

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio officials have proposed transmission upgrades in Paulding and Van Wert counties.

AEP Ohio representatives announced the Van Wert – Haviland Transmission Line Project in summer 2024. The project involves rebuilding about 10 miles of 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting Haviland Substation, located off Road 107, and Van Wert Substation, located off North Walnut Street, with a 138-kV power line. While company representatives plan to build most of the power line in the existing right-of-way corridor, plans call for re-routing a section of the line near Van Wert.

AEP Ohio representatives have filed a Letter of Notification with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) as the Van Wert – Haviland 138 kV Transmission Line Project, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Case No. 25-0697-EL-BLN. If approved, company officials expect construction to begin this fall and conclude late 2026.

The Letter of Notification to construct, operate and maintain this facility awaits OPSB review. The OPSB accepts motions to intervene in the Letter of Notification up to 10 days following the publication date of this notice. The requirements to intervene are included in Rule 4906-2-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Please address motions to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and cite Case No. 25-0697-EL-BLN.

The accompanying map shows the project area. Please use this map only as a general guide due to its reduced scale and limited detail. Copies of the Letter of Notification, including specific details about the location and construction, are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- **Brumback Library**, 215 W. Main St., Van Wert, Ohio 45891
- **Paulding County Carnegie Library**, 205 S. Main St., Paulding, Ohio 45879
- **Ohio Power Siting Board**, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH, 43215-3793, (866) 270-6772, contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us

Electronic versions of the Letter of Notification are available at AEPOhio.com/VanWert-Haviland and at the OPSB website at www.opsb.ohio.gov. Search under current cases for Case No. 25-0697-EL-BLN.

The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the application as required by OPSB regulations:

- **Van Wert County Board of Commissioners**, Thad Lichtensteiger, Stan Owens, Todd Wolfrum
- **Van Wert County Soil & Water Conservation District**, Becky Dowler
- **Van Wert County Regional Planning Commission Director**, Brent Stevens
- **Van Wert County Fiscal Officer**, Jami Bradford
- **Van Wert County Engineer**, Kyle Wendel
- **Ridge Township Trustees**, Scott Davis, William Evans II, Billy Poe II
- **Ridge Township Fiscal Officer**, Julie Doner
- **Pleasant Township Trustees**, Todd Wallace, Rick Roop, T. Jay Gamble
- **Pleasant Township Fiscal Officer**, Krista Somerton
- **Union Township Trustees**, Jeff Adams, David Jones, Kent Rolsten
- **Union Township Fiscal Officer**, Melissa Mefferd
- **Paulding County Commissioners**, Mark Holtsberry, Mike Weible, Lisa McClure
- **Paulding County Fiscal Officer**, Claudia Fickel
- **Paulding County Engineer**, Scott Strahley
- **Paulding County Economic Development**, Director Tim Copsey
- **Paulding County Soil & Water Conservation District**, Stacey Clemens
- **Blue Creek Township Trustees**, Jammie Hughes, Calvin Sinn, Bryce Mills
- **Blue Creek Township Fiscal Officer**, Chris Laukhuf

If you are a local city or county government official and would like an electronic or hard copy of the Letter of Notification, please contact Maggie Beggs at the information listed below. To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call (614) 933-2998 or send an email inquiry to AEPOhio_Outreach@aep.com. Send mail inquiries to the following address:

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