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

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for a Construction Notice for
the 2145-138kV/345kV Mill Creek Remediation Relocation,
PUCO Case No. 18-1593-EL-BNR

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio) is filing this Pre-Application Notification Letter in accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-03(A).

Duke Energy proposes to rebuild and re-conductor approximately 0.06 mile (340 feet) of 138kV transmission line and approximately 0.09 mile (470 feet) of 345kV transmission line connecting from the Hartwell Substation south to poles on the Byer Steel property, located in City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. The proposed project area consists of approximately 0.15 mile of existing 150-foot wide Duke Energy Ohio transmission line corridor right-of-way (ROW), and includes the in-kind replacement of two (2) 138kV galvanized steel structures and the replacement one (1) 345kV lattice tower structure with two (2) galvanized steel structures. The Project begins at Duke Energy Ohio's Hartwell Station, located south of Caldwell Road, north of Mill Creek, and southwest of Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway (SR 126) (39.204449, -84.478555) and terminates at 138kV Structure HL 29 (39.20321, -84.478893) and 345kV Structures HL 320A (39.203718, -84.479271) and HL 320B (39.203884, -84.479519) adjacent to the substation.

Below-grade construction is planned to occur between November 26, 2018, and December 28, 2018. Above-grade construction is planned to begin March 11, 2019, and be complete by April 12, 2019. The Project is anticipated to be completed and in-service by April 12, 2019.

Pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-6-04, Duke Energy Ohio is requesting an expedited review.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery

Jeanne W. Kingery
Associate General Counsel

cc: Tamara Turkenton, Executive Director