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**RE: Pre-Application Notification Letter**  
**In the Matter of the Letter of Notification Application of AEP Ohio**  
**Transmission Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental**  
**Compatibility and Public Need for the Heppner-Lick 138 kV**  
**Transmission Line Rebuild Project (aka the North Jackson 138 kV**  
**Transmission Line Project)**  
**Case No. 17-0808-EL-BLN**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (“AEP Ohio Transco”) files this pre-application notification letter for the above-referenced Project pursuant to Rule 4906-6-03(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

AEP Ohio Transco proposes to construct the Heppner-Lick 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project (aka the North Jackson 138 kV Transmission Line Project), located in Coal and Lick Townships, Jackson County, Ohio. The Project involves rebuilding approximately 4.9 miles of existing 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to 138 kV transmission line between the proposed Heppner Switch Station and existing Lick Substation.

For purposes of PJM Interconnection, LLC Regional Transmission, the proposed facilities are a supplemental project that are necessary to renew and modernize the area’s aging transmission line infrastructure. The Project will strengthen the 138 kV transmission network in southeast/southern Ohio, support the electrical load required in future economic development in that area, and provide transmission grid reliability and resiliency.

AEP Ohio Transco anticipates that construction of the Project will begin in the first quarter of 2019. The anticipated in-service date for the Project is approximately December 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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