## HEPPNER STATION PROJECT PUBLIC NOTICE

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio Transmission Company Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco), an affiliate of AEP Ohio, proposes to build a new 138-kilovolt (kV) switching station in Coal Township in Jackson County. The project is known as the Heppner Station Project and is part of the overall Jackson-Ross County Area Improvements.

The purpose of the project is to improve the electric transmission infrastructure in southern Ohio and allow for economic development. The project involves building an approximate 2-acre station on an approximate 8-acre parcel. Heppner station will be connected to the proposed Rhodes station by the proposed Northeast Jackson 138 kV transmission line. This project will be an approximate \$8 million investment by AEP Ohio Transco. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2018.

AEP Ohio Transco filed a Letter of Notification with the Ohio Power Siting Board, under Case No. 17-0806-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 substation is pending before the board.

Petitions to intervene in 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 4906-2-12, 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. 17-0806-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:

Jackson City Library, 21 Broadway Street, Jackson, Ohio 45640

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 Case No. 17-0806-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:

Jackson County Board of Commissioner, Jerry Hall, Edmond Armstrong, Paul Haller Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District, Program Administrator Coal Township Trustees, Bob Davis, Glen Linton, Shane Smith, Karen Fulton

Jackson County Engineer, Melissa Miller Mayor Randy Heath, City of Jackson Councilman Eric Brown, City of Jackson

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 Erin Miller at the information listed below.

To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call 614-552-1929 or 1-877-215-9261 or send an email inquiry to ecmiller1@aep.com. Mail inquiries may be sent to the following address:

## **AEP Ohio**

Attention: Erin Miller 700 Morrison Road Gahanna, Ohio 43230

