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The Honorable Nicholas Walstra
Administrative Law Judge
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street, 12th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Motion for Waiver,
Case No. 14-1280-EL-BSB

Dear Honorable Nicholas Walstra:

On October 14, 2014, AEP Ohio Transmission Company ("AEP Ohio Transco" or "Applicant") filed a motion for waiver of Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-04(A). Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-04(A) requires the Applicant to include "fully developed information on two sites/routes" in its application for an electric power transmission facility. Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-04(B) provides that for good cause shown, the Board or administrative law judge may waive the requirement of fully developed information on an alternative site.

The Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board (Staff) does not object to the requested waiver. However, Staff notes that the preferred site for the project is located in an area that has been deep mined. Therefore, Staff notes that if the preferred site is unusable because of risk of subsidence, the Applicant will be responsible for developing information on an alternative site and any project delays that might entail. Additionally, Staff reserves the right to require information from the Applicant in areas covered by the requested waiver if Staff determines it to be necessary during the course of the investigation. Staff also reserves the right to investigate and contest all other issues presented in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Summary: Memorandum /Letter regarding AEP's October 14, 2014 Motion for Waiver, submitted by Assistant Attorney General Katie Johnson on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board. electronically filed by Kimberly L Keeton on behalf of Ohio Power Siting Board