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OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

January 31, 2001

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Thomas C. Burgess, Manager
Transmission Regulatory Affairs
FirstEnergy Corp.
76 South Main Street
Akron, OH 44308-1890

Re: Ohio Power Siting Board
Case No. 00-2463-EL-BGN

Dear Tom:

On December 21, 2000, FirstEnergy filed the above-captioned case pertaining to the General Motors-Longview 138 kV tap to the Cairns Substation. No approval for this project has yet been issued. Unfortunately, clear-cutting of right of way was performed recently despite this lack of approval, resulting in, among other things, removal of a number of trees and potentially impacting nearby streams. It is the Staff's intention to defer further review of this project until we resolve this situation. It is imperative that we meet as soon as possible to discuss a thorough mitigation plan and possibly a monetary penalty.

Please contact me at (614) 644-8244 as soon as possible to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Klaus Lambeck
Chief, FS&E

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