AEP Ohio Transmission Company Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco), an affiliate of AEP Ohio, proposes to rebuild approximately 1.3 miles of existing 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line to 138 kV in Mead Township in Belmont County. The project is known as the Dilles Bottom 138 kV Rebuild Project.

The purpose of the project is to address reliability concerns and to provide the area with a robust, reliable source of power for future economic development in Belmont County. This project will be an approximate $5 million investment by AEP Ohio Transco. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2020.

AEP Ohio Transco filed a Letter of Notification with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB), under Case No. 18-0603-EL-BLN. This number should be included in all communications with respect to this project. The Letter of Notification to construct, operate and maintain this facility is pending before the board.

Petitions to intervene in the Letter of Notification will be accepted by the OPSB up to 10 days following the publication date of this notice required by Rule 4906-2-12, Ohio Administrative Code. Petitions should be addressed to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793 and must cite Case No. 18-0603-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:

Belmont County District Library, 20 S 5th Street, Martins Ferry, OH 43935
Belmont County District Library – Shadyside, 4300 Central Avenue, Shadyside, OH 43947
Ohio Power Siting Board; 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793, 1(866)270-6772, contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us

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 Number 18-0603-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:

Belmont County Board of Commissioners, Mr. J.P. Dutton
Mead Township Trustee, Mr. Dave Mellott
Mead Township Trustee, Mr. Ed Good
Belmont County Soil & Water Conservation District, Program Administrator Liza Butler

Belmont County Engineer, Mr. Terry Lively
Mead Township Trustee, Mr. Paul Merryman
Mead Township Fiscal Officer, Mr. Dave Albright

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 Joe Demaree at the information listed below.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call 614-552-1134 or 1-877-215-9261 or send an email inquiry to jkdemaree@aep.com. Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

AEP Ohio
Attention: Joe Demaree
700 Morrison Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230