

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio Transmission Company (AEP Ohio Transco) proposes to improve the transmission system in southeast Ohio by upgrading an existing 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Falls, Green and Starr townships in Hocking County, and York Township in Athens County.

The purpose of the Poston-Hocking 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project is to upgrade a 138-kV circuit using an existing right of way between Poston substation and Hocking substation. AEP Ohio Transco will build the new line using standard single-circuit 138-kV structures. The project will help improve and maintain the quality of electric service and reliability to the southeast Ohio area. The Poston-Hocking transmission line is approximately 16 miles long. This project will be an approximate \$10 million investment by AEP Ohio Transco. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2015.

The project is known as the Poston-Hocking 138-kV Transmission Line Rebuild 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. 15-0251-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 (4) (a) 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:

(4) Replacing electric power transmission line structure(s) with a different type of structure(s) or adding structure(s) within an existing electric power transmission line and:

(a) Two miles or less of new right-of-way required.

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. 15-0251-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:

Logan-Hocking Public Library

Mr. Andrew Herold, Director
230 East Main Street
Logan, Ohio 43138
740-385-2348

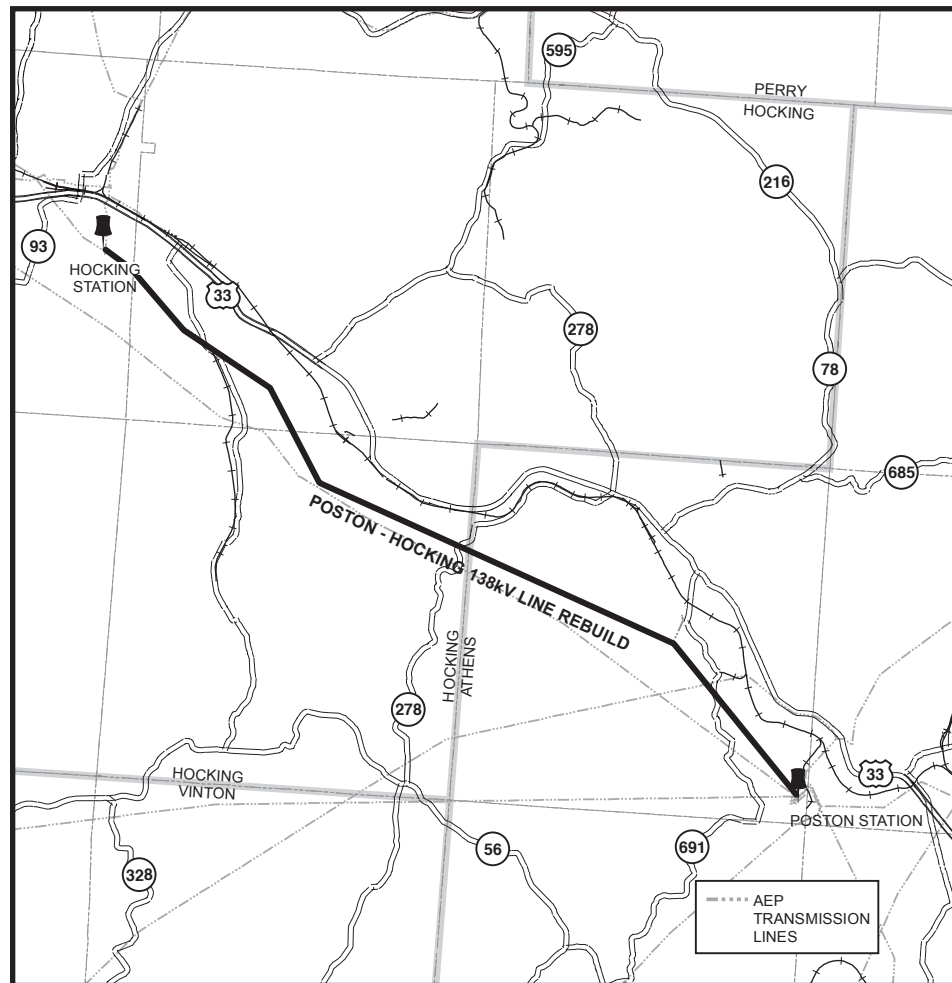
Athens County Public Library

Ms. Lauren Miller, Director
95 West Washington Street
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764
740-753-2118

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 number Case No. 15-0251-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:

Hocking County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Larry Dicken
Mr. Jeff Dickerson
Ms. Sandy Ogle
1 East Main Street
Logan, Ohio 43138

Hocking County Engineer

Mr. William Shaw
1286 California Avenue
Logan, Ohio 43138

Hocking County Regional Planning Department

Mr. Audie Wykle, Director
93 West Hunter Street
Logan, Ohio 43138

Falls Township Trustee

Mr. Chuck Hopkins
33246 Barker Road
Logan, Ohio 43138

Falls Township Trustee

Mr. Sam Eggleston
13950 State Route 664S
Logan, Ohio 43138

Falls Township Trustee

Mr. Scott Harden
13865 Nickel Plate Road
Logan, Ohio 43138

Falls Township Fiscal Officer

Ms. Kim Edgar
30800 Freeman Road
Logan, Ohio 43138

Green Township Trustee

Mr. Timothy J. Blair
1245 Roosevelt Road
Logan, Ohio 43138

Green Township Trustee

Mr. John Fuller
17028 Purdum Road
Logan, Ohio 43138

Green Township Trustee

Mr. Chuck Van Sickle
1680 Clay Bank Road
Logan, Ohio 43138

Green Township Fiscal Officer

Ms. Danika Waldren
13410 Stout Road
Logan, Ohio 43138

Starr Township Trustee

Mr. Gary Miller
17917 Main Street
Union Furnace, Ohio 43158

Starr Township Trustee

Mr. J. R. Savely
22060 Fox Road
New Plymouth, Ohio 45654

Starr Township Trustee

Mr. Jason Carrell
35975 Water Street
Union Furnace, Ohio 43158

Starr Township Fiscal Officer

Mr. Gary Chesser
21045 State Route 278
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

Athens County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Charlie Adkins
Mr. Chris Chmiel
Mr. Lenny Eliason
15 South Court Street, 2nd Floor
Athens, Ohio 45701

Athens County Engineer

Mr. Rex Jeffrey Maiden
66 South Plans Road
The Plains, Ohio 45780

Athens County Regional Planning Department

Mr. Paul Logue
28 Curran Drive
Athens, Ohio 45701

York Township Trustee

Mr. Bill Mellinger
4304 Perry Ridge Road
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

York Township Trustee

Mr. Timothy R. Warren
5565 Warren Drive
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

York Township Trustee

Mr. Kevin McCulloch
14995 State Route 691
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

York Township Fiscal Officer

Ms. Jane Ann Edwards
380 Love Street
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

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 Poston-Hocking 138-kV transmission line:

- 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 614-552-1929 or send an email inquiry to beschmid@aep.com. Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

AEP Ohio
Attention: Brett Schmier
700 Morrison Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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