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**RE: In the matter of the application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for 345/138/69 kV Biers Run Substation Project.
Case No. 12-1361-EL-BSB**

Dear Ms. McCauley:

Please accept this advance notice that AEP Ohio Transmission Company (“AEP Transco”) intends to file an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a 345/138/69 kV Biers Run Substation Project. AEP Transco plans to construct the new 345/138/69 kV Station (Biers Run) near Chillicothe, Ohio. The new station facilities will improve reliability, reinforce the 138kV and 69kV systems in the area to mitigate low voltage in the event of an outage, and address thermal loading issues during peak load and outage conditions.

This letter is being filed in order to establish the new case number for the forthcoming application. AEP Transco also intends to file an application to waive the provision in R.C. 4906(A)(6), Revised Code that indicates that an application filed with the Power Siting Board must be filed not less than one year nor more than five years prior to the plan date of commencement of construction.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cordially,

//s/ Erin C. Miller
Erin C. Miller, Counsel

cc: Klaus Lambeck, Chief Commission Staff

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Summary: Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a 345/138/69 kV Biers Run Substation Project. electronically filed by Erin C Miller on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.