

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

AEP Ohio officials have proposed transmission upgrades in Paulding and Van Wert counties.

AEP Ohio representatives announced the Van Wert-Haviland Transmission Line Project in summer 2024. The project involves upgrading about 10 miles of 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting Haviland Substation, located off Road 107, and Van Wert Substation, located off North Walnut Street, with a 138-kV power line. Company representatives plan to build most of the power line in the existing right-of-way corridor and re-routing a section of line near Van Wert.

As the project has progressed, AEP Ohio representatives have proposed adjustments to the previously approved line route near Van Wert to reconfigure the transmission line's entry into the station, addressing detailed engineering design considerations and landowner requests.

We have filed a Letter of Notification with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for these adjustments as the Van Wert-Haviland 138 kV Transmission Line Adjustment Project, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Case No. 26-0729-EL-BLN.

If approved, construction is planned to begin in fall 2026 and conclude early 2028.

This filing follows one previously approved Letter of Notification under Case No. 25-0697-EL-BLN.

The Letter of Notification to construct, operate and maintain this facility awaits OPSB review. The OPSB accepts motions to intervene in the Letter of Notification up to 10 days following the publication date of this notice. The requirements to intervene are included 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. 26-0729-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 Letter of Notification, including specific details about the location and construction, are available for public inspection at the following locations:
Brumback Library, 215 W. Main St., Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH, 43215-3793, (866) 270-6772, contactopsb@puc.state.oh.us

Electronic versions of the Letter of Notification are available at AEPOhio.com/VanWert-Haviland and at the OPSB website at www.opsb.ohio.gov. Search under current cases for Case No. 26-0729-EL-BLN.

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

- **Van Wert County Board of Commissioners**, Thad Lichtensteiger, Stan Owens, Todd Wolfrum
- **Van Wert County Fiscal Officer**, Jami Bradford
- **Van Wert County Engineer**, Kyle Wendel
- **Van Wert County Soil and Water Conservation District**, Becky Dowler
- **Van Wert County Economic Development Executive Director**, Brent Stevens
- **Ridge Township Trustee**, Scott Davis, Bill Evans, Billy Poe
- **Ridge Township Fiscal Officer**, Julie Doner
- **Pleasant Township Trustee**, Todd Wallace, Rick Roop, Jay Gamble
- **Pleasant Township Fiscal Officer**, Krista Somerton
- **Mayor**, Kenneth Markward
- **City Council President**, Thad Eikenbary

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 Kasie Rogers at the information listed below. To ask a question or make a comment about the project, please call 614-933-2998 or send an email inquiry to AEPOhio_Outreach@aep.com. Send mail inquiries to the following address:

AEP Ohio
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