June 22, 2023

Chair Jenifer French
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus. Ohio 43215

Re: Sidney-Franklin Honda 138kV Rebuild/Extension Project

Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 22-1131-EL-BLN Notification of OHPO Coordination Approval

Dear Chair French,

Pursuant to Condition 4 of the April 5, 2023, OPSB Staff Report of Investigation, The Dayton Power and Light Company d/b/a AES Ohio submits this notice to inform you that on June 15, 2023, the Ohio Historic Preservation Office determined that the above referenced Project will not affect properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and that no further coordination is required at this time. Enclosed is the comment and decision letter from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

AES Ohio anticipates that construction of the Project will begin July 1, 2023, pending approval of the Letter of Notification application. The anticipated in-service date for the Project is June 1, 2024.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this notification letter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christopher C. Hollon

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Enclosure Ohio Historic Preservation Office Letter of Approval





In reply refer to: 2023-SHE-58011

June 15, 2023

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RE: Section 106 Review-Sidney-Franklin Honda 138kV Rebuild/Extension Project, Shelby County, Ohio. OPSB Case Number: 22-1131-EL-BLN

Dear Mr. Shreckengost:

This letter is in response to correspondence received on May 17, 2023 regarding the above referenced project in Shelby 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 (O.R.C.) 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]).

AES Ohio plans to partially rebuild portions of the approximately 5.3-miles of the existing 6628 Sidney-Amsterdam 69kV transmission line with the installation of the new 13854 Sidney-Franklin 138kV transmission line. This will include the replacement of the existing single circuit poles with double-circuit poles. The new poles will add an additional 10- to 15-ft in height as compared to the existing poles.

A literature review and Project Summary Form were completed for the entire project. A total of one (1) cemetery, four (4) Ohio Archaeological Inventory (OAI) sites, and six (6) previously surveyed areas were identified within the 0.5-mile study area. The OAIs and cemetery will not be impacted or crossed by the current project. However, the current project does partially overlap three (3) of the previously surveyed areas.

After careful review of the aforementioned documents and information, the SHPO has determined that the installation of the new poles and extension along the proposed alignment will not impact the viewshed of any nearby potential historic properties. Furthermore, due to previous disturbances, the project has a low potential to encounter intact, significant archaeological deposits. Therefore, as proposed, the project will have no effect on historic properties. No further coordination is required for this project unless the scope of work changes or archaeological remains are discovered during the course of construction. In such a situation, this office should be contacted. If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at

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<u>sbiehl@ohiohistory.org</u> or Ms. Joy Williams at <u>jwilliams@ohiohistory.org</u>. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Stephen M. Biehl, Project Reviews Coordinator (archaeology)

Resource Protection and Review State Historic Preservation Office

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