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Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3716

Re: PUCO Case No. 20-0262-EL-BLN / In the Matter of the Construction Notice for the
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Pierce Substation Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio), filed a Construction Notice, pursuant to O.A.C. Chapter 4906-6, on March 4, 2020, concerning a proposed project known as the Pierce Substation Expansion Project. The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) Staff issued its report recommending approval by the OPSB, provided that the following condition is satisfied:

- (1) The certificate authority provided in this case shall not exempt the facility from any other applicable and lawful local, state, or federal rules or regulations nor be used to affect the exercise of discretion of any other local, state, or federal permitting or licensing authority with regard to areas subject to their supervision or control.
- (2) 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.

Duke Energy Ohio adopts and accepts these required conditions and agrees to satisfy them. Specifically with regard to the second condition, Duke Energy Ohio will coordinate with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Duke Energy Ohio will file a letter in this docket regarding such coordination.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery

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