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August 24, 2020

Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe
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PUCO Docketing Division
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Re: Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Concurrence on Bat Study

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., is filing, herewith, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) concurrence on the Central Corridor Pipeline bat study.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Emily A. Olive, CP
Paralegal

Olive, Emily A.

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Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Kingery, Jeanne W.
Cc: Olive, Emily A.; Lane, Steve; Olberding, James H
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Bat Acoustic Survey Report for Duke Energy's Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project (#20-029)

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Jeanne,

The Ohio DNR's concurrence on the T&E bat study is below, to be filed to project docket.

The associated bat study report was sent to you previously by Steve (with the USFWS concurrence on 8/11).

Thanks,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Bat Acoustic Survey Report for Duke Energy's Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project (#20-029)

Adam –

We have received the summer bat survey report for the Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project in Hamilton County, Ohio, conducted according to current U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife (DOW) guidance. No Indiana (*Myotis sodalis*), northern long-eared (*M. septentrionalis*), little brown (*M. lucifugus*), or tricolored (*Perimyotis subflavus*) bats were detected, suggesting risk to these state-endangered species is low in the project area and tree cutting during summer maternity season is not likely to result in direct mortality of these species. Please contact DOW immediately should any bats be discovered during the project. Should tree cutting need to occur after March 31, 2024, ODNR recommends further consultation to reevaluate risk to these bat species.

This guidance does not constitute a full ODNR environmental review. If required, please contact the ODNR, Office of Real Estate Management to submit a request for agency environmental review coordination.

Sarah



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Hello,

Enclosed in this email is a PDF of the final report for the presence/absence bat acoustic survey that GAI conducted on Duke Energy's Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project in Hamilton County, Ohio (Reference # **20-029**).

Based on analyses of the acoustic data collected, no state or federally listed bats were considered present along the Project.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Adam

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