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April 4, 2011

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

Subject: OSU-Roberts 138 kV Transmission Line Project
Case Number: 08-0170-EL-BTX

Dear Mr. Heppner,

On March 21, 2011, Staff inspected the overhead portion of the OSU-Roberts 138 kV transmission line being constructed under the above referenced case number. Staff has the following comments as they relate to further construction activities and post construction reclamation for this portion of the project:

- Tree limbs that were cut down and cross the waterway adjacent to Dublin Road should be removed or broken up to prevent damming or blockage of water flow.
- Silt fencing should be installed between the work areas and the waterway.
- Structures 13 and 17 should be relocated further away from the waterway, as the current staking/flagging for these structures presently sits on or near the banks of the creek. This will likely cause erosion and seepage issues in the future, after foundation holes have been drilled.
- After construction and installation of the facilities, low growing shrubs/trees should be planted along the waterway to replace vegetation removed during clearing. Staff may be consulted to help determine the most appropriate species and placement along this stretch of creek and right-of-way (r-o-w).
- The current ground cover (wood chips) along the r-o-w will need to be removed and the ground seeded after construction has concluded.

Additionally, Staff observed that work was occurring on distribution lines around this portion of the project. Please note that approval by the Ohio Power Siting Board on September 21, 2009 covered the transmission components of the OSU-Roberts line. Please be advised that AEP is responsible for any permitting or authorizations necessary for distribution line work off the approved centerline, as necessary. Please contact either myself (614) 644-8244 or Jon Pawley (614) 644-7631 if you have any questions regarding this information.

Very truly yours,



Klaus Lambek, Chief
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