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October 29, 2014

Chairman Thomas Johnson  
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**RE: PUCO Case No.: 14-1692-EL-BLN**  
**South Central Power Company Stacy 138 kV Transmission Line Project**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Ohio Power Siting Board Staff issued its Staff Report on October 23, 2014 recommending automatic approval of Southern Power Company's (SCP) application in this proceeding by October 31, 2014 contingent upon three conditions being fulfilled. Pursuant to the OPSB Staff Report, SCP agrees to satisfy all three conditions. Specifically, SCP's responses to the three conditions are as follows:

- 1) *Prior to construction, the Applicant shall obtain and comply with all permits and authorizations as required by federal and state entities for any activities where such permit or authorization is required. Copies of such permits and authorizations, including all supporting documentation shall be provided to Staff.*

SCP has applied for authorization for the Ohio EPA NPDES Construction Site Storm Water General Permit and will provide a copy of the authorization for the Ohio EPA to the OPSB once it is received. Project-specific authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for work to be performed within the conditions of the Nationwide Permit 12 is not required for this project. SCP has applied for a permit for use of the Harrison County Highway Right-of-Way and will provide a copy of this authorization to the OPSB once received. Construction will commence only after these permits or authorizations have been obtained.

- 2) *Prior to construction, the Applicant shall coordinate with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Staff to determine if any further action is necessary to avoid impacts to listed species;*

SCP has submitted an information request letter to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources concerning the scope of this project and planned impacts. SCP will provide a copy of the letter from ODNR to the OPSB once it is received. SCP intends to adhere to requirements specified by the ODNR for protection of listed species that may be present within the project area.

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- 3) *The Applicant shall adhere to seasonal cutting dates of October 1 and March 31 for removal of suitable Indiana bat habitat trees, unless coordination efforts with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reflects a different course of action.*

SCP plans to conduct tree clearing on or after November 17, 2014 and will complete clearing work before March 31, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Mr. Aaron Shambrock at (740) 689-6119.

Sincerely,



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Vice President, Engineering  
South Central Power Company

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Summary: Correspondence Accepting Conditions in the Staff Report electronically filed by Mr. Mike A. Frank on behalf of South Central Power Co.