

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio and AEP Ohio Transmission Co., Inc. announced the proposed Wapakoneta Area Improvements Project in July. The improvements involve building approximately 15 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, building two substations and expanding a substation.

A proposed transmission line route has been selected on the east portion of the project between the planned Gristmill and Gemini substations. The selection of the proposed route follows an open house that took place in July to provide the public with detailed information about the project and an opportunity to comment. Route options between the Gemini and West Moulton substations on the west portion of the project remain under evaluation.

The east portion involves building the Gristmill Substation, building approximately .25 miles of 345-kV transmission line to bring power to the Gristmill Substation and building approximately 4 miles of 138-kV transmission line between the Gristmill and Gemini substations.

Development of the project is taking place in coordination with the city of Wapakoneta and its electric department. The improvements are expected to bolster electric service reliability for customers and support economic development. Construction begins at the end of the year.

AEP Ohio Transco filed a Letter of Notification with the OPSB as the Gristmill-Gemini 138-kV Transmission Line Project, Case No. 19-0043-EL-BLN. The Letter of Notification to construct, operate and maintain these facilities is pending before the OPSB.

The Letter of Notification to construct, operate and maintain the Gemini Substation was filed on Nov. 19, 2018 and is pending before the OPSB.

The OPSB will accept motions to intervene in the Letter of Notification up to 10 days following the publication date of this notice. The requirements to intervene are available 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. 19-0043-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 actual Letter of Notification, including specific details about the location and construction, are available for public inspection at the following locations:

**Auglaize County Public Library**, 203 S. Perry St., Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895  
**Ohio Power Siting Board**, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793, (866) 270-6772, [contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us](mailto:contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us)

Electronic versions of the Letter of Notification are available at <http://www.aeptransmission.com/ohio/> and at the OPSB website at <http://opsb.ohio.gov>. Search under current cases for Case No. 19-0043-EL-BLN.

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

**Auglaize County Board of Commissioners**, Mr. Don Regula  
**Auglaize County Soil & Water Conservation District**, Program Administrator  
**City of Wapakoneta**, Mayor Thomas Stinebaugh

**Auglaize County Engineer**, Mr. Douglas Reinhart  
**Pusheta Township Board of Trustees**, Mr. Jay Fisher  
**City of Wapakoneta**, Councilman Steve Henderson

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 send an email inquiry to [jkdemaree@aep.com](mailto:jkdemaree@aep.com). Mail inquiries can go to the following address:

**AEP Ohio**  
Attention: Joe Demaree  
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