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March 25, 2011

Mr. John Heppner
American Electric Power
700 Morrison Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

Subject: Scioto River Construction Activities
OSU-Roberts 138 kV Transmission Line Project
Case Number: 08-0170-EL-BTX

Dear Mr. Heppner,

In a December 23, 2010 letter to you it was expressed that Staff was amenable to changing the originally approved location of the horizontal directional drilling (HDD) equipment for the Scioto River crossing to the west side of the river. AEP recently contacted Staff to change the location of the HDD equipment back to its originally approved location, on the east bank. As such, Staff expressed concerns about the noise that would be generated by the HDD equipment in proximity to nearby residences, and about the ability to respond to potential frac-outs along the steep west bank should action be necessary.

In response to Staff's concerns, AEP submitted an amended frac-out plan (March 25, 2011) and a supplement to the noise study (March 22, 2011) as they both pertain to the HDD activities at the Scioto River crossing for the above referenced project. Staff is satisfied that both items reflect appropriate mitigation actions for noise associated with placement of the HDD equipment on the east side of the river, as well as procedures should a frac-out occur along the west bank of the river. As such, Staff concerns regarding HDD work under and along the Scioto River have been addressed and installation of said transmission line is authorized to continue.

Should a frac-out occur while drilling, protocol from the approved frac-out plan (attached to the October 23, 2010 engineering sheets) and as included in your March 25, 2011 amendment shall be followed.

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

Very truly yours,

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