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May 28, 2021

Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
Docketing Division  
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Re: OPSB Case No. 21-250-EL-BNR / Duke Energy Ohio Inc., Miami Fort Gas Turbine  
Generation Substation Separation Project  
United States Fish and Wildlife Service Letter

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio), filed a Construction Notice, pursuant to O.A.C. Chapter 4906-6, on April 22, 2021, concerning a proposed project known as the Miami Fort Gas Turbine Generation Substation Separation Project. The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) Staff issued its report recommending automatic approval of the project on May 14, 2021, provided that, among others, the following condition was satisfied:

(3) The Applicant shall adhere to seasonal cutting dates of October 1 through March 31 for the removal of trees three inches or greater in diameter to avoid impacts to listed bat species, unless coordination with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allows a different course of action. If coordination with these agencies allows clearing between April 1 and September 30, the Applicant shall docket proof of completed coordination on the case docket prior to clearing trees.

Duke Energy Ohio is attaching herewith correspondence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in accordance with Condition 3.

Therefore, this condition has been satisfied.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery

Jeanne W. Kingery  
Associate General Counsel

cc: Theresa White  
Thomas Crawford  
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**From:** [Ohio, FW3](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Miami Fort Generating Facility, North Bend Ohio, Hamilton County, Ohio  
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Dear Mr. Beard,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your recent correspondence requesting information about the subject proposal. We offer the following comments and recommendations to assist you in minimizing and avoiding adverse effects to threatened and endangered species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq), as amended (ESA).

Federally Threatened and Endangered Species: Due to the project, type, size, and location, we do not anticipate adverse effects to federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or proposed or designated critical habitat. If there are any project modifications during the term of this action, or additional information for listed or proposed species or their critical habitat becomes available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, then please contact us for additional project review.

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact our office at (614) 416-8993 or [ohio@fws.gov](mailto:ohio@fws.gov).

Sincerely,

Patrice Ashfield  
Field Office Supervisor

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Summary: Correspondence Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s Letter Enclosing USFWS Letter electronically filed by Mrs. Tammy M Meyer on behalf of Duke Energy Ohio Inc. and D'Ascenzo, Rocco and Kingery, Jeanne W.