April 28, 2016

The Honorable Megan Addison, Administrative Law Judge

Ohio Power Siting Board

180 East Broad Street, 12th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Motion for Waivers,

 Case No. 15-0329-EL-BTX

Dear Honorable Megan Addison:

 On April 27, 2016, AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (Applicant) filed a motion for waivers of the following Board rules in case number 15-0329-EL-BTX: Ohio Adm. Code (“O.A.C.”) 4906-3-03(B) requiring the Application to be filed within ninety days of the last public meeting and O.A.C. 4906-5-08(B) requiring a field survey of the vegetation and surface waters within 100 feet of the potential disturbance area of the facility.

The Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board (Staff) does not object to the Applicant’s requested waiver for a limited extension of the filing of its Application up to three weeks or May 23, 2016. Staff notes that the Applicant has conducted two public information sessions on this matter to inform interested stakeholders during the transition from prior Board rules to the present Board rules.

Additionally, Staff does not object to the Applicant’s requested waiver of the field survey distance. The Applicant began this process with a pre-application notification and subsequent survey work during a time when prior Board rules did not state a required field survey distance. In the absence of this requirement, the Applicant has conducted field surveys for this Application measuring 100 feet on either side of the centerline of the project, rather than 100 feet of the potential disturbance area of the facility. However,

Staff reserves the right to require information from the Applicant in the site/route area covered by the requested waiver if Staff determines it to be necessary during the course of the investigation. The Staff reserves the right to investigate and contest all other issues presented in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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