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Re: OPSB Case No. 17-2057-EL-BLN

Dear Mr. Donlon and Ms. McNeal:

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

Duke Energy Ohio plans to construct the 3885 – 138kV East Provident Loop project in West Chester Township, Butler County, Ohio. The project consists of approximately 0.27 miles of new and existing, 150-foot wide transmission line corridor, and includes the placement of ten structures. The project is an essential component of the East Provident Substation project, which has the primary objective of improving power quality and reliability in the area. The proposed loop will connect the new substation facility to the existing Duke Energy Ohio system.

The construction is currently anticipated to begin in December 2017, with an in-service date of approximately May 2018.

Duke Energy Ohio is requesting expedited treatment of this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery*

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