

**Minutes of the Ohio Power Siting Board Meeting  
April 16, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Sam Randazzo, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Mary Mertz, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
George McNab for Dorothy Pelanda, Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Rachel Near for Lydia Mihalik, Director, Ohio Development Services Agency  
Drew Bergman for Laurie Stevenson, Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Gene Phillips for Amy Acton, M.D., Director, Ohio Department of Health  
Gregory Murphy, P.E., Public Member  
Senator Sandra Williams  
Representative Jeffrey Crossman  
Jeff Jones, Legal Department  
Angela Hawkins, Legal Department

**Absent:**

Senator Steve Wilson  
Representative Nino Vitale

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This meeting was convened pursuant to the regular agenda issued on April 9, 2020 for the April 16, 2020 agenda.

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The minutes of the February 20, 2020 Board meeting were approved by the Board members.

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The Board met for the purpose of considering the following cases and to act upon the proposed Entries and Orders.

**Signing Session: April 16, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.**

Chairman Randazzo provided instructions on how to participate in the Board meetings and explained the current virtual meeting process.

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| 1. | 17-773-EL-BGN<br>18-1360-EL-BGN | In re Hardin Solar Energy LLC and Hardin Solar Energy II LLC for Authority to Transfer a Portion of the Certificate Authority.<br>(Entry Considering Request to Transfer) | Approval moved and seconded, vote 7-0. |
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Chairman Randazzo noted that when this case was last before the Board it was sent back for further consideration due to concerns with geotechnical drilling and test results. Since that time, the concerns were confirmed, as there were problems with the initial geotechnical testing, and the project developer and stakeholders got together to address these issues.

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| 2. | 17-1091-EL-BLN | In re Letter of Notification of Ohio River Partners Shareholder LLC for a Certificate to Construct an Electric Generation Facility in Monroe County, Ohio.<br>(Entry Considering Joint Application to Bifurcate Certificate and Assign Switchyard) | Approval moved and seconded, vote 7-0. |
| 3. | 18-1546-EL-BGN | In re Nestlewood Solar I LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Construct an Electric Generation Facility in Brown and Clermont Counties, Ohio.<br>(Opinion, Order, and Certificate Considering Application)      | Approval moved and seconded, vote 7-0. |
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Chairman Randazzo stated that after a thorough review of the record the Board was acting today to approve a certificate and allow this project to move forward in accordance with the specified conditions that are responsive to the Board conditions and the public interest. The Board is charged with ensuring that large scale energy projects are certificated in accordance with Ohio law. The Chairman thanked the project developer, stakeholders, and Board staff for the problem-solving actions taken. Further noting that as a result of their timely and constructive engagement, the Board is in a position to issue a decision today.

Board member Mertz asked for clarification of the process for the reporting of violations of certification conditions. Chairman Randazzo explained that the conditions set up requirements that need to be met throughout the project which are documented and monitored by Staff. Judge Jones seconded the Chairman's comments and confirmed that the applicant has reporting requirements and Staff will follow-up and monitor the matter.

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| 4. | 15-1574-EL-BNR | In re Construction Notice Application of Dayton Power and Light Company for a Certificate for the West Milton Substation Expansion.<br>(Entry Considering Request to Close Case)                                   | Approval moved and seconded, vote 7-0. |
| 5. | 19-1765-EL-BLN | In re Letter of Notification Application of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for a Certificate for the Napoleon-Richland-Stryker 138 kV Transmission Line Project.<br>(Opinion, Order, and Certificate) | Approval moved and seconded, vote 7-0. |

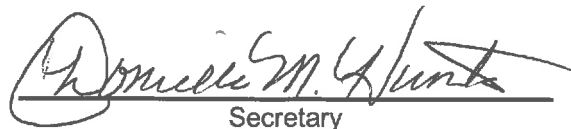
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| 6.  | 19-1857-EL-BLN                  | In re Letter of Notification Application of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for a Certificate for the Hanna-Newton Falls 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project.<br>(Opinion, Order, and Certificate)               | Approval moved and seconded, vote 7-0. |
| 7.  | 19-1866-EL-BTA                  | In re Application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. for an Amendment to the Ginger Switch-Vigo 138 kV Transmission Line Project.<br>(Order on Certificate Amendment)   | Approval moved and seconded, vote 7-0. |
| 8.  | 19-2024-EL-BTA                  | In re Application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. for an Amendment to the Vigo-Pine Ridge Switch 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project.<br>(Order on Certificate Amendment)   | Approval moved and seconded, vote 7-0. |
| 9.  | 20-33-EL-BGA                    | In re Second Amendment Application of Guernsey Power Station, LLC for a Capacity Increase in its Certificate to Install and Operate an Electric Generating facility in Guernsey County, Ohio.<br>(Order on Certificate Amendment) | Approval moved and seconded, vote 7-0. |
| 10. | 20-601-GE-UNC<br>20-2000-XX-XXX | In re the Proper Procedures and Process for the Board's Operations and Proceedings During the Declared State of Emergency and Related Matters.<br>(Entry considering e-filing confidential documents)                             | Approval moved and seconded, vote 7-0. |

Chairman Randazzo explained that this is a procedural matter in light of the current state of emergency to provide a new process which allows the electronic filing of confidential documents.

Chairman announced the Board's upcoming rule review virtual meeting on May 12, 2020, where stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide feedback. The invitation and instructions on how to participate will be provided soon.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m.

  
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