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Mr., Patrick Donlon Executive Director Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Supply Project
<u>Case Number 07-0171-EL-BTX</u>

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Amendment to the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Supply Project Case Number 11-1220-EL-BTA

Dear Mr. Donlon,

This letter is a follow up to the December 19, 2013 announcement of the completion of construction and commencement of commercial operations of the referenced Facility. Please be advised that all site restoration activities have been completed and all permits issued in support of construction have been closed. Enclosed for your records is a copy of the April 19, 2016 Ohio EPA Letter acknowledging that all requirements of the August 4, 2011 401 Water Quality Certification have been met.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact me at (330) 384-5524.

Sincerely,

William R. Beach,

Manager Siting, Survey & Right-of-Way

FirstEnergy Service Company

cc: J. O'Dell (OPSB)

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Re: Geauga County 138kV Transmission Line Permit - Intermediate Correspondence 401 Wetlands Geauga DSW401093580

April 19, 2016

William Beach Manager, Transmission Siting, Survey and ROW FirstEnergy 76 S. Main Street, A-GO-3 Akron, OH 44308

Subject: Geauga County Preservation Areas - Ohio EPA ID #093580, USACE ID # 2009-01427

Dear Mr. Beach:

On October 29, 2015, Megan Wolf from our office, and Ed Wilk from our Northeast District office met with you regarding the above mitigation site. On the same date, you sent an email with photos of the conservation easement signs. Ohio EPA has also received copies of the conservation easements.

Based upon the 2015 meeting, and receipt of the conservation easements and corresponding signs, you have met the requirements of your certification.

Thank you for your diligence in this matter, and please remember these mitigation areas are protected in accordance with the conservation easements.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Kilbourne, mitigation coordinator at 614-466-6308 or by e-mail at Andrea.Kilbourne@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeff Boyles

Supervisor, 401/IWP/Mitigation Compliance Section

Division of Surface Water

Ohio EPA

cc: Andrea Kilbourne, Ohio EPA-DSW (email)

Ed Wilk, Ohio EPA-DSW/NEDO (email)

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