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Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for a Letter of Notification for
the Pierce Substation Transmission Line F4502 Relocation Project
PUCO Case No. 20-1778-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio) is filing this Pre-Application Notification Letter in accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-03(A).

Duke Energy Ohio proposes the relocation of approximately 0.23-mile of Circuit F4502 Pierce-Foster, a 345kV transmission line in support of the Pierce Substation Expansion Project (OPSB Case No. 20-262-EL-BLN). The proposed relocation will require the installation of two steel monopole structures on foundations in order to terminate the line on a new position on the existing Pierce Substation take-off structure. The installation of the structures is the second phase of necessary transmission line upgrades at the Pierce Substation to connect the reconfigured equipment within the expanded substation. The Project is in Pierce Township near New Richmond, within Clermont County, Ohio, adjacent to the existing Pierce Substation site.

The proposed relocation of Circuit F4502 Pierce-Foster 345-kilovolt (kV) at Duke Energy Ohio Pierce Substation is part of the substation expansion project that will allow for the installation of additional equipment to improve reliability, improve service to existing and future utility customers in the service area, and addresses NERC criteria violations found for certain contingencies at the existing Pierce Substation.

Vegetation clearing for the current phase of the project will be required prior to structure installation and is tentatively planned for February 2021, pending approval of this Letter of Notification. Construction activities associated with this Project will include the installation of two structures for the transmission line relocation on the F4502 transmission line, tentatively planned to begin in March 2021 and anticipated to be completed by July 2022.

Pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-6-04, Duke Energy Ohio is requesting an expedited review.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery

Jeanne W. Kingery
Associate General Counsel

cc: Theresa White, Executive Director

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Summary: Application Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Pre-Application Notification Letter electronically filed by Mrs. Debbie L Gates on behalf of Duke Energy Ohio Inc. and D'Ascenzo, Rocco O. Mr. and Kingery, Jeanne W