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The Honorable Scott Farkas, Administrative Law Judge Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3793

> Re: Motion for Waivers, Case No. 15-1737-EL-BTX

## Dear Honorable Scott Farkas:

The Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Staff") has reviewed Applicant's motion for waivers in this case. Staff does not object to the Applicant's request to waive Rule 4906-5-04(A), Ohio Adm. Code, which requires the Applicant to provide fully developed information on the Alternate Route.

In this case the Applicant is still providing significant information on the alternate route. For instance, the Applicant will provide the route selection process that included the alternate route, land use along the alternate route, and any cultural resource, wetlands, vegetative, and aviation impacts.

Additionally, Staff does not object to the Applicant's request to waive Rule 4906-15-04(B)(2)(a)(i), Ohio Adm. Code, which requires the application to provide maps showing final grades after construction, including the site and access roads. The Applicant states that there will not be any significant grading nor will there be any new or temporary access roads, so there is little reason to require the Applicant to develop maps showing final grading after construction.

Staff does not object to the Applicant's requested waivers, but reserves the right to require information from the Applicant in areas covered by the requested waivers if Staff

determines it to be necessary during the course of the investigation. The Staff also reserves the right to investigate and contest all other issues presented in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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