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August 8, 2014

Mr. Todd Sides Project Manager American Electric Power 700 Morrison Road Gahanna, OH 43230

**Commencement of Construction Melmore Substation Project** Case Number: 13-0522-EL-BSB

Dear Mr. Sides:

Staff attended your pre-construction conference for work related to the Melmore substation project located in Seneca County. Staff has reviewed and approves information provided for construction of this project for the Preferred Site as approved by the OPSB May 19, 2014, including facility plans and drawings.

Staff finds that the OPSB Board's conditions for the project have been adequately addressed. As such, construction of the facility may commence. Please provide notification to the case docket when construction begins.

Staff looks forward to working with AEP and its contractors on this project as it moves forward. Please update Staff as the project progresses and please notify the Board when construction is complete. Please also note that Staff will periodically be on-site throughout construction of this project, and will check in with your office prior to entering portions of the site.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact myself or Jon Pawley at (614) 644-7631.

Sincerely,

Klaus Lamberk, Chief

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