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180 E. Broad Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Opposition to AES and Pioneer substations and transmission power lines proposed in Tipp City

(Monroe Township), Ohio

References: AES letter to community dated 6/23/2021.

AES letter to community dated 9/7/2021.

OPSB Case #21-0972-EL-BLN

OPSB Case#21-0973-EL-BLN

This letter is to express our opposition and concerns regarding AES/DPL's decision to obtain approval from the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for the West Milton-Airport 138 kilovolt (kV) Project located in Monroe Township, Miami County, Ohio.

AES has begun the process for placement of High Voltage (138 kV) electric transmission pole line route along Bard Road. This project will tap into the existing West Milton-Miami 138kV line that crosses Bard Road on the north end and will connect with a new substation to be built south of Ginghamsburg-Frederick Road. These new high power lines and poles will be by the street in front of the homes on Bard Road.

There have been concerns over power line radiation and its effect on human health for at least forty (40) years. Living close to power lines has been shown to increase the risk of leukemia and other cancers since 1979, when convincing evidence was first published by **Wertheimer and Leeper in the American Journal of Epidemiology.** Since then, dozens of published papers have found links between living near power lines (and other electrical wiring configurations) and a range of health woes, including brain cancer, childhood and adult leukemia, Alzheimer's disease, depression and suicide, heart disease and many others.

In the area encompassing Bard Road, Ginghamsburg-Frederick Road, and Peters Road, there are numerous open fields with direct access to the existing West Milton-Miami line. The families in this area believe this would be a better option for all concerned.

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