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Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3716

Re: OPSB Case No. 20-7-EL-BLN / Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Morgan Transmission Line Separation Project

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio), filed a Letter of Notification, pursuant to O.A.C. Chapter 4906-6, on January 5, 2021, concerning a proposed project known as the Morgan Transmission Line Separation Project. The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) Staff issued its report recommending automatic approval by the OPSB, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The certificate authority provided in this case shall not exempt the facility from any other applicable and lawful local, state, or federal rules or regulations nor be used to affect the exercise of discretion of any other local, state, or federal permitting or licensing authority with regard to areas subject to their supervision or control.
2. Prior to the commencement of construction activities in areas that require permits or authorizations by federal or state laws and regulations, the Applicant shall obtain and comply with such permits or authorizations. The Applicant shall provide copies of permits and authorizations, including all supporting documentation, on the case docket prior to commencement of construction.
3. The Applicant shall adhere to seasonal cutting dates of October 1 through March 31 for removal of any trees greater than three inches in diameter, unless coordination with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allows a different course of action.
4. The Applicant shall obtain a Floodplain Permit from the Hamilton County Floodplain Administrator prior to the start of construction in a FEMA 100-year floodplain area.

Duke Energy Ohio adopts and accepts these required conditions and agrees to satisfy them.

Respectfully submitted,

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