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RE: Pre-Application Notification Letter
In the Matter of the Letter of Notification Application of AEP Ohio
Transmission Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental
Compatibility and Public Need for the Rhodes-Heppner Switch 138kV
Transmission Line Project
Case No. 17-0807-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. McNeal:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) files this pre-application notification letter for the above-referenced Project pursuant to Rule 4906-6-03(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

AEP Ohio Transco proposes to construct the Heppner-Rhodes 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project, located in Coal and Lick Townships, Jackson County, Ohio. The Project involves rebuilding approximately 4.6 miles of existing 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to 138 kV transmission line between the proposed Heppner Switch Station and proposed Rhodes Switch Station.

For purposes of PJM Interconnection, LLC Regional Transmission, the proposed facilities are a supplemental project that are necessary to renew and modernize the area’s aging transmission line infrastructure. The Project will strengthen the 138 kV transmission network in southeast/southern Ohio, support the electrical load required in future economic development in that area, and provide transmission grid reliability and resiliency.

AEP Ohio Transco anticipates that construction of the Project will begin in the first quarter of 2018. The anticipated in-service date for the Project is approximately December 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christen M. Blend

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Summary: Notification electronically filed by Ms. Christen M. Blend on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Power Company, Inc.