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Mr. Jim O'Dell Ohio Power Siting Board Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43266-0573

Dear Mr. O'Dell:

MULHAUSER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CASE NO. 96-191-EL-BLN

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This letter and the attached drawing are in response to your questions about access to the subject project. Our plan is to approach tower #5 as shown on the drawing. This will make use of existing right-of-way and minimize disturbance to the surrounding It will also avoid any effect on the box culvert you were asking about.

The owner of land on which towers 168 and 169 are located has told us that we may not cross his land from the east or south to get to these two towers. Therefore, we may have to use our existing right-of-way parallel to the railroad tracks to get to We would cross the tracks at a point in line with the Mulhauser Road alignment as shown on the drawing. In this case, we would have to cross the drainage at the end of the culvert. It is in our interest to keep this crossing as dry as possible. If there should be water flowing in the stream during construction, it is our intent to place a temporary steel culvert and gravel backfill in the low area to provide a relatively dry access road. It may be necessary to place a similar culvert on the east side of the railroad to get to tower 169. and gravel would be removed after construction is complete.

We trust this information is adequate for your purposes, but please call me at (513) 287-2672 if you have any additional questions.

Very truly yours,

W. THOMAS CHAMEY, Manager Natural Resource Management Training and Education

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