

Ohio Power Siting Board approves Middletown Energy Center

COLUMBUS, OHIO (Nov. 24, 2014) – The Ohio Power Siting Board today authorized NTE Ohio, to construct a 525 megawatt natural gas fired, combined-cycle generation facility in Middletown, Ohio.

The Middletown Energy Center (case number [14-534-EL-BGN](#)) will be located on a 46-acre parcel immediately south of the AK Steel facility in Middletown. The facility will interconnect to the regional transmission grid via Duke Energy Ohio's Foster-Todhunter 345 kilovolt transmission line. The project represents an estimated investment of \$550 million.

NTE filed an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need with the Board on June 4, 2014. At a public hearing held by the Board in Middletown on Oct. 28, 2014, witness testimony supported the project. NTE and the Board's Staff filed a joint stipulation and recommendation on Nov. 4, 2014.

The Board's order today authorizes the construction of the facility, subject to a set of conditions agreed to in the stipulation. These conditions will mitigate potential impacts experienced during the construction and operation of the facility.

In additional business, the Board granted motions to extend, for a period of 36 months, the certificates previously issued for Paulding Wind Farm, LLC's Timber Road I and wind farms in Paulding County (case numbers [09-980-EL-BGN](#) and [10-369-EL-BGN](#)). The Board also established a public comment period to gather input on the Board Staff's proposed changes to Ohio Administrative Code 4906-4-08 (case number [12-](#)

[1981-EL-BRO](#)).

Additional information regarding today's Board decisions is available at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

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The OPSB is responsible for reviewing and certifying plans for the construction of new energy facilities in Ohio. Before any company can build a major utility facility, the OPSB ensures that the facility will benefit Ohio's citizens, promote the state's economic interests and protect the environment and land use. The OPSB's certification process includes local public hearings that allow residents to voice their opinions and concerns on proposed projects.

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