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**Ohio Power Siting Board**

**Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation**

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**Case No.:** 11-5471-EL-BLN

**Project:** Ashland to Whittier 138 kV Transmission Line

**Applicant:** Duke Energy Ohio

**Report Date:** 7 Nov 2011

**Automatic Approval Date:** 15 Nov 2011 (**Expedited** Letter of Notification process)

**Waiver Request:** None

**Inspection Date(s):** 28 Oct 2011

**Staff Assigned:** J. O'Dell

**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):**

- Applicant shall negotiate and secure all required easements prior to commencement of construction.

**Projected Docket Closure Date (if automatically approved):** 30 June 2014

**Investigation Report**

**Project Description:** This project involves upgrading and converting approximately 0.95 miles of distribution line to 138 kV transmission line. The project will require 16 new wood poles and four steel structures. The project would provide service to a planned distribution substation.

**Site Description:** Land use in proximity to the project includes commercial, interstate, industrial and urban residential uses. The existing easements also follow around the perimeter of a large cemetery. A majority of the project is sited within existing utility easements; therefore, only small portion requires new easements. This project is located in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County.

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

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