Exhibit E Ohio State Historic Preservation Office Review Letter July 2021





July 15, 2021

Ryan J. Peterson Cardno, Inc. 3901 Industrial Boulevard Indianapolis, Indiana 46254

RE: Section 106 Review-Cultural Resource Site Assessment for the Pleasant Prairie Transmission Line Project, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Peterson:

This letter is in response to the correspondence received on July 8, 2021 regarding the proposed Pleasant Prairie Transmission Line project in support of the Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy Center Facility that is being permitted by the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). 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 (O.R.C.) requesting cooperation among state agencies in the preservation of historic properties, Ohio Administrative Code Chapters 4906-4-08 (D). 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 construction of an approximately 1.2-mile long electric transmission line, which combined with its width, is defined as a 22.1-acre Area of Potential Effect (APE). According to the information submitted by you, the proposed APE traverses through three (3) previously surveyed areas. Based on the results of these surveys, the current APE will not impact previously documented archaeological sites that are considered potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Furthermore, the current project will have no effect on above-ground historic properties. Therefore, the SHPO concurs that, as proposed, no further cultural resource investigations are warranted for the project. The project will have no effect on historic properties. No further coordination is required for this project unless the scope of work changes or new archaeological deposits are discovered during the course of the project. In such a situation, this office should be contacted as required by O.R.C. or by 36 CFR § 800.13. If you have any questions concerning this review, please contact either myself via email at <u>sbiehl@ohiohistory.org</u> or Ms. Joy Williams at jwilliams@ohiohistory.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Biell

Stephen M. Biehl, Project Reviews Coordinator (archaeology) Resource Protection and Review State Historic Preservation Office

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"Please be advised that this is a Section 106 decision. This review decision may not extend to other SHPO programs."

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