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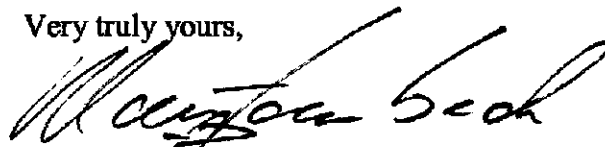
Subject: Commencement of HDD Construction
OSU-Roberts 138 kV Transmission Line Project
Case Numbers: 08-0170-EL-BTX / 10-1328-EL-BTA

Dear Mr. Heppner,

Staff attended your December 15, 2010 on-site pre-construction meeting for the portion of work related to horizontal directional drilling (HDD) construction under the Olentangy and Scioto Rivers for this project. Staff finds that pre-construction issues have been satisfactorily addressed for the HDD work under the Olentangy River. Staff reviewed the construction plans, profile drawings, frac-out contingency plans, permits, met with the project contractors for this portion of work, and find that Staff's questions and conditions have been adequately addressed. As such, commencement of construction/installation activities is authorized for the HDD work under the Olentangy River.

AEP and its contractors have indicated a modification to the HDD work at the Scioto River crossing, to place the HDD rigging equipment on the west side of the river in lieu of the park property on the east side. Staff is amenable to this change, as it should aid in reducing noise impacts to nearby residents and reduce subsurface impacts to the park area. Before starting this portion of work, however, Staff is requesting engineering drawing revisions to the set that was submitted October 22, 2010 to reflect this switch in HDD equipment placement. Staff notes that this change will not affect the centerline of the approved route. Staff requests that the applicant coordinate with the park owner, and submit final noise studies, reflecting this change, to ensure that there are no outstanding issues with the Scioto River HDD work prior to construction.

Very truly yours,



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