

**Duke Energy Ohio  
Case No. 20-0346-EL-BLN  
STAFF First Set of Data Requests  
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**REQUEST:**

The Application proposes to begin construction, starting with vegetative clearing on May 21. Please be aware that the automatic approval date for the application would be May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please also be aware that Staff would recommend a condition of the report that clearing of trees 3 inches or greater in diameter only occur from October 1 – March 31. What is the nature of vegetative clearing that would be necessary for this project?

**RESPONSE:**

The vegetation clearing is within the existing ROW/Easements. The vegetation clearing would be similar to what occurs during normal vegetation maintenance cycle for the existing lines. Based on discussions with our vegetation management, this line was last cleared in 2017 (3 years ago). There is no anticipated woody vegetation with greater than 3-inch DBH expected to be encountered. Only small brush/shrub (e.g., honeysuckle) is within the ROW outside the areas of maintained lawns.

The vegetation start date may not have been properly adjusted in the schedule once the OPSB filing date was determined. Duke Energy Ohio's vegetation removal will begin only after OPSB approval is received.

**PERSON RESPONSIBLE:** Dane G. Vandewater

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