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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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**RE: Pre-Application Notification Letter
In the matter of the application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company
for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for
the Ross - Ginger Switch 138kV Transmission Line Project
in PUCO Case No. 17-0637-EL-BTX**

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Dear Ms. McNeal:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) files this pre-application notification letter in accordance with Rule 4906-3-03 Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). According to this provision, a prospective applicant must hold a public informational meeting and provide this notice to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). Specifically, 4906-3-03 O.A.C. requires:

(1) A basic description of the project that shall include information about the anticipated function, equipment size, approximate aerial extent, general location, and purpose of the project.

The Ross - Ginger Switch 138-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) is part of the overall Ross-Jackson Area Improvements Project where AEP Ohio Transco plans to improve the reliability of the electric transmission grid in Ross and Jackson County by updating aging infrastructure to improve its condition and address performance issues.

A portion of the existing Berlin-Ross 69 kV line will be rebuilt to a 138 kV transmission line that connects Ross Substation to Ginger Switch in Ross County.

The project will be approximately 5 miles long. The line will run through Springfield Township in Ross County. AEP Ohio Transco anticipates building the new transmission line using several structure types, including steel H-frame and monopoles.

AEP Ohio Transco estimates that the Project will cost approximately \$10 million.

AEP Ohio Transco expects to file the application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Ross – Ginger Switch 138 kV Transmission Line Project with the state of Ohio Power Siting Board in late 2017.

The new transmission line will have the following major equipment:

- Steel monopoles or H-frame structures
- Conductor
- Shield Wire
- Associated Hardware

(2) The date, time, and location of the public informational meeting to be held pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule.

AEP Ohio Transco plans to hold the Public Information Meeting on Monday, September 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at God's Community Outreach, 27307 Old US RT 35, Chillicothe, OH 45601. If there is any change to the meeting date, time or place, the OPSB Staff will be notified.

(3) A list of any anticipated waivers of the board's rules that the applicant will be requesting for the project.

At this time, AEP Ohio Transco does not anticipate filing any waivers.

Cordially,

/s/ Hector Garcia

Hector Garcia

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