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Mr. John Heppner
American Electric Power
700 Morrison Road
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Subject: Construction Activities
OSU-Roberts 138 kV Transmission Line Project
Case Numbers: 08-0170-EL-BTX / 10-1328-EL-BTA

Dear Mr. Heppner,

Thank you for your recent submission of the revised noise study, golden winged warbler habitat assessment and revised plan and profile drawings for the OSU-Roberts transmission line project. Tree and shrub clearing is authorized for areas within right-of-way and AEP easements for this project, with tree clearing to be completed prior to April 1, 2011.

Staff notes that monitoring for the golden-winged warbler will still need to be done during the nesting period of May 15-July 15 if there is construction activity near the three habitat areas as identified in AEP's January 10, 2011 filing.

As all components of construction and installation of this transmission line have been authorized, Staff will monitor construction in compliance with the approved Opinion, Order, and Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (dated September 21, 2009 and as Amended November 18, 2010).

Please notify this Board when the OSU-Roberts 138 kV transmission line is completed and in-service.

Very truly yours,

Klaus Lambek, Chief
Facilities, Siting & Environmental Analysis Division
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cc: Mr. Matthew Satterwhite, Senior Counsel for American Electric Power

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