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April 29, 2021

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

Re: OPSB Case No. 20-1411-GA-BTX
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of the Bethel-Batavia Pipeline

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Please find attached for filing the Ohio Historic Preservation Office's response to the Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Proposed Bethel to Batavia Pipeline Project Preferred Route, Clermont County, Ohio.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emily A. Olive, CP

Emily A. Olive
Certified Paralegal



In reply refer to
2020-CLE-49986-4

April 19, 2021

Michael B. Hornum, Ph.D
R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
241 East Fourth Street, Suite 100
Frederick, Maryland 2170,

Dear Dr. Hornum:

Re: Bethel-Batavia Pipeline Project, Preferred Route, Clermont County, Ohio

This is in response to the receipt, on April 7, 2021, of *Phase I Archeological Survey for the Proposed Bethel to Batavia Pipeline Project Preferred Route, Clermont County, Ohio*. The comments of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office are submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Subsurface testing and intensive visual inspection of the project area resulted in the identification of four previously unrecorded archaeological sites. Sites 33 CT 743 and 744 are small lithic scatters typical of short term occupations. Sites 33 CT 745 and 746 are small historic artifact scatters. This site is not likely to yield additional information about Ohio history or prehistory. Based on the information provided, it is my opinion that these properties are not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. One cemetery, CLE-0829-12, is recommended for avoidance. This office agrees with this treatment for CLE-0829-12. Please provide this office with documentation showing how this site will be avoided.

Please be advised that this is a Section 106 decision. This review decision may not extend to other SHPO programs. If you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 298-2000, or by email at nyoung@ohiohistory.org. Please note the Ohio SHPO now accepts electronic-only submissions for state and/or federal review under Section 106 and ORC 149.53. Please send your submissions to section106@ohiohistory.org. We have also updated our [Survey Report Submission Standards](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan J. Young".

Nathan J. Young, Project Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review

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