

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

Filed as Althea – Sweetgum 138-kV Transmission Line Project

AEP Ohio representatives plan to improve the power grid in Scioto County. The Wheelersburg Area Improvements Project involves:

- Building about 5 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) power line.
- Rebuilding about 2 miles of 138-kV power line.
- Removing about 10 miles of transmission facilities.
- Installing two switch poles to control the direction of electricity flow throughout the lines.
- Replacing Wheelersburg Substation located on Earwood Lane with Sweetgum Substation located near OH-522 and Mill Road.
- Building Althea Substation located off Gallia Pike in Franklin Furnace.

AEP Ohio representatives filed an application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for building approximately 5 miles of 138-kV power line. Representatives filed this part of the project as the Althea – Sweetgum 138-kV Transmission Line Project, Case No. 22-0857-EL-BTX. The application to construct, operate and maintain this facility awaits OPSB review.

OPSB scheduled a public hearing this summer for the proposed project. The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed project. The hearing consists of two parts, a local public hearing and an adjudicatory hearing:

(1) A local public hearing, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Aug. 8, 2023, at 5 p.m., at the Wheelersburg Middle School, 800 Pirate Drive, Wheelersburg, Ohio 45694.

(2) An adjudicatory hearing commencing on September 7, 2023, at 10 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

The accompanying map shows the project area. Please use this map only as a general guide due to its reduced scale and limited detail.

This is the second notice regarding the hearing dates for this project. AEP Ohio representatives mailed the first notice to residents, landowners and public officials on June 8, 2023.

Copies of the application, including specific details about the location and construction, are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia St., Portsmouth, OH 45662.
- Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793, (866) 270-6772, contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us.
- OPSB's website at <http://opsb.ohio.gov>. Search under current cases for Case No. 22-0857-EL-BTX. Instructions for electronic or hard copy versions of the application are available at AEPOhio.com/Wheelersburg.

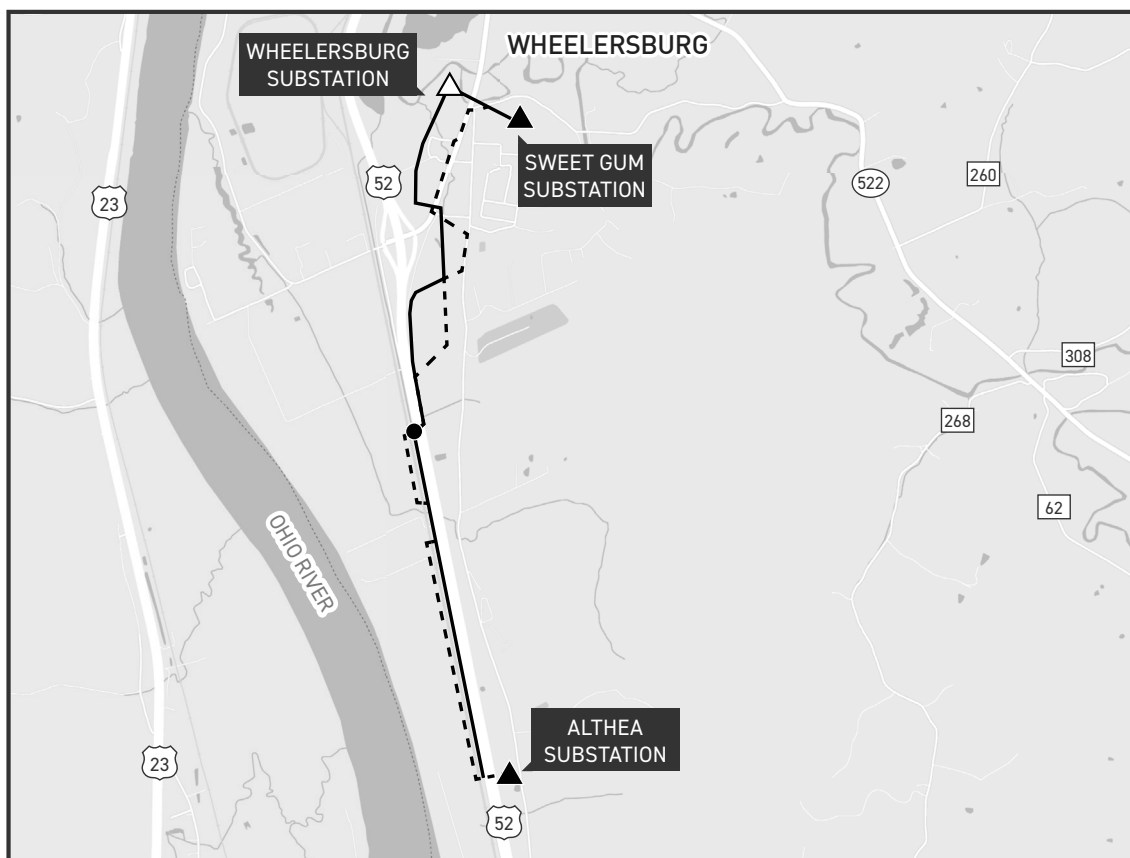
The following local city and county government officials have been served with a copy of the application as required by OPSB regulations:

- Scioto County Board of Commissioners
- Porter Township Trustees
- Green Township Trustees
- Portsmouth Deputy Director

If you are a local city or county government official and would like an electronic or hard copy of the application, please contact Maggie Beggs at the information listed below.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call (380) 205-5178 or send an email inquiry to mrbeggs@aep.com. Send mail inquiries to the following address:

AEP Ohio
Attention: Maggie Beggs
8500 Smiths Mill Rd.
New Albany, Ohio 43054



ALTHEA - SWEETGUM 138-KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

— PREFERRED ROUTE

- - ALTERNATE ROUTE

● SWITCH LOCATION

△ SUBSTATION TO BE REMOVED

▲ NEW SUBSTATION



*For a map of the entire project, please visit www.AEPOhio.com/Wheelersburg

