









Appendix A Site Photographs



*Photo 1*: Representative photo of PSS wetlands (WRG009) along the proposed transmission line looking northeast.



*Photo 2*: Representative photo of PEM wetlands (WRG001) along the proposed transmission line looking southeast.



*Photo 3*: Representative photo of riparian forest habitat along the proposed transmission line looking northwest.



**Photo 4**: Representative photo of mowed turf grass along the proposed transmission line looking southeast toward the existing substation.



**Photo 5**: Representative photo of agricultural fields along the proposed transmission line looking west.



*Photo 6*: Representative photo of new field habitat along the proposed transmission line looking west.



Photo 7: Representative photo of existing transmission line right-of-way looking east.



**Photo 8**: Representative photo of ephemeral streams (SRG006) along the proposed transmission line looking northwest.



**Photo 9**: Representative photo of perennial streams (SRG004) along the proposed transmission line looking northeast.



Photo 10: Photo of the pond (PMB001) along the proposed transmission line looking southwest.



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## Subject: Threatened and Endangered Species Habitat Assessment American Electric Power Company, Inc., Proposed 69 kV Service to Momentum in Leesville, Ohio Project, Carroll County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Schneider:

On behalf of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP), CH2M HILL Engineers, Inc. (CH2M HILL) requests comments from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) on the effect of the proposed new 69 kilovolt (kV) service to the Utica East Ohio Midstream LLC (Momentum) facility in Leesville, Ohio (the Project) on statelisted threatened and endangered species and conservancy areas. The Project involves installation of 1.35 miles of electric transmission line designed to a 138 kV specification, but energized to 69 kV, to serve the Momentum Station in Leesville, Carroll County (Attachment 1; Figure 1). AEP is working with Momentum to use the existing right-of-way (ROW) from Momentum's facility towards the existing AEP Ohio Leesville Station for construction of the Project.

## 1.0 Background

AEP retained CH2M HILL to review available information and assess threatened and endangered species habitat within the Project area. CH2M HILL reviewed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Ohio Ecological Services Office website (USFWS, 2013) for information on federally listed species known to occur, or potentially occur, in Carroll County, Ohio. CH2M HILL also reviewed the ODNR Division of Wildlife (DOW) Natural Heritage Database State-listed Species for Carroll County (ODNR DOW, 2012) and the relevant U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps (Bowerston; Attachment 1; Figure 1).

CH2M HILL submitted a Natural Heritage Database data request form and mapping to the ODNR DOW by email on January 2, 2014, to solicit information on known occurrences of federally listed and state listed species within a 1.5-mile radius of the Project area. Through this request, CH2M HILL obtained Geographic Information System (GIS) data on January 8, 2014, that outlined known records of state and federally listed species within the Project area (Schneider, 2014, personal communication). The ODNR DOW also provided a response letter, which is included as Attachment 2 and discussed in further detail in the following sections. The following summarizes the results of the January 2014 ODNR coordination, also provided in Figure 2 of Attachment 1, which reflects the most current species records available from ODNR.

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