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Re: In the Matter of the gridSMART Phase 2 Rider Operational Savings Status Update, Case No. 18-192-EL-UNC

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Dear Ms. McNeal:

In accordance with the February 1, 2017 Opinion and Order in Case No. 13-1939-EL-RDR (gridSMART Phase 2 Order), Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) hereby initiates the operating savings status report. The gridSMART Phase 2 Order requires quarterly status updates and recommendations regarding the progress of implementation and development of the operational savings credit (Opinion & Order p. 26). Therefore, the Company presents the following status update of the operational savings.

AEP Ohio presents this summary in coordination with its fourth quarter gridSMART Phase 2 true-up filing. The fourth quarter filing, consistent with the Stipulation approved in Case No. 13-1939-EL-RDR, includes a credit of \$400,000 for operational savings.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

/s/ Steven T. Nourse

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