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Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Hector Garcia Senior Counsel – Regulatory Services (614) 716-3410 (P) hgarcia1@aep.com

RE: In the Matter of the Letter of Notification Application of AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Cyprus-Parsons 138 kV Transmission Line Project Case No. 22-0254-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. Troupe:

On April 7, 2022, AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (the "Company") filed its Letter of Notification Application for the above-referenced Project. On April 11, 2022, the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") issued its correspondence letter for the Project.

The Company hereby files this notice to inform you that SHPO agrees that the Project, as proposed, will have no effect on historic properties and that no further coordination with SHPO is necessary unless the Project changes or unless new or additional properties are discovered. A copy of the letter is attached hereto.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Hector Garcia</u> Hector Garcia (0084517), Counsel of Record Counsel for AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.

cc: John Jones, Counsel OPSB Staff Jon Pawley, OPSB Staff



In reply, refer to 2021-FRA-54475

April 11, 2022

Mr. Ryan J. Weller Weller & Associates, Inc. 1395 West Fifth Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43212

RE: Cyprus-Parsons 138kV Transmission Line Tie-in Project, Hamilton Township (City of Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Weller:

This letter is in response to the correspondence received April 6, 2022 regarding the proposed Cyprus-Parsons 138kV Transmission Line Tie-in Project, Hamilton Township (City of Columbus), Franklin 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 4906-5). 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 following comments pertain to the *Phase I Archaeological Investigations for the .2 km (.3 mi) Cyprus-Parsons 138kV Transmission Line Tie-in Project in Hamilton Township (City of Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio* by Ryan J. Weller (Weller & Associates, Inc., 2021).

A literature review, visual inspection, surface collection, shovel probe and shovel test unit excavation was completed as part of the investigations. One (1) previously identified archaeological site is located within the project area, Ohio Archaeological Inventory (OAI) 33FR3468. The site was previously recommended not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as part of the Cyprus Station Project. No new archaeological sites were identified during survey. Our office agrees no further archaeological survey is necessary.

The following comments pertain to the *History/Architecture Investigations for the .2 km (.3 mi) Cyprus-Parsons 138kV Transmission Line Tie-in Project in Hamilton Township (City of Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio* by Austin White (Weller & Associates, Inc., 2021).

A literature review and field survey were completed as part of the investigations. A total of four (4) extant resources fifty years of age or older were identified within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) as well as the Hartman Stock Farm Historic District (HSFHD, Ref. 74001492). The four (4) extant resources were previously determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP as part of the Cyprus 138kV Extension (Greenfield) Project.

While portions of the project area are located within the Hartman Stock Farm Historic District boundaries, there are no contributing resources or components of the district within the project area. Therefore, our office concurs that the work as proposed should have no adverse effect on historic properties.

Based on the information provided, we agree that the project as proposed 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 <u>khorrocks@ohiohistory.org</u>. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Krista Horrocks, Project Reviews Manager Resource Protection and Review

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