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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal Docketing Division The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

> Supplemental Information Letter Delta-Wauseon 138 kV Transmission Line Tap to Nature Fresh Farms Project Case No. 15-2081-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. McNeal,

This letter provides supplemental information to the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board") concerning the construction of the Delta-Wauseon 138 kV Transmission Line Tap to Nature Fresh Farms Project ("Project"), Case No. 15-2081-EL-BLN. To comply with Condition 3 in the Board's Staff Report of Investigation, American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI") and Ohio Edison Company ("OE") hired GAI Consultants ("GAI") to conduct a Phase I Archeological Investigation of the Project area. GAI conducted the Phase I Archeology Field survey from February 21, 2016 through February 27, 2016. GAI filed a filed report of their investigation with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office ("OHPO") on April 1, 2016. A copy of the cover letter GAI sent to the OHPO is provided as Attachment 1.

The results of GAI's investigation identified one prehistoric era archeological site (Site 33FU226) identified by the presence of four pieces of lithic debris from three shovel test pits. Due to the lack of archeological remains and diagnostic artifacts, and the presence of ground disturbing activities in the immediate site vicinity, GAI recommended that the site is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Because this site is not eligible for listing, and consistent with GIA recommendations, the proposed Project will proceed as planned without further cultural resource investigations. A copy of the final report GAI provided to the OHPO, ATSI, & OE is being submitted to the Board's Staff.

Should the Ohio Power Siting Board desire further information or discussion of this submittal, please contact me at (330) 284-2740.

Sincerely,

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Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design

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cc: J. O'Dell

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Attachment 1
Phase I Archeological Investigation Letter to the
Ohio Historic Preservation Office



April 1, 2016 Project C151681.00

Mr. Mark J. Epstein Department Head Ohio Historic Preservation Office 800 East 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211-2474

Phase I Archaeological Investigation, Delta-Wauseon 138 kV Transmission Line Tap to Nature Fresh Farms, Fulton County, Ohio OPSB Case 15-2018-EL-BLN

Dear Mr. Epstein:

On behalf of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI) and Toledo Edison Company (TE), GAI Consultants, Inc. (GAI) is submitting for your review and comment on the enclosed report on Phase I Archaeological Investigations for the Delta-Wauseon 138 kV Transmission Line Tap to Nature Fresh Farms Project in Fulton County, Ohio.

The proposed Project includes installation of an approximately 1,352-meter (m) [4,435-foot (ft)]-long overhead electric transmission tap line within a new 18.3-m (60-ft) wide right-of-way development of approximately 731.5-m (2,400-ft) of new access roads within a 15.2-m (50-ft)-wide corridor and replacement of four existing poles. The Project Area of Potential Effect covered approximately 5.0 hectares (12.24 acres).

GAI conducted a Phase I archaeological survey for the Project the week of February 21 through 27, 2016. This testing resulted in the identification of one prehistoric era archaeological site (Site 33FU226) identified by the presence of four pieces of lithic debitage from three shovel test pits. Given the paucity of archaeological remains, lack of diagnostic artifacts, and the presence of ground disturbing activities to create an existing wetland pond and access road in the immediate site vicinity, GAI recommends that Site 33FU226 is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. GAI, therefore, recommends that the proposed Project proceed according to design and without further cultural resources investigations. If design plans change to incorporate additional areas not addressed in the current study, additional cultural resources investigations may be required in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the OHPO, and the OPSB.

ATSI, TE, and GAI request your review and comment on the results of Phase I archaeological survey, as provided in the attached report. We look forward to successfully completing consultation with your office.

We appreciate your assistance in the development of the Project. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 412-399-5262 or l.frye@gaiconsultants.com.

Sincerely,

GAI Consultants, Inc.

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