

August 8, 2022

Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary Ohio Power Siting Board Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

 Re: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for a Construction Notice for the Muddy Creek Transmission Lines Replacement Project OPSB Case No. 22-746-EL-BNR Revised Preapplication Notification

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio) is filing this Pre-Application Notification Letter in accordance with O.A.C. 4906-6-03(A).

To address certain and extensive woodpecker damage observed on direct embed structures adjacent to Muddy Creek, Duke Energy Ohio proposes to replace and reposition a number of poles in this area. Of the structures in danger of failure, there is one 3-pole wood direct embed structure that will be replaced with an engineered steel H-frame foundation structure, another 3-pole wooden direct embed structure to be replaced with a engineered steel monopole structure with foundation, a single wooden direct embed structure will be removed, five wooden direct embed single structures will be replaced with direct embed steel monopole structures, a steel monopole for additional line support will be added, and the Company will reconductor approximately 2,200 feet of the existing transmission line crossing of Muddy Creek (the Project). The structures associated with the Project are on either side of Muddy Creek in Delhi Township, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Due to the emergent nature of the condition of the structures encompassed in this Project, construction is scheduled to begin immediately upon approval of this Construction Notice. The Project is anticipated to be completed and in service two weeks after its commencement.

Pursuant to O.A.C. 4906-6-04, Duke Energy Ohio is requesting an expedited review.

Sincerely,

/s/ Elyse H. Akhbari

Elyse H. Akhbari Senior Counsel cc: Theresa White, Executive Director

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Summary: Notification Preapplication Notification for the Muddy Creek Transmission Lines Replacement Project electronically filed by Ms. Emily Olive on behalf of Duke Energy Ohio and D'Ascenzo, Rocco O. Mr. and Kingery, Jeanne W. Ms. and Akhbari, Elyse H. Ms.