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December 9, 2010

Mr. John Heppner
American Electric Power
700 Morrison Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

Subject: Commencement of Construction
OSU-Roberts 138 kV Transmission Line Project
Case Numbers: 08-0170-EL-BTX / 10-1328-EL-BTA

Dear Mr. Heppner,

Staff attended your December 6, 2010 pre-construction meeting for the portion of work related to construction on/along John Herrick Drive on the Ohio State University campus. All pre-construction issues have been satisfactorily addressed for this portion of the project. Staff has reviewed construction plan and profile drawings, permits, and traffic plans for this portion of the project, and find Staff's questions and conditions have been adequately addressed.

Commencement of construction/installation activities is authorized for the project for the John Herrick Drive portion of the project only. This authorization does not include the portions of the project related to HDD construction under the Scioto and Olentangy Rivers, tree clearing nor the overhead portion of the route. Staff will attend a separate preconstruction meeting within the next week to specifically address issues associated with drilling under these rivers.

Staff looks forward to working with AEP and its contractors on this project as it moves forward. Please notify the Board when construction is completed and when the facility is placed in service.

Very truly yours,

Klaus Lambeck, Chief
Facilities, Siting & Environmental Analysis Division
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Cc: Mr. Matthew Satterwhite, Senior Counsel for American Electric Power

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