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Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary  
Ohio Power Siting Board, Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for a Construction Notice for  
the Pierce Substation Transmission Line Installation Project  
PUCO Case No. 20-1487-EL-BNR

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio) is filing this Pre-Application Notification Letter in accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-03(A) for the Duke Energy Ohio Pierce Substation Transmission Line Installation Project (Project).

Duke Energy Ohio proposes to install approximately 0.117-mile of 345-kV line in support of the Pierce Substation Expansion Project (PUCO Case #: 20-262-EL-BNR). The completed substation expansion will allow for reconfiguration and installation of new equipment within the fence, however the proposed installation of two (2) steel monopole structures will be located outside of the expanded substation fence. This transmission line installation is to create a bus for the operations at the expanded and allow for reconfiguration of equipment within the expanded Pierce Substation. The installation of the aforementioned structures is the second phase of necessary upgrades at the Pierce Substation to connect the reconfigured equipment within the expanded substation. The Project is located in Pierce Township near New Richmond, within Clermont County, Ohio, at the existing Pierce Substation site

Construction for this project is tentatively scheduled to begin December 2020, pending approval of this Construction Notice. The Project is anticipated to be completed and in-service by June 2022.

Pursuant to OAC 4906-6-04, Duke Energy Ohio is seeking expedited treatment of this project.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery*

Jeanne W. Kingery  
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cc: Theresa White, Executive Director