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**Re: PUCO Case No. 16-1526-EL-BLN Request for Expedited Treatment
In the Matter of the Letter of Notification for the
Tidd-Gable 138kV Transmission Line Project**

Dear Chairman Haque,

Attached please find a copy of the Letter of Notification for the Tidd-Gable 138 kV Transmission Line Project submitted by AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”). This filing and notice is in accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-05.

A copy of this filing will also be submitted to the executive director or the executive director’s designee. A copy will be provided to the Board Staff via electronic message. AEP Ohio Transco will also submit a check in the amount of \$2,000 to the Treasurer, State of Ohio, for Fund 5610 for the expedited review fee.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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LETTER OF NOTIFICATION FOR THE

TIDD-GABLE 138 KV

TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

PUCO Case No. 16-1526-EL-BLN

Submitted pursuant to OAC 4906-6-05

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.

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LETTER OF NOTIFICATION
Tidd-Gable 138 kV Transmission Line Project

American Electric Power Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. ("AEP Ohio Transco") provides this Letter of Notification ("LON") to the Ohio Power Siting Board in accordance with the accelerated requirements of Ohio Administrative Code ("O.A.C.") Chapter 4906-6-05.

4906-6-05(B) GENERAL INFORMATION

B(1) The applicant shall provide the name of the project and applicant's reference number, names and reference number(s) of resulting circuits, a brief description of the project, and why the project meets the requirements for a letter of notification or construction notice application.

AEP Ohio Transco proposes to connect Ohio Power Company's Tidd Station and AEP Ohio Transco's Gable 138kV Stations by way of rebuilding transmission lines primarily within existing right-of-way ("ROW") for segments of the Tidd-South Cadiz and Windsor-Canton 138 kV line assets ("Project"). The Gable Station is currently under construction and is anticipated to be in service on July 1, 2017. Figure 1 illustrates the location of the proposed 5.8-mile Project in relation to the surrounding vicinity. The proposed Project is identified as part of PJM Reference Number S1067, which is a Supplemental RTEP system upgrade.

The Project meets the requirements for a Letter of Notification ("LON") because it is within the types of projects defined by Items (1)(b) and (2)(b) of 4906-1-01 Appendix A, "Application Requirement Matrix for Electric Power Transmission Lines." This item states:

(1) New construction, extension, or relocation of single or multiple circuit electric power transmission line(s), or upgrading existing transmission or distribution line(s) for operation at a higher transmission voltage, as follows:

(b) Line(s) greater than 0.2 miles in length but not greater than two miles in length.

(2) Adding new circuits on existing structures designed for multiple circuit use, replacing conductors on existing structures with larger or bundled conductors, adding structures to an existing transmission line, or replacing structures with a different type of structure, for a distance of:

(b) More than two miles.

B(2) If the proposed project is an electric power transmission line or gas pipeline, the applicant shall provide a statement explaining the need for the proposed facility.

The purpose of this Project is to upgrade the transmission line between Tidd Station and Gable Station, which is a small portion of a much larger AEP Ohio Transco project to upgrade approximately 98% of the existing Windsor-Canton 138kV transmission line asset between Tidd Station and Sunnyside Station, which is located in Canton, Ohio. The larger overall project will be submitted separately through future OPSB filings. The line between the Tidd and Gable Stations was built in 1916 and was not built of galvanized steel. Newer sections of the line are over 60 years old. The circuit consists primarily of 200 kcmil copper conductor, which has deteriorated and become brittle after nearly one hundred years of being exposed to the elements.

In addition to the deterioration of the line, preliminary 2015 RTEP studies conducted by PJM resulted in findings that the line involved in the proposed Project is experiencing thermal violations under N-1 conditions. Upgrading this line has been designated as “supplemental” rather than “baseline” by PJM, due to the fact that AEP Ohio Transco had planned to replace it within three years of the time the violation was found. AEP Ohio Transco has committed to a complete replacement of the line between Tidd Station and Gable Station by June 2018, which will resolve all known violations on this line section. AEP Ohio Transco had planned to proactively rebuild the line due to its deteriorated condition, which will also address future overload concerns to ensure increased reliability and system stability in the area.

B(3) The applicant shall provide the location of the project in relation to existing or proposed lines and substations shown on an area system map of sufficient scale and size to show existing and proposed transmission facilities in the project area.

The location of the proposed 5.8-mile Project in relation to existing transmission lines and stations is shown on Figure 1.

B(4) The applicant shall describe the alternatives considered and reasons why the proposed location or route is best suited for the proposed facility. The discussion shall include, but not be limited to, impacts associated with socioeconomic, ecological, construction, or engineering aspects of the project.

There were no alternatives considered for this Project as the proposed route is primarily within existing transmission line ROW heading west of Tidd Station, as shown in Figure 1A.

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Utilizing existing ROW and rebuilding the proposed Project on the existing centerline will result in least impacts to the surrounding area as well as adjacent landowners and improve constructability. Replacing the nearly 100 year-old transmission line with new structures and larger conductor will ensure continued high reliability of the transmission system.

B(5) The applicant shall describe its public information program to inform affected property owners and tenants of the nature of the project and the proposed timeframe for project construction and restoration activities.

AEP Ohio Transco will inform affected property owners and tenants about the Project through several different mediums. Within seven days of filing this LON, AEP Ohio Transco will issue a public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Project area. The notice will comply with all requirements under O.A.C. Section 4906-6-08(A)(1-6). Additionally, AEP Ohio Transco mailed a letter, via first class mail, to affected landowners, tenants, contiguous owners and any other landowner AEP Ohio Transco may approach for an easement necessary for the construction, operation, or maintenance of the facility. The letter complies with all the requirements of OAC Section 4906-6-08(B). AEP Ohio Transco maintains a website—<http://aeptransmission.com/ohio/>--which provides the public access to an electronic copy of this LON and the public notice for this LON. A paper copy of this LON will be available at the public library in each political subdivision for this Project. AEP Ohio Transco retains ROW land agents that discuss project timelines, construction and restoration activities and convey this information to affected owners and tenants.

B(6) The applicant shall provide an anticipated construction schedule and proposed in-service date of the project.

Construction will begin in approximately October 2016. The in-service date for the Project is approximately May 2017.

B(7) The applicant shall provide a map of at least 1:24,000 scale clearly depicting the facility with clearly marked streets, roads, and highways, and an aerial image.

Figures 1 and 2 provide the proposed Project area on a map of 1:24,000-scale. Figure 1.1 provides the proposed Project centerline on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic maps of the Steubenville West, Tiltonsville, Smithfield, and Dillonvale quadrangles. Figures 2A and 2B show the project area on recent aerial photography, as provided by Bing Maps. To access the Project location from the OPSB Office, take East Broad Street approximately 0.7 miles east. Turn right onto the Interstate

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71 S ramp to Cincinnati. Proceed approximately 0.6 miles to I-70 East toward Wheeling. Travel 118 miles and keep right at the fork and continue on I-470 E and follow signs for Bellaire/Washington, Pa. After about 6.3 miles, take exit 6 to merge onto OH-7 N/Ohio River Scenic Byway toward Bridgeport. Proceed 15.4 miles then take exit toward Salt Run Rd/Riddles Run Rd. In .01 miles continue onto Co Hwy 7E and Tidd Station will be on your right at Latitude 40.255 and Longitude -80.646. Gable Station is located approximately 5.8 miles to the west at Latitude 40.254 and Longitude -80.751.

B(8) The applicant shall provide a list of properties for which the applicant has obtained easements, options, and/or land use agreements necessary to construct and operate the facility and a list of the additional properties for which such agreements have not been obtained.

The Project, as proposed, will be constructed primarily within existing ROW. AEP Ohio Transco will obtain easements where necessary. A list of parcels and property owners for which AEP Ohio Transco will obtain new ROW easements for the project are provided below.

Parcels and Property Owners

Parcel Number	Property Owner	Address	City	State	Zip
50-00506.000	Lafferty Mining Co	PO Box 128	Bannock	OH	43972
50-00269.000	Wells Twp Sportsman	153 Highway 7 South	Powhattan Point	OH	43942
50-00778.000	GAL, LLC	119 Homewood Avenue	Steubenville	OH	43952
50-01393.000	Zimnox Coal Co	PO Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-01022.000	Zimnox Coal Co	PO Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-01025.000	Zimnox Coal Co	PO Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-01024.000	Zimnox Coal Co	PO Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-01431.000	Kevin P. McCain	2114 Township Road 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01432.000	Kevin P. McCain	2114 Township Road 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00613.000	Kevin P. McCain	2114 Township Road 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01431.001	Kevin P. McCain	2114 Township Road 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01384.000	Kevin P. McCain	2114 Township Road 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00591.001	Ricky G. Crawford	218 Township Road 159	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00860.000	Starvaggi Industries Incorporated	401 Penna Avenue	Weirton	WV	26062
50-00694.000	Jeffco Resources, Inc.	PO Box 728	Steubenville	OH	43952
50-00168.000	Jeffco Resources, Inc.	PO Box 728	Steubenville	OH	43952
50-00168.000	Jeffco Resources, Inc.	PO Box 728	Steubenville	OH	43952
50-00289.000	Mary Foglietti	2411 Commercial Street	Mingo	OH	43938

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			Junction		
50-00168.000	Jeffco Resources, Inc.	PO Box 728	Steubenville	OH	43952
50-01050.000	Zimnox Coal Co	PO Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-00724.000	Puch Land, LLC	390 Antigua Road SW	Carrollton	OH	44615
50-00989.000	Ryan A. Kontra	745 County Road 17	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00782.000	Melissa Schiffner	2668 County Road 15	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00498.000	Robert G. Kovarik	2562 County Road 15	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00499.000	Robert G. Kovarik	2562 County Road 15	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00516.000	Melvin Letusick	1190 County Road 2	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01368-000	Wells Twp Sportsmans Club	Po Box 143	Brilliant	OH	43913
50-00505-000	Lafferty Mining Co	Po Box 128	Bannock	OH	43972
50-00270-000	Wells Twp Sportsmans Club	Po Box 143	Brilliant	OH	43913
50-00061-000	Jarman Family LLC Etal	628 Sixth St	Glen Dale	WV	26038
50-04080-000	Ohio Franklin Reality Inc.	P O Box 16428	Columbus	OH	43216
50-00552-000	Zimnox Coal Company	Po Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-01393-000	Zimnox Coal Company	Po Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-00751-000	Risdon Charles Raymond & Donna Kay	2514 Township Road 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00639-000	Risdon Charles R Jr.	2510 Township Road 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00376-000	Hickman Virginia L	2444 Township Road 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01043-001	Hickman Virginia L	2444 Township Road 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00375-000	Hickman Virginia L	2444 Township Road 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01043-000	Zimnox Coal Company	Po Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-00750-000	Starvaggi Ind Inc.	401 Pennsylvania Ave	Weirton	WV	26062
50-01023-000	Zimnox Coal Company	Po Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-00235-000	Ohio American Energy Inc.	153 Highway 7 South	Powhatan Point	OH	43942
50-00953-000	Weirton Cons Co	401 Pennsylvania Ave	Weirton	WV	26062
50-01431-001	Mccain Kevin P	2114 Township Road 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01246-000	Mccain John W	2114 Township Road 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01443-000	Mccain Kevin P	2114 Township Road 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00912-000	Verhovec Donna J	1205 Tr 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00507-000	Crawford Christina S & Ricky G	223 Norris Rd	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00139-000	Yocum Matthew Ray	664 College Crest Rd	Wintersville	OH	43081
50-00321-000	Gray James & Margie & Todd Richard	341 Township Road 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00693-000	Jeffco Resources Inc.	P O Box 728	Steubenville	OH	43952
50-00163-000	Jeffco Resources Inc.	P O Box 728	Steubenville	OH	43952
50-01050-000	Zimnox Coal Company	Po Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-00602-000	Mossor Thelma	72 Miner Road	Rayland	OH	43943

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50-00166-000	Jeffco Resources Inc.	P O Box 728	Steubenville	OH	43952
50-00089-000	Moffo Larry R & Shirley F	2540 County Road 14	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01397-001	Hutton Paula L & John R	818 County Road 17	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01398-000	Hutton Paula L & John R	818 County Road 17	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01397-000	Hutton Joseph E Sr. Etal	868 Township Road 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00516-003	Brown William F Jr. & Elma J	703 County Road 17	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00499-000	Kovarik Robert G	2562 County Road 15	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00327-000	Wurschum Michael E & Judy	3864 Township Road 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01318-000	Board Of Education	6899 State Route 150	Dillonvale	OH	43917
50-00269-001	Cook John E & Karen S	3414 Township Road 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00343-000	Enochs Freeda Marie	3376 Twp Hwy 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00384-000	Risdon David E & Cynthia	3336 Township Road 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00617-000	Mcdiffitt Norman & Helen	3210 Township Road 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00342-000	Keener Gladys R	2890 Twp 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01394-000	Keener Gladys R	2890 Twp 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00940-000	Lsc Recreational Land Inc.	Po Box 108	Lansing	OH	43934
50-00894-000	Treadway Johnny A & Patricia L	2762 Township Road 157	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01026-000	Zimnox Coal Company	Po Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-01185-000	Mccain Kevin P & Shawndel	2114 Township Highway 156	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00591-000	Primovic Jacob M	234 Township Road 159	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01385-000	Bickmeier Carl & Darlene	328 Township Road 159	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00855-000	Starvarggi Ind Inc.	401 Penna Avenue	Weirton	WV	26062
50-01049-000	Zimnox Coal Company	Po Box 217	Toronto	OH	43964
50-00514-000	Ellis Joseph W & Alice	43 Ellis Drive	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01170-000	Eastham William M & Frostie A	2048 County Road 17	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01377-000	Ogden Floyd & Debra	2010 County Road 17	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00160-000	Eastham Roger	1862 County Road 17	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00169-000	Jeffco Resources Inc.	Po Box 728	Steubenville	OH	43952
50-00427-000	Wilson Clyde	520 Arbor Drive	Glen Burnie	MD	21061
50-00428-000	Devore Ella & Paul	520 Arbor Drive	Glen Burnie	MD	21061
50-00880-000	Striffler David R & Frances E	1250 County Road 17	Rayland	OH	43943
50-01486-000	Striffler David R & Frances E	1250 County Road 17	Rayland	OH	43943
50-00726-000	Alice Acres LLC	8436 Big Bend Boulevard	St Louis	MO	63119

B(9) The applicant shall describe the following information regarding the technical features of the project:

(a) Operating characteristics, estimated number and types of structures required, and ROW and/or land requirements.

The proposed Project will consist of two 1233.6 kcmil ACSS/TW 38/19 Yukon conductors per phase. The single circuit will be “six-wired” so as to achieve higher power flow capability, as well as permit future separation into two circuits if needed. Two 96 fiber OPGW will be used as shield wires above the phase conductors. The insulator assemblies will consist of polymer insulators. The replacement structures will be primarily galvanized steel pole structures with Davit arms.

Sketches of the proposed structure types may be provided as supplemental information following the filing of this letter of notification, as required.

(b) For electric power transmission lines that are within one hundred feet of an occupied residence or institution, the production of electric and magnetic fields during the operation of the proposed electric power transmission line.

(i) Calculated Electric and Magnetic Field Levels

Three loading conditions were examined: (1) normal maximum loading, (2) emergency line loading, and (3) winter normal conductor rating. Normal maximum loading represents the peak flow expected with all system facilities in service; daily/hourly flows fluctuate below this level. Emergency loading is the maximum current flow during unusual (contingency) conditions, which exist only for short periods of time. Winter normal (WN) conductor rating represents the maximum current flow that a line, including its terminal equipment, can carry during winter conditions. It is not anticipated that this line would operate at its WN rating in the foreseeable future. Loading levels and the calculated electric and magnetic fields are summarized below.

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EMF CALCULATIONS				
Condition	Circuit Load (A)	Ground Clearance (feet)	Electric Field (kV/m)*	Magnetic Field (mG)*
(1) Normal Maximum Loading	471.8	32.0	0.61 / 1.21 / 0.61	9.05 / 28.66 / 9.40
(2) Emergency Line Loading	815.0	32.0	0.61 / 1.21 / 0.61	15.53 / 49.21 / 16.14
(3) Winter Normal Conductor Rating	2682.0	23.0	0.64 / 2.20 / 0.64	101.18 / 480.80 / 105.10

* EMF levels (left ROW edge/maximum/right ROW edge) calculated one meter above ground assuming balanced currents and nominal voltages. Electric fields reflect normal and emergency operations; lower electric fields are expected during emergency conditions when one mutually-coupled line is out of service.

(ii) Discussion of the Company's Design Alternatives Regarding EMF Levels

Design alternatives were not considered due to electric and magnetic field ("EMF") strength levels. Transmission lines, when energized, generate EMF. Laboratory studies have failed to establish a strong correlation between exposure to EMF and effects on human health. However, some people are concerned that EMF have impacts on human health. Due to these concerns, EMF associated with the new circuits was calculated in the table above. The EMF was computed assuming the highest possible EMF values that could exist along the proposed transmission line. Normal daily EMF levels will operate below these maximum load conditions. Based on studies from the National Institutes of Health, the magnetic field (measured in milliGauss, or mG) associated with emergency loading at the highest EMF value for this transmission line, is lower than those associated with normal household appliances like microwaves, electric shavers and hair dryers. shavers and hair dryers. For additional information regarding EMF, the National Institute of Health has posted information on their website: <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/emf/>. Additionally, information on electric and magnetic fields is available on AEP Ohio's website: <https://www.aepohio.com/info/projects/emf/OurPosition.aspx>. The information found on AEP Ohio's website describes the basics of electromagnetic field theory, scientific research activities, and EMF exposures encountered in everyday life. Similar material will be made available for those affected by the construction activities for this Project.

(c) The estimated capital cost of the project.

The 2016 capital cost estimates for the proposed project have been tabulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Electric Plant Transmission Accounts:

ESTIMATES OF APPLICABLE INTANGIBLE AND CAPITAL COSTS		
FERC Account Number	Description	Cost
350	Land and Land Rights	\$2,930,000
352	Structures & Improvement	Not Applicable
353	Substation Equipment	Not Applicable
354	Towers & Fixtures	Not Applicable
355	Poles & Fixtures	4,662,000
356	Overhead Conductors & Devices	6,067,000
357	Underground Conductors & Devices	Not Applicable
358	Underground-to-overhead Conversion Equipment	Not Applicable
359	Right-of-way Clearing, Roads, Trails or Other Access	2,283,400
	TOTAL	15,942,400

B(10) The applicant shall describe the social and ecological impacts of the project:**(a) Provide a brief, general description of land use within the vicinity of the proposed project, including a list of municipalities, townships, and counties affected.**

AEP Ohio Transco's consultant prepared a Socioeconomic, Land Use, and Agricultural District Review Report, which is included as Appendix A.

(b) Provide the acreage and a general description of all agricultural land, and separately all agricultural district land, existing at least sixty days prior to submission of the application within the potential disturbance area of the project.

AEP Ohio Transco's consultant prepared a Socioeconomic, Land Use, and Agricultural District Review Report, which is included as Appendix A.

(c) Provide a description of the applicant's investigation concerning the presence or absence of significant archaeological or cultural resources that may be located within the potential disturbance area of the project, a statement of the findings of the investigation, and a copy of any document produced as a result of the investigation.

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An archaeological investigation will be conducted by Weller & Associates, Inc. for this Project. A copy of the report will be provided to the Ohio Power Siting Board under separate cover.

- (d) Provide a list of the local, state, and federal governmental agencies known to have requirements that must be met in connection with the construction of the project, and a list of documents that have been or are being filed with those agencies in connection with siting and constructing the project.**

Based on preliminary mapping and the nature of the project there are no federal or state permits associated with impacts to wetlands or streams that will be necessary for siting or construction of the Project.

A Notice of Intent will be filed with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for authorization to discharge stormwater associated with construction activities under General Permit OHC000004. There are no other known local, state, or federal requirements that must be met prior to commencement of the proposed Project.

- (e) Provide a description of the applicant's investigation concerning the presence or absence of federal and state designated species (including endangered species, threatened species, rare species, species proposed for listing, species under review for listing, and species of special interest) that may be located within the potential disturbance area of the project, a statement of the findings of the investigation, and a copy of any document produced as a result of the investigation.**

AEP Ohio Transco's consultant prepared a Threatened and Endangered Species Report. AEP Ohio Transco's consultant coordinated with the USFWS and ODNR regarding special status species in the vicinity of the Project. No impacts to threatened or endangered species are expected. The full Threatened and Endangered Species Report for the Project is included as Appendix B.

- (f) Provide a description of the applicant's investigation concerning the presence or absence of areas of ecological concern (including national and state forests and parks, floodplains, wetlands, designated or proposed wilderness areas, national and state wild and scenic rivers, wildlife areas, wildlife refuges, wildlife management areas, and wildlife sanctuaries) that may be located within the potential disturbance area of the project, a statement of the findings of the**

investigation, and a copy of any document produced as a result of the investigation.

AEP Ohio Transco's consultant prepared an Areas of Ecological Concern, Wetland Delineation, and Stream Assessment Report. No impacts to wetlands or streams are anticipated. The full Areas of Ecological Concern, Wetland Delineation, and Stream Assessment Report for the Project is included as Appendix C.

(g) Provide any known additional information that will describe any unusual conditions resulting in significant environmental, social, health, or safety impacts.

To the best of AEP Ohio Transco's knowledge, no unusual conditions exist that would result in environmental, social, health, or safety impacts to the Project area. Construction and operation of the proposed Project will meet all applicable safety standards established by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and will be in accordance with the requirements specified in the latest revision of the National Electrical Safety Code as adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, which will include the Access Plan, will be provided to the OPSB under separate cover.

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Summary: Letter of Notification - Part 1 of 6 electronically filed by Mrs. Erin C Miller on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Company