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**RE: Kammer – West Bellaire 345kV circuit re-conductor project
Case No. 14-0024-EL-BNR**

Dear Ms. McCauley:

On January 8, 2014, AEP Ohio Transmission Company (“AEP Ohio Transco”) submitted the above-referenced construction notice in this docket. Based on Staff’s review of the construction notice, it was determined that the project need be clarified. To that end, the need for the Kammer – West Bellaire project should be clarified as follows.

During the first generation retirement study assessment in May 2012, PJM identified multiple overloads on the Kammer-West Bellaire 345kV circuit, which is a section of the Muskingum River-Tidd 345kV transmission line. PJM required remediation efforts through re-conductoring to be completed and in-service by 6/1/2015 (PJM Identifier B1970). After multiple subsequent iterations, PJM found that the Kammer-West Bellaire 345kV circuit was not as severely congested as initially identified, therefore allowing the re-conductoring project to be deferred. However, AEP Ohio Transco had already procured material and proceeded with engineering when informed of this decision by PJM. AEP Ohio Transco estimated that the Kammer-West Bellaire 345kV circuit would be identified as a congested facility in the coming years given the amount of changes the area would face between 2014-2016 and thus decided to move forward with the project. AEP Ohio Transco proposed to change the project designation from baseline to supplemental, and submitted the request to PJM. PJM approved this request and proceeded by assigning a supplemental identifier to this project -S0645.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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Summary: Correspondence clarifying project need electronically filed by Mr. Yazen Alami on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company