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June 9, 2021

Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
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Columbus, OH 43215-3716

Re: OPSB Case No. 21-250-EL-BNR / Duke Energy Ohio Inc., Miami Fort Gas Turbine
Generation Substation Separation Project
State Historic Preservation Office Correspondence

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Please find attached correspondence from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) relating to the above-referenced case.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emily A. Olive, CP
Emily A. Olive
Certified Paralegal



In reply, refer to
2021-HAM-51169

June 8, 2021

Christopher Leary
AECOM
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RE: Duke Energy Miami Fort GT Generation Substation Separation Project, Miami Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Leary:

This letter is in response to the correspondence received on May 22, 2021 regarding the Duke Energy Miami Fort GT Generation Substation Separation Project, Miami Township, Hamilton County, Ohio. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. The comments of the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are made pursuant to Section 149.53 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Power Siting Board rules for siting this project (OAC 4906-4 and 4906-5). The comments of the Ohio SHPO are also submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C.306108 [36 CFR 800]).

The proposed undertaking involves the expansion of the existing substation through installation of a new substation perimeter fencing and equipment reconfiguration to accommodate new equipment inside the substation. A National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) district, the Shawnee Lookout Archaeological District (Ref. No. 74001516) is located immediately adjacent to the project area. The project area is also located on a portion of Ohio Archaeological Inventory (OAI) site 33HA0047, known as the Columbia Park Village V site. In our May 10, 2021 coordination letter, our office requested field investigations to confirm the expected disturbance to OAI#33HA0047. This information was provided by AECOM as the *Addendum Submittal for the Duke Energy Miami Fort GT Generation Substation Separation Project, Miami Township, Hamilton County*. Shovel test unit excavations took place and one (1) prehistoric artifact was identified during survey, and it was confirmed that OAI#33HA0047 was heavily disturbed, and likely destroyed, by modern industrial development. Our office agrees with this assessment and no additional archaeological investigations are needed.

Based on the information provided, our office agrees the project will have no adverse effect on historic properties. No further coordination with this office is necessary, unless the project changes or unless new or additional historic properties are discovered during implementation of this project. In such a situation, this office should be contacted. If you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 298-2022, or by e-mail at khorricks@ohiohistory.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Krista Horrocks".

Krista Horrocks, Project Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review

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