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> Black River Substation Project Case No. 11- 5855 -EL-BSB

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Black River Transmission Line Project

<u>Case No. 11- 5856-EL-BTX</u>

Dear Mr. Lambeck,

This letter is in response to the Opinion, Order, and Certificate issued on March 26, 2013 for the Black River Substation Project and the Black River Transmission Line Project (Project). Please be advised that these facilities began commercial operation on August 30, 2013. Minor construction activities, primarily maintaining erosion controls while vegetation becomes reestablished in areas disturbed by construction, are still underway and are expected to be completed in a few months. A notification letter will be sent when all construction activities are completed.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (330) 384-5955.

Sincerely,

Jessica Thacker

Engineer

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cc: J. O'Dell (OPSB)