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June 1, 2021

Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
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Re: OPSB Case No. 21-250-EL-BNR / Duke Energy Ohio Inc., Miami Fort Gas Turbine
Generation Substation Separation Project
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Correspondence

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio), filed a Construction Notice, pursuant to O.A.C. Chapter 4906-6, on April 22, 2021, concerning a proposed project known as the Miami Fort Gas Turbine Generation Substation Separation Project. The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) Staff issued its report recommending automatic approval of the project on May 14, 2021, provided that, among others, the following condition was satisfied:

(3) The Applicant shall adhere to seasonal cutting dates of October 1 through March 31 for the removal of trees three inches or greater in diameter to avoid impacts to listed bat species, unless coordination with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allows a different course of action. If coordination with these agencies allows clearing between April 1 and September 30, the Applicant shall docket proof of completed coordination on the case docket prior to clearing trees.

Duke Energy Ohio is attaching herewith correspondence from the ODNR in accordance with Condition 3.

Therefore, this condition has been satisfied.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery

Jeanne W. Kingery
Associate General Counsel

cc: Theresa White
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Subject:

RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Miami Fort GT Generation Substation Separation Project
(AMOH1135)

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Hi Stephen – If the project only involves the removal of 8 ornamental trees, I agree with the USFWS that no bat survey is needed in order to proceed.

Sarah



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Ms. Stankavich,

Good morning, and I hope you are well. We recently received a response from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Duke Energy Miami Ft. GT Generation Substation Separation project (please see attachment) that recommended that we complete surveys for listed bat species prior to removing the vegetation in June 2021. However, in prior coordination with the USFWS, it was determined that the project would not require any surveys and that the vegetation (consisting of approximately 8 ornamental trees) could be removed at any time due to the project type, size and location (project details are included in an additional attachment). The USFWS do not anticipate adverse effects to federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or proposed or designated critical habitat. Please see attached USFWS response.

I've also included the information provided to the USFWS to receive their comments & maybe this additional information may help clarify the project details. Please feel free to reach out for any additional information you might need for clarification on this project to confirm ETR compliance for the project; Duke Energy is intending to begin the project very soon.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

-Stephen

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