

**Duke Energy Ohio
Case No. 20-0347-EL-BNR
STAFF Third Set of Data Requests
Date Received: August 28, 2020**

STAFF-DR-03-001

REQUEST:

Will tree clearing be required for the project? If so, how much? And if so, will you abide by the seasonal clearing dates in order to avoid impacts to listed bat species?

RESPONSE:

Vegetation clearing activities will be the first phase of construction, which is scheduled to begin after October 1, 2020 to adhere to the winter clearing to avoid concerns with listed bat species. This schedule is pending OPSB approval for this project. The vegetation clearing activities are estimated to remove existing pine trees and honeysuckle that are adjacent to the existing substation perimeter fencing to allow for the necessary grading activities for the substation expansion. The area to be cleared of trees consists of approximately 0.12 acres. Additional vegetation removal/maintenance will occur within the existing transmission ROW to allow for completion of construction activities associated with the monopole installation.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Dane Vandewater