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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 Switch Station Project
Case No. 17-0806-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 the Heppner Switch Station Project (“Project”), which is located in Coal Township, Jackson County, Ohio. The Project consists of constructing a new switch station that will accept a third transmission source into the Lick-Ross 69kV circuit from the 138/69kV transformer at the proposed Rhodes Substation that is the subject of Case No. 17-0805-EL-BLN. This station will operate as a transmission hub for Jackson County, providing more flexibility for the electrical system in the area by enabling automatic switching between the three available transmission sources depending on system conditions. The Project will be located on an approximately 5 acre parcel of land to be purchased by AEP Ohio Transco.

AEP Ohio Transco anticipates that construction of the Project will begin in late first quarter 2018. The anticipated in-service date for the Project is approximately fourth quarter 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christen M. Blend

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Summary: Notification In the matter of the pre-application notification letter for the Heppner Switch Station Project electronically filed by Ms. Christen M. Blend on behalf of AEP Ohio Transmission Power Company, Inc.