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Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3716

Re: PUCO Case No. 20-0262-EL-BLN / In the Matter of the Construction Notice for the
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Pierce Substation Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio), filed a Construction Notice, pursuant to O.A.C. Chapter 4906-6, on March 4, 2020, concerning a proposed project known as the Pierce Substation Expansion Project. The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) Staff issued its report recommending automatic approval of the project on June 8, 2020, provided that, among others, the following condition was satisfied:

- (1) The Applicant shall adhere to seasonal cutting dates of October 1 through March 31 for removal of any trees greater than three inches in diameter, unless coordination with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allows a different course of action.

Duke Energy Ohio has coordinated with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding this condition by, among other things, performing an emergence survey and finding no evidence of bats. Therefore, this condition has been satisfied.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery

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cc: Theresa White
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Summary: Correspondence Pierce Substation Expansion Project (letter) electronically filed by Mrs. Debbie L Gates on behalf of Duke Energy Ohio Inc. and Kingery, Jeanne W and D'Ascenzo, Rocco O. Mr. and Vaysman, Larisa