

**Legal Department** 

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The Honorable James M. Lynn Attorney Examiner Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus Ohio 43215-3793

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## Dear Examiner Lynn:

On behalf of Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio), I am submitting this status report as required by your January 30, 2017 Entry. In this docket, the Commission ordered completion of a grade crossing by the Columbus & Ohio River Railroad (CUOH). In order to complete the project (Harrison County, Rumley Twp. New Rumley Rd./County Rd. 50, DOT #510729M), electric power service needs to be extended to the project site. In that context, AEP Ohio has developed a service plan and has completed the design needed for bringing power to the project site. The final step in formulating the cost of the line extension is to resolve the needed right-of-way rights needed by AEP Ohio. The ROW goes through a private property and AEP Ohio has been diligently pursuing agreement with the property owner, including an exchange of legal documents needed to complete the transaction. The real issue that remains unresolved as between AEP Ohio and the property owner is the price for the easement. AEP Ohio continues to pursue resolution of that matter and, if desired, can report back on the status in 90 days.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

//s/ Steven T. Nourse

cc: Parties of Record

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