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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for a Construction Notice for the F5484-138 kV Columbia Substation, PUCO Case No. 18-1571-EL-BNR

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio) is filing this Pre-Application Notification Letter in accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-03(A).

Duke Energy proposes to reconductor approximately 1,820 feet (0.34 mile) of existing 138 kV transmission line from Structure 155 to Structure 158 and from Structure 161 to Structure 163; remove approximately 220 feet (0.04 mile) of existing 138 kV transmission line from Structure 158 to Structure 161; and install approximately 550 feet (0.10 mile) of new 138 kV transmission line from Structure 158 to the future Columbia Substation East Bay and from Structure 161 to the future Columbia Substation West Bay. Reconductor, removal, and new installation activities will occur within the 100-foot wide Duke Energy transmission line corridor right-of-way (ROW). As part of these activities, 3 existing wooden poles will be replaced with wooden poles, two existing wooden poles will be replaced with steel poles, 2 existing wooden H-frame structures will be replaced with steel 3-pole structures, and 2 new steel structures will be installed.

The project initiates at Structure 163 located west of State Route 48, south of Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road (39.370906, -84.226623) and terminates at Structure 155 located west of State Route 48, north of Winding River Road (39.365858, -84.223694).

Construction is planned to begin December 12, 2018, upon approval of this Construction Notice. The Project is anticipated to be completed and in-service by May of 2019.

Pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-6-04, Duke Energy Ohio is requesting an expedited review.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery

Jeanne W. Kingery
Associate General Counsel

cc: Tamara Turkenton, Executive Director