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October 14, 2020

The Honorable Sam Randazzo, Chairman Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

RE: Proof of Compliance with Condition 4 Case No. 20-0788-EL-BLN Guernsey 765 kV Transmission Line Extension

Dear Chairman Randazzo:

In satisfaction of Condition (4) of the Staff Report of Investigation for this Project, AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. submits this notice and attachment to inform you that the Phase II Cultural Resources SHPO coordination letter has been obtained for the above-referenced Project.

If you have questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/Tanner S. Wolffram</u> Christen M. Blend (0086881), Counsel of Record Tanner S. Wolffram (0097789) Counsel for AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.

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In reply, refer to 2020-GUE-47738

October 9, 2020

Mr. Ryan J. Weller Weller & Associates, Inc. 1395 West Fifth Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43212

RE: Kammer-Vassell 765kV Transmission Line Extension Project, Valley Township, Guernsey County, Ohio – Phase II Archaeological Assessment

Dear Mr. Weller:

This letter is in response to the correspondence received on September 28, 2020 regarding the proposed Kammer-Vassell 765kV Transmission Line Extension Project, Valley Township, Guernsey County, Ohio. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. The comments of the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are made pursuant to Section 149.53 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Power Siting Board rules for siting this project (OAC 4906-5). The comments of the Ohio SHPO are also submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108 [36 CFR 800]).

The following comments pertain to the Additional Phase II Archaeological Assessment of Site 33GU0292 within the Proposed 66.7 ha (165 ac) Kammer-Vassell 765kV Transmission Line Extension Project in Valley Township, Guernsey County, Ohio by Weller & Associates, Inc. (2020).

Additional archaeological investigations took place at Ohio Archaeological Inventory (OAI) site# 33GU0292 because project plans changed to include staging areas and some reroutes to the access road were previously unassessed parts of the site are no longer avoidable. A literature review, visual inspection, geophysical, close-interval shovel testing, and 1-x-1m test units was completed as part of the investigations. OAI#33GU0292 was recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Our office agrees with this recommendation and no additional archaeological investigations are necessary.

Based on the information provided, our office continues to agree the project as proposed will have no effect on historic properties. No further coordination with this office is necessary, unless the project changes or unless new or additional historic properties are discovered during implementation of this project. In such a situation, this office should be contacted. If you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 298-2022, or by e-mail at <u>khorrocks@ohiohistory.org</u>. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Krista Horrocks, Project Reviews Manager Resource Protection and Review

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Summary: Notice Third Proof of Compliance with Condition 4 letter and associated exhibit for the Guernsey 765 kV Transmission Line Extension Project electronically filed by Tanner Wolffram on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.