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Mr. Scott Joseph American Electric Power 700 Morrison Road Gahanna, OH 43230

Subject: Commencement of Construction – Phase 4

Vassell 765/345/138 kV Substation Project OPSB Case Number: 11-1313-EL-BSB

Dear Mr. Joseph,

Staff attended your April 16, 2013 pre-construction conference for the portions of work related to the transmission line loop structures and cabling for the Vassell Substation project located in Delaware County. For clarity, this conference was for transmission line work included in Case No. 11-1313-EL-BSB only and not work related to the Trent-Vassell 138 kV transmission line (Case No. 11-1314-EL-BTX) project.

All pre-construction issues have been satisfactorily addressed for this portion of the project. Staff has reviewed access plans for this portion of the project, and finds Staff's questions and conditions have been adequately addressed. Commencement of construction/installation activities is authorized for this phase of the project.

Thank you for your continued cooperation on the phasing of this project, and compliance with the Board's conditions established in this case. Staff looks forward to continuing work with AEP and its contractors on this project as it moves forward.

Very truly yours,

Klaus Lambeck Chief

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