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Mr. Tommy Antill, Project Manager American Electric Power 700 Morrison Road Gahanna, OH 43230

Subject: Limited Commencement of Construction Don Marquis 138 kV Loop #1 Project Case Number 07-715-EL-BTX

Dear Mr. Antill,

Staff attended your November 3, 2008 pre-construction conference. Staff finds that all pre-construction issues except the Phase I cultural resources study have been addressed. Staff understands that the field work for the Phase I study is concluding, and that AEP has been coordinating efforts with the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Staff has reviewed construction plan and profile drawings, as well as staging and access plans for this project. Staff notes that slope stabilization, details regarding watercourse protection, and stream crossing have been adequately addressed.

Mobilization and unloading of poles and material to be stored on USDOE property may commence, as may applicable access road work. Installation activities in the form of digging foundation holes for the pole structures may not commence until Staff has reviewed and accepted the Phase I cultural resources study.

Very truly yours,

Klaus Lamber Chief

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