enclosed for Staff's review the following materials relative to the conditions identified in the Ohio Power Siting Board Staff Report of Investigation for the above referenced case number.

- Ohio Historic Preservation Office coordination and assessment of the Project effect on identified resources (per Condition 2);

If you have any questions about this Project, please contact me at (330) 384-2526.

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys
Transmission Siting Supervisor
Transmission and Substation Design
FirstEnergy Service Company



In reply refer to:
2024-LUC-60441

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Justin McKissick, MA, RPA
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RE: Section 106 Review: Angola-Eber-Vulcan 138 kV Rehabilitation and Re-Route Project,
Springfield Township, Village of Holland, and City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio

Dear Mr. McKissick:

This letter is in response to the correspondence received on February 13, 2024, regarding the above reference project in Lucas County, Ohio. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. The comments of the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are made pursuant to Section 149.53 of the Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) and the Ohio Power Siting Board rules for siting this project. The comments of the Ohio SHPO are also submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108 [36 CFR 800]). The project will require a Nationwide Permit 57 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Buffalo District. The Corps is the lead federal agency for the undertaking.

The proposed project consists of two parts: 1) the Wentworth Substation 138 kV Ring Bus Expansion (previously reviewed by SHPO) and the Angola-Eber-Vulcan 138 kV Rehabilitation segment; 2) the Angola-Eber-Vulcan Re-Route segment. Based on information submitted by you, which included a Project Summary Form, no historic properties, districts, or archaeological sites are located within the direct Area of Potential Effect (APE), as defined by you. While several Ohio Historic Inventory (OHI) properties, archaeological sites, and National Register-listed properties were identified in the study area, the proposed project is largely an expansion and/or rebuild of existing transmission lines. Additionally, the centerline of the APE is within existing rights-of-way. Therefore, based on this information, it is the SHPO's opinion that no cultural resource studies are warranted for the project. Furthermore, as proposed, the project will have no effect on historic properties. No further coordination is required for this project unless the scope of work changes or archaeological remains are discovered during the course of the project. In such a situation, this office should be contacted as required by 36 CFR § 800.13. If you have any questions concerning this review, please contact me via email at sbiehl@ohiohistory.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen M. Biehl".

Stephen M. Biehl, Project Reviews Coordinator (archaeology)
Resource Protection and Review, State Historic Preservation Office

RPR Serial No. 1101838

"Please be advised that this is a Section 106 decision. This review decision may not extend to other SHPO programs."

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Summary: Correspondence Correspondence Regarding Condition 2 of the Ohio Power Siting Board Staff Report of Investigation (Ohio Historic Preservation Office Assessment Letter) electronically filed by Mr. Lawrence B. Hughes on behalf of American Transmission Systems, Inc..