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Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

Case: West Manchester-Blazer-Hodgin 138 kV Transmission Line Project

Case Number: 22-0627-EL-BTX

Dear Mr. Hollon:

This letter is to inform you that the above referenced application, filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) on December 18, 2023, along with AES Ohio's data request responses, has been found to comply with Chapters 4906-01, et seq., of the Ohio Administrative Code (Ohio Adm.Code). This means the Board's staff (Staff) has received sufficient information to begin its review of the application. During the course of its investigation, Staff may request additional information to ensure Staff can continue to conduct its review of the application.

Pursuant to Board rules, the certified application and supplements must now be filed with the Board in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Adm.Code 4906-3-06 and 4906-3-07. In summary form, these rules require:

- 1. Serving copies of the certified application upon appropriate government officials and public agencies. In this regard, please inform these officials in writing that if they wish to intervene in the proceedings, they must file a notice of intervention with the Board within thirty days of being served a copy of the application.
- 2. Filing Proof of Service with the Board.

Upon completion of these requirements, you will be notified of the effective date of filing and the date and details of the public hearing.

Please be informed that under Section 4906.04 of the Ohio Revised Code (R.C.), the applicant shall not commence to construct any portion of the facility prior to obtaining a certificate from the Board.

Also be informed that to assist your company in meeting the provisions of Ohio Power Siting Board rules, the Board will serve as a clearinghouse for the distribution to and service of the application and supplements upon the following state agencies:

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Ohio Department of Agriculture

Ohio Department of Development

Ohio Department of Health

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Ohio Department of Transportation

Ohio History Connection

Upon filing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.06(F) and Ohio Adm.Code Rule 4906-3-12, the amount of \$65,000.00 is an application fee. You will receive an invoice from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Finance Department. Payment of the application fee is due within 30 days. Please file proof of payment in the docket.

Depending on the complexity of the Staff investigation, the application fee may not cover all costs associated with this case. Additional invoicing may be necessary.

If you have questions regarding the above, please contact Jon Pawley at (614) 644-7631 or Allison Renick (614) 752-7991.

Sincerely,

Michael Williams **Executive Director**

Ohio Power Siting Board

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