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Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation

Case No.: 07-1211-EL-BLN

Project: O'Bannonville Electric Transmission Line Loop

Applicant: Duke Energy Ohio

Report Date: 31 December 2007

Automatic Approval Date: 8 January 2008 (Letter of Notification process)

Waiver Request: None

Inspection Date(s): 28 November 2007

Staff Assigned: J. O'Dell & R. Strom

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see report text for discussion):

Application: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Approval with Conditions
Waiver: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Not Applicable

Summary of Staff Recommended Conditions (see report text for discussion):

- At least 30 days prior to construction, the Applicant shall submit a vegetative restoration plan for Staff's review and approval.

Projected Docket Closure Date (if automatically approved): 1 June 2010

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Project Description: This project involves the addition of approximately 1,730 feet of single-circuit 138 kV transmission line and the removal of 665 feet of existing conductors. The project is needed to provide an electrical supply to a new substation, which will facilitate the expansion of the O'Bannonville Waste Water Treatment Plant. The current r-o-w could not be utilized because it would interfere with any emergency maintenance operations on the new aeration tank. The Applicant intends to do all vegetative clearing by hand methods and to allow the abandoned r-o-w to return to an unaltered state. Additionally, Staff is requiring a vegetative restoration plan to ensure that any potential impacts to sensitive areas are minimized.

Site Description: The project is located in Goshen Township, Clermont County. Land use in proximity to the project consists of utility and vacant uses.

Discussion/Comments/Concerns: The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts.

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