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BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Republic Steel
138 kV Melt Shop Transmission Line

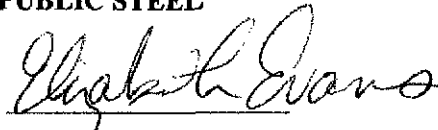
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Case No.: 12-2453-EL-BNR

**MOTION BY REPUBLIC STEEL FOR WAIVER
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Now comes Republic Steel ("Republic Steel"), pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code § 4906-1-03 and files this motion requesting a waiver of the 21-day requirement found in Ohio Administrative Code 4906-5-02 (B) (1). The reasons for this request are described more fully in the attached memorandum in support.

Respectfully submitted,
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On September 5, 2012, Republic Steel filed a Construction Notice for a 138 kV Transmission Line to supply power to a new Melt Shop Switchyard. Pursuant to the Notice, Republic Steel plans to install approximately nine hundred and seven (907) feet of 138 kV transmission line from a First Energy dead end structure near the intersection of Vine Street and East 28th Street in the City of Lorain, Ohio to Republic's Melt Shop Switchyard.

OAC §4906-5-02(B)(1) requires that a construction notice requesting expedited processing shall be filled no less than twenty-one days before the planned commencement of construction. Both §§4906-1-03 and 4906-5-02(B)(1) allow waiver of this requirement for good cause shown. Extraordinary circumstances exist in this situation to justify the request for the waiver.

As stated above, the purpose of the transmission line project is to supply power to a new melt shop at Republic's Lorain facility. The melt shop project is on a "Fast Track" schedule and cannot maintain that schedule with a twenty-one (21) day delay for starting the transmission line. Employment for approximately four hundred (400) people is dependent on finishing the project as quickly as possible. Construction delays could be very costly and, worst case scenario could endanger the complete project.

Given these extraordinary circumstances, Republic Steel respectfully requests that the notice requirements found in §4906-5-02(B)(1) be waived to allow construction to begin on September 10, 2012.

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