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Re: PUCO Case No. 17-0804-EL-BLN Ironman Station Project

Dear Chairman Haque,

AEP Ohio Transmission Company ("AEP Ohio Transco") and the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board, in discussing the present application, have identified that it would be useful to clarify an aspect of the project the subject of the application. Specifically, AEP Ohio Transco wishes to clarify that the present facilities will not be capable of operation at a voltage of or greater than 125 kV until other projects are constructed in the area. AEP Ohio Transco has long-term plans to propose and construct such upgrades in the area, and therefore, even though the facilities as proposed are intended to be operated at 69 kV voltage, eventually they are planned to be integrated with other facilities that will make them then capable of operation at 138 kV.

Under the circumstances, AEP Ohio Transco requests the approval of the facilities, as there are specific plans for their operation at 138 kV, even if those plans are further into the future. The project, as described in the application, is made necessary in advance of the execution of the upgrade of neighboring facilities, by the need to relocate the existing 69 kV facilities to accommodate a substation to be constructed by the City of Jackson, and which is not part of the facilities proposed in AEP Ohio Transco's application.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Hector Garcia

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cc: Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff

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