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May 24, 2001

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1701 Golf Road, Suite 1000
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Re: Bloomfield Generating Plant, 00-892-EL-BGN
Bloomfield Township, Jackson County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Struif,

This is in response to correspondence from your office dated April 3, 2001 (received April 4) regarding the above referenced project. The comments of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) are submitted in accordance with provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 [36 CFR 800]).

The correspondence provides information on additional archaeological investigations as requested by this office. The investigations included excavation of shovel tests on moderately sloping ground. No archaeological sites were identified. Based on available information, it is my opinion that there will be no historic properties affected by the proposed construction of the generating plant. No further archaeological work is recommended for the area proposed for the construction of the generating plant. Based on available information, we see no reason to object to the initiation of construction of the generating plant. It is our understanding that additional archaeological work has been conducted for the utilities corridors to connect the generating plant to existing systems and that this information will be submitted in the near future to this office for our review.

Any questions concerning this matter should be addressed to David Snyder or Julie Quinlan at (614) 298-2000, between the hours of 8 am. to 5 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David Snyder, Archaeology Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review

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xc: Jim O'Dell, Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 E. Broad, Columbus, OH 43215