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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3716

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1571-EL-BNR / Duke Energy Ohio Construction Notice for the
F5484 – 138 kV Columbia Substation

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio), filed a Construction Notification, pursuant to O.A.C. Chapter 4906-6, on November 14, 2018, concerning a proposed project known as the F5484 – 138 kV Columbia Substation. The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) Staff issued its report recommending automatic approval of the project on December 6, 2018, provided that the following conditions were satisfied:

(1) The Applicant shall adhere to seasonal cutting dates of October 1 through March 31 for removal of any trees greater than three inches in diameter, unless coordination with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allows a different course of action.

(2) The Applicant shall develop and implement a riparian management plan for the crossing of the Little Miami River. The plan shall include the following:

(a) A sediment and erosion control plan, which would be implemented before construction activity commences. Once the site is cleared, temporary sediment and erosion controls should be implemented and maintained until final site stabilization is achieved. Particular attention should be given to any drainage ways, ditches and streams that could convey sediment laden water directly to the Little Miami River. Properly installed (framed and entrenched) sediment fence shall be utilized around the work site perimeter and storm water inlets. Appropriately designed rock-check dams and other erosion controls should be utilized in ditches and drainage ways. All temporary sediment and erosion controls should be removed upon completion of site stabilization. The Applicant shall provide the plan to Staff for review and confirmation that it complies with this condition.

(b) Disturbed areas located within the wooded riparian corridor should be re-vegetated with native tree species or low growing native shrubs/trees where possible. All other disturbed areas or exposed soil should be seeded with a native grass/forb mix and mulched.



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(c) Prevention and/or removal of invasive species such as honeysuckle, autumn olive, tree-of-heaven, etc.

(d) Trees on the banks of the river should be left undisturbed to the extent possible.

Duke Energy Ohio adopts and accepts these required conditions and agrees to satisfy them.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery

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