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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 East Lima Station Expansion Project in Case No. 18-0906-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 proposes the East Lima Station Expansion Project ("Project"), which is located in Lima, Allen County, Ohio. This transmission station is expanding towards the south due to the addition of new station equipment. The existing 10-acre fenced area will be expanded by 1.89 acres within the 53-acre property owned by AEP Ohio Transco.

AEP Ohio Transco anticipates that construction of the Project will begin in the third quarter of 2018. The anticipated in-service date for the Project is approximately January 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christen M. Blend Christen M. Blend (0086881), Counsel of Record Hector Garcia (0084517)

Counsel for AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.

cc: John Jones, Counsel for OPSB Staff Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff

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