

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio Transmission Company (AEP Ohio Transco) proposes to construct a new 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission substation in Athens Township in Harrison County.

The purpose of the Nottingham Substation Project is to provide additional electricity to Markwest's Utica Plant. The project involves constructing a new 11-acre switching station. This project will be built entirely on property owned by AEP adjacent to existing transmission lines. This project will be an approximate \$25 million investment by AEP Ohio Transco. Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2015.

The project is known as the Nottingham Substation Project. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 4906-11-01, AEP Ohio Transco has filed a Letter of Notification with the Ohio Power Siting Board, under Case No. 14-1818-EL-BLN. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this project.

This project meets the requirements for a Letter of Notification because it is within the types of projects defined by Items (1)(f) of Attachment A of the interim process defined in the Ohio Power Siting Board's Sept. 4, 2012, Finding and Order in Docket 12-1981-GE-BRO. This states that a project qualifies for a Letter of Notification if the project is:

(1) *Rerouting or extension or new construction of single or multiple circuit electric power transmission line(s):*

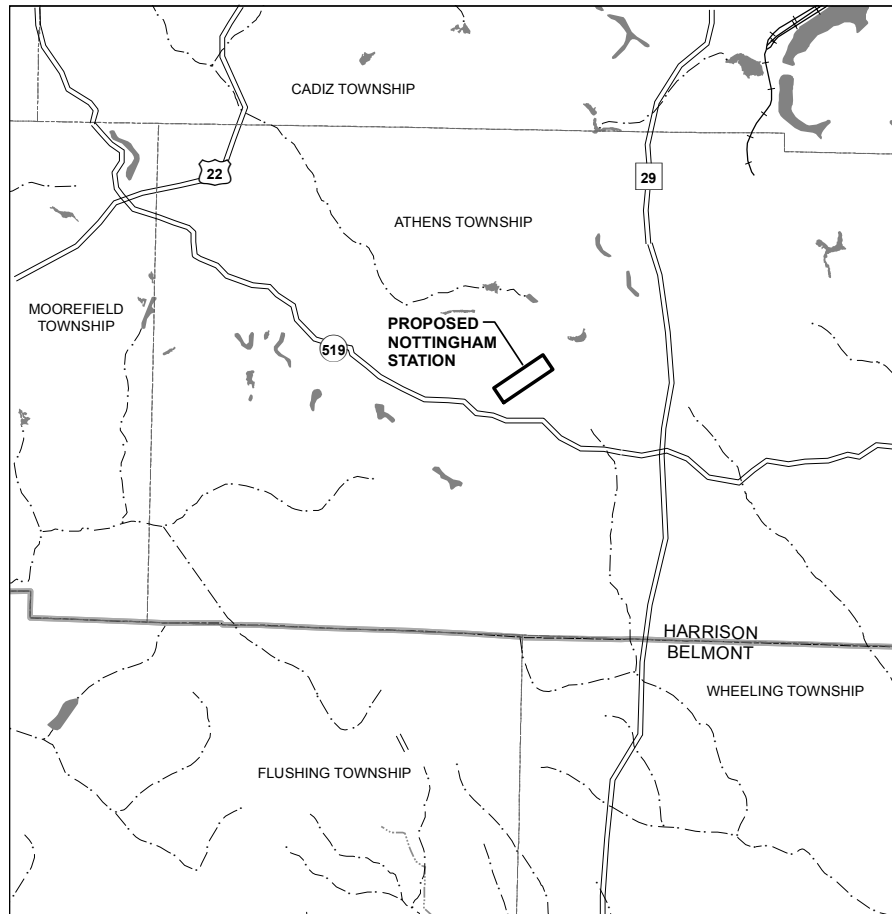
(f) *Primarily needed to attract or meet the requirements of a specific customer or customers.*

Petitions to intervene in or comment on the Letter of Notification will be accepted by the siting board up to 10 days following the publication date of this notice required by Rule 4906-5-08(C)(1), OAC. Petitions should be addressed to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and must cite Case No. 14-1818-EL-BLN.

The accompanying map depicts the project area. It should be noted that due to the reduced scale and limited detail, this map should be used only as a general guide. Copies of the actual Letter of Notification, including specific details about the location and construction are available for public inspection at the following locations:

Puskarich Public Library
Ms. Sandi Thompson, Director
200 East Market Street
Cadiz, Ohio 43907
740-942-2623

**Ohio Power Siting Board
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793
614-466-3292



Electronic versions of the Letter of Notification can be found at <http://www.aeptransmission.com/ohio/> and at the Ohio Power Siting Board website at <http://opsb.ohio.gov>. Search under current cases for Case No. 14-1818-EL-BLN.

The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the application as required by state of Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

Harrison County Board of Commissioners

Mr. William H. Host, President
Mr. Dale Ray Norris, Commissioner
Mr. Don Rae Bethel, Commissioner
101 Market Street
Cadiz, Ohio 43907

Harrison County Engineer

Mr. Robert K. Sterling
32500 Cadiz-Dennison Road
Scio, Ohio 43988

Mayor William L. Sedgmer III

Village of New Athens
130 East Brown Street
New Athens, Ohio 43981

Athens Township Trustee

Ms. Elizabeth Ann Deaton
177 Main Street North
New Athens, Ohio 43981

Athens Township Trustee

Mr. David E. Butler
117 East Wheeling Street
New Athens, Ohio 43981

Athens Township Trustee

Mr. Michael T. Saffell
103 South Main Street, Box 4
New Athens, Ohio 43981

Athens Township Fiscal Officer

Mr. David A. Watson
74070 Flushing New Athens Road
New Athens, Ohio 43981

The following state agencies have been served with copies of the application:

- Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
- Ohio Department of Agriculture
- Ohio Department of Development
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Ohio Historical Society

CRITERIA USED TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION

The following eight criteria are set forth in Section 4906.10 (A) of the Revised Code and will be used, along with additional information, by the board in reviewing the application for a certificate to construct, operate and maintain the Nottingham Substation:

- The basis of need for the facility;
- The nature of the probable environmental impact of the proposed facility;
- The facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology, the nature and economics of alternatives and other pertinent considerations;

- In the case of electric transmission lines, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving Ohio and interconnected systems, and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- The facility will comply with chapters 3704, 3734 and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under Section 4561.34 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the Department of Transportation under Section 4361.341 of the Revised Code;
- The facility will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity;
- The facility's impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site of the proposed major utility facility; and
- The facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board considering available technology and the nature and economics of various alternatives.

The complete Letter of Notification and this public notice are available at <http://www.aeptransmission.com/ohio/>.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call the AEP Ohio Transmission Project Information Line at 1-877-215-9261 or send an email inquiry to beschmied@aep.com. Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:



AEP Transmission
Attention: Brett Schmied
700 Morrison Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230