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Subject: Commencement of Construction – Grading (Phase I)  
Vassell 765/345/138 kV Substation Project  
OPSB Case Number: 11-1313-EL-BSB

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Dear Mr. Joseph,

Staff attended your July 12, 2012 pre-construction conference for the portion of work related to site grading (herein referred to as Phase I) for the Vassell Substation project located in Delaware County. Staff has reviewed and approves information provided that is pertinent to Phase I of construction; including engineering drawings for the preferred site, AEP's complaint resolution procedure, landscaping and lighting, access, environmental specialist information, transportation and stormwater permits, erosion and sediment control measures, hours of construction activity, and site layout at the project access point. Staff finds that the OPSB Board's conditions for Phase I of the project related to these items have been adequately addressed. As such, grading construction may now commence on the site with one exception: as agreed at the preconstruction conference, the northwest property screening berm will not be constructed until further notice, and no earthmoving will commence in the northwest portion of the site until additional archaeological testing has been concluded to the satisfaction of Staff.

Attached for reference and coordination is a list of the studies, plans, and responses Staff has received to date for this project. Staff will attend a separate pre-construction conference at your future scheduling to specifically address issues associated with Phases II-V of this project (transmission line work, foundations, riparian clearing, above-grade work, etc.).

Staff looks forward to working with AEP and its contractors on this project as it moves forward. Please update Staff weekly as Phase I progresses and please notify the Board when construction is completed and when the facility is eventually placed in service. Please also note that Staff will periodically be on-site throughout construction of this project, and will check in at the main

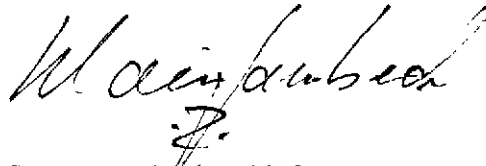
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construction trailer prior to entering the site.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Klaus Lambeck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a stylized "L".

Klaus Lambeck, Chief  
Facilities, Siting & Environmental Analysis Division  
Ohio Power Siting Board

Cc: Mr. Matthew Satterwhite, Senior Counsel for American Electric Power  
Ms. Erin Miller, Contract Attorney, American Electric Power  
Ms. Betty McCauley, OPSB Docketing Division

**Vassell Substation (AEP) 11-1313-EL-BSB****Condition Tracker**

<b><u>Date Submitted</u></b>	<b><u>Condition</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
April 23, 2012	7	Cultural Resources Avoidance Plan - draft
May 9, 2012	27	Low Frequency Noise
May 15, 2012	12	345 kV Line Placement
May 16, 2012	6	Complaint Resolution Procedure
May 17, 2012	35	Microwave Path Study
May 17, 2012	36	Microwave Path mitigation
May 24, 2012	7	Phase I Cultural Historical Report
May 31, 2012	11	Streamside Vegetation Restoration Plan
May 31, 2012	15	Environmental Specialist
June 1, 2012	31	Baseline TV Reception and Signal Strength
June 1, 2012	32	Telephone Noise
June 1, 2012	33	AM/FM Radio Frequency
June 1, 2012	34	FCC Compliance
June 6, 2012	9	Maintenance and Access Plan/Phasing Outline
June 7, 2012	7	Cultural Resources Avoidance Plan
June 15, 2012	37	Engineering & Grading Plans - Update
June 16, 2012	8	Landscape and Lighting
June 18, 2012	10	Vegetation Management Plan
June 18, 2012	13	Herbicide Management Plan
June 18, 2012	14	Removal of Tall Growing Tree Species - Limited Track for Eqp
June 19, 2012	37	Update - Detailed Engng Drawings/Bid Specs (Grading)
June 20, 2012	--	Staff Q&A – Applicant Responses (Misc)
June 21, 2012	9 & 7	Updated Access Plan and Cultural Resources Avoidance Plan

June 22, 2012	22	Station Layout Drawing E 1701
June 22, 2012	37	Update 138 kV Electrical Assembly – Drawing E 2201
June 22, 2012	37	Update 138 kV 345 kV Electrical Assembly – Sec Drwg E 2204
June 22, 2012	37	Update Electrical Assembly Drawing E 2302
June 22, 2012	37	Update Electrical Assembly Drawing E 2702
June 22, 2012	37	Update Section Views Drawing E 2703
June 22, 2012	--	Avian Protection Program Info
June 22, 2012	20	SWPPP Stormwater Calculations Book & Construction Prints
June 27, 2012	--	East Basin Drainage Information (misc)
July 2, 2012	5	Notification and Agenda for Grading Preconstruction Conf
July 2, 2012	--	East Basin Drainage Revised Detail
July 5, 2012	4	Applicable Permits
July 6, 2012	20	SWPPP Hard Copy
July 9, 2012	15	Updated Environmental Specialist List
July 10, 2012	4	Transportation Permit (Hauling)
July 11, 2012	6	Complaint Resolution Process – Additional Information
July 11, 2012	4	OEPA Construction Stormwater Permit
July 11, 2012	20	Delaware County DESC Permit
July 11, 2012	7	Revised Phase I Cultural Historical Report
July 11, 2012	7	Revised Archaeological Avoidance Plan

Updated: July 11, 2012