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**RE: Pre-Application Notification Letter
In the matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need
for the Marion Road-Mound Street 138kV Transmission Line Project
Case No. 20-1306-EL-BTX**

Chairman Sam Randazzo

Ohio Power Company (“AEP Ohio” or the “Company”) files this pre-application notification letter in accordance with Rule 4906-3-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code (“O.A.C.”). According to this provision, a prospective applicant must hold a public informational meeting and provide this notice to the Ohio Power Siting Board (“OPSB”). Specifically, O.A.C. 4906-3-03 requires:

- (1) A basic description of the project that shall include information about the anticipated function, equipment size, approximate aerial extent, general location, and purpose of the project.**

The Marion Road-Mound Street 138kV Transmission Line Project involves constructing a new approximately 3-mile underground line. The Project is within the City of Columbus, and Franklin County.

The purpose of the Project is to replace the existing underground Canal Street-Marion Road 138kV Transmission Line that must be removed from under Interstate (I)-70 to accommodate the Ohio Department of Transportation’s (“ODOT”) I-70/I-71 construction project. In addition, the Project will address aging infrastructure associated with the existing underground transmission line. This Project will help ensure the continued reliability of the transmission system, which is vital to current customers and supports the development of the area’s economy.

The Project will be constructed from Marion Road Substation to Mound Street Substation to deliver a third source into Mound Street Station. The Company anticipates completion of this Project in first quarter 2023.

AEP Ohio expects to file the application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Marion Road-Mound Street 138kV Transmission Line Project with the state of Ohio Power Siting Board in November 2020. AEP Ohio will propose “Preliminary Preferred” and “Preliminary Alternate” transmission lines for public input.

The new transmission line will have the following major equipment:

- Vaults
- Cables
- Splices
- Terminations
- Fiber
- Ground Wire
- Conduit
- Casings
- Link Boxes
- Grounding Materials

(2) The date, time, and location of the public informational meeting to be held pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule.

AEP Ohio plans to hold the online Public Information Meeting opening October 8, 2020 through October 21, 2020. In addition, AEP will host two virtual Q&A sessions on October 14, 2020 at 12pm and October 15, 2020 at 5pm. If there is any change to the meeting date, time or place, the OPSB Staff will be notified.

(3) A list of any anticipated waivers of the board’s rules that the applicant will be requesting for the project.

On July 21, 2020, Ohio Power Company requested a waiver of the requirement found in Ohio Adm.Code 4096-3-01(B) to hold an in-person public information meeting in the area of the Project. The Company’s motion was granted by Entry dated August 24, 2020. The Company does not anticipate requesting any additional waivers for this Project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Summary: Notice Pre-Application Notification Letter for the Marion Road-Mound Street 138kV Transmission Line electronically filed by Tanner Wolfram on behalf of Ohio Power Company