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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

## 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 Lemaster-Strouds Run 138kV Transmission Line Extension Project Update Case No. 17-2441-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. McNeal:

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

AEP Ohio Transco has identified the need to relocate a segment of the Lemaster-Strouds Run 138 kV Transmission Line (the "Project") in York Township, Athens County, Ohio. The Project consists of the removal of approximately 0.16 miles of existing 138 kV transmission line that terminates within AEP Ohio Transco's Poston Station and construction of approximately 0.40 miles of new 138 kV transmission line that will terminate within AEP Ohio Transco's proposed Lemaster Station, which will replace Poston Station and is the subject of Case Nos. 16-2314-EL-BLN and 17-2281-EL-BLN filed in December 2016 and November 2017., respectively.

AEP Ohio Transco previously submitted a letter of notification (LON) for the Project on April 4, 2017, in Case No. 17-0635-EL-BLN. The location of the proposed Lemaster Station has shifted slightly east of the previously proposed location outlined in the December 2016 LON for Lemaster Station, as detailed in AEP Ohio Transco's November 2017 application in Case No. 17-2281-EL-BLN. That shift has resulted in a slight eastward shift in the proposed Lemaster-Strouds Run 138 kV transmission line relocation "Project Area."

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AEP Ohio Transco anticipates that construction of the Project will begin in January 2018. The anticipated in-service date for the Project is approximately September 2018.

Please be advised that pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-6-04, AEP Ohio Transco is requesting an expedited review of this Project.

Respectfully submitted,

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