

(f) **Maintenance of Insurance.** Maintain, and cause each Significant Subsidiary to maintain, insurance with responsible and reputable insurance companies or associations in such amounts and covering such risks as is usually carried by companies engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties; *provided, however,* that the Borrower and each Significant Subsidiary may self-insure to the same extent as other companies engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties and to the extent consistent with prudent business practice.

(g) **Payment of Taxes, Etc.** Pay and discharge, and cause each of its Subsidiaries to pay and discharge, before the same shall become delinquent, (i) all taxes, assessments and governmental charges or levies imposed upon it or upon its property and (ii) all lawful claims that, if unpaid, might by law become a Lien upon its property; *provided, however,* that neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries shall be required to pay or discharge any such tax, assessment, charge or claim that is being contested in good faith and by proper proceedings and as to which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP, unless and until any Lien resulting therefrom attaches to its property and becomes enforceable against its other creditors.

(h) **Keeping of Books.** Keep, and cause each Significant Subsidiary to keep, proper books of record and account, in which full and correct entries shall be made of all financial transactions and the assets and business of the Borrower and each such Significant Subsidiary in accordance with GAAP.

(i) **Reporting Requirements.** Furnish to the Lenders:

(1) as soon as available and in any event within 60 days after the end of each of the first three quarters of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a copy of the Borrower's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for such quarter, as filed with the SEC, which shall contain a consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the end of such quarter and consolidated statements of income and cash flows of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the period commencing at the end of the previous fiscal year and ending with the end of such quarter, duly certified (subject to year-end audit adjustments) by the chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, treasurer or assistant treasurer of the Borrower as having been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and a certificate of the chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, treasurer or assistant treasurer of the Borrower as to compliance with the terms of this Agreement and (A) certifying that there have been no Subsidiaries that have become Significant Subsidiaries at any time during such period, or any Subsidiaries that have ceased to be Significant Subsidiaries at any time during such period, in each case except as expressly identified in such certificate, and (B) setting forth in reasonable detail the calculations necessary to demonstrate compliance with Section 5.03, *provided* that in the event of any change in GAAP used in the preparation of such financial statements, the Borrower shall also provide, if necessary for the determination of compliance with Section 5.03, a statement of reconciliation conforming such financial statements to GAAP in effect on the date hereof;

(ii) as soon as available and in any event within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a copy of the Borrower's Annual Report on Form 10-K for

such year, as filed with the SEC, which shall contain a copy of the annual audit report for such year for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, containing a consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the end of such fiscal year and consolidated statements of income and cash flows of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such fiscal year, in each case accompanied by an opinion by Deloitte & Touche LLP or another independent registered public accounting firm acceptable to the Required Lenders, and consolidating statements of income and cash flows of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such fiscal year, and a certificate of the chief financial officer, chief accounting officer, treasurer or assistant treasurer of the Borrower as to compliance with the terms of this Agreement and (A) certifying that there have been no Subsidiaries that have become Significant Subsidiaries at any time during such period, or any Subsidiaries that have ceased to be Significant Subsidiaries at any time during such period, in each case except as expressly identified in such certificate, and (B) setting forth in reasonable detail the calculations necessary to demonstrate compliance with Section 5.03, *provided* that in the event of any change in GAAP used in the preparation of such financial statements, the Borrower shall also provide, if necessary for the determination of compliance with Section 5.03, a statement of reconciliation conforming such financial statements to GAAP in effect on the date hereof;

(iii) as soon as possible and in any event within five days after the chief financial officer or treasurer of the Borrower obtains knowledge of the occurrence of each Default continuing on the date of such statement, a statement of the chief financial officer or treasurer of the Borrower setting forth details of such Default and the action that the Borrower has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto;

(iv) promptly after the sending or filing thereof, copies of all Reports on Form 8-K that the Borrower or any Significant Subsidiary files with the SEC or any national securities exchange;

(v) promptly after the commencement thereof, notice of all actions and proceedings before any Governmental Authority or arbitrator affecting the Borrower or any Significant Subsidiary of the type described in Section 4.01(e); and

(vi) any change in the information provided in the Beneficial Ownership Certification that would result in a change to the list of beneficial owners identified in parts (c) or (d) of such certification;

(vii) such other information respecting the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries as any Lender through the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably request.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the information required to be delivered pursuant to clauses (i), (ii) and (iv) shall be deemed to have been delivered if such information shall be available on the website of the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov> or any successor website; *provided* that the compliance certificates required under clauses (i) and (ii) shall be delivered in the manner specified in Section 8.02(b).

(j) **Compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions.** Maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions.

#### **SECTION 5.02. Negative Covenants.**

So long as any Advance or any other amount payable hereunder shall remain unpaid or any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, the Borrower agrees that it will not:

(a) **Mergers, Etc.** Merge or consolidate with or into any Person, or permit any Significant Subsidiary to do so, except that (i) any Subsidiary may merge or consolidate with or into any other Subsidiary of the Borrower, (ii) any Subsidiary may merge into the Borrower, (iii) any Significant Subsidiary may merge with or into any other Person so long as such Significant Subsidiary continues to be a Significant Subsidiary of the Borrower and (iv) the Borrower may merge with any other Person so long as the successor entity (if other than the Borrower) assumes, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, all of the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, is incorporated or otherwise organized under the laws of a state of the United States of America or the District of Columbia and has long-term senior unsecured debt ratings issued (and confirmed after giving effect to such merger) by S&P or Moody's of at least BBB- and Baa3, respectively (or if no such ratings have been issued, commercial paper ratings issued (and confirmed after giving effect to such merger) by S&P and Moody's of at least A-3 and P-3, respectively), *provided*, in each case, that no Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such proposed transaction or would result therefrom.

(b) **Stock of Significant Subsidiaries.** Sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of, other than (i) in connection with an RTO Transaction, but only if no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from such RTO Transaction, or (ii) pursuant to the requirements of any Restructuring Law, equity interests in any Significant Subsidiary of the Borrower (other than AEP Energy Services, Inc. or CSW Energy, Inc.) if such Significant Subsidiary would cease to be a Subsidiary as a result of such sale, lease, transfer or disposition.

(c) **Sales, Etc. of Assets.** Sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or permit any Significant Subsidiary (other than AEP Energy Services, Inc. or CSW Energy, Inc.) to sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of, any assets, or grant any option or other right to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire any assets, except (i) sales in the ordinary course of its business, (ii) sales, leases, transfers or dispositions of assets to any Person that is not a wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Borrower that in the aggregate do not exceed 20% of the Consolidated Tangible Net Assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, whether in one transaction or a series of transactions, (iii) other sales, leases, transfers and dispositions made in connection with an RTO Transaction or pursuant to the requirements of any Restructuring Law or to a wholly owned Subsidiary of the Borrower, or (iv) sales of pollution control assets to a state or local government or any political subdivision or agency thereof in connection with any transaction with such Person pursuant to which such Person sells or otherwise transfers such pollution control assets back to the Borrower or a Subsidiary under an installment sale, loan or similar agreement, in each case in connection with the issuance of pollution control or similar bonds.

(d) ***Liens, Etc.*** Create or suffer to exist, or permit any Significant Subsidiary to create or suffer to exist, any Lien on or with respect to any of its properties, including, without limitation, on or with respect to equity interests in any Subsidiary of the Borrower, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, or assign, or permit any Significant Subsidiary to assign, any right to receive income (other than in connection with Stranded Cost Recovery Bonds and the sale of accounts receivable by the Borrower), other than (i) Permitted Liens, (ii) the Liens existing on the date hereof, (iii) Liens securing first mortgage bonds issued by any Subsidiary of the Borrower the rates or charges of which are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any state governmental authority, *provided* that the aggregate principal amount of such first mortgage bonds of any such Subsidiary do not exceed 66 2/3% of the net value of plant, property and equipment of such Subsidiary and (iv) the replacement, extension or renewal of any Lien permitted by clauses (ii) and (iii) above upon or in the same property theretofore subject thereto or the replacement, extension or renewal (without increase in the amount or change in any direct or contingent obligor) of the Debt secured thereby.

(e) ***Restrictive Agreements.*** Enter into, or permit any Significant Subsidiary to enter into (except in connection with or pursuant to any Restructuring Law), any agreement after the date hereof, or amend, supplement or otherwise modify any agreement existing on the date hereof, that imposes any restriction on the ability of any Significant Subsidiary to make payments, directly or indirectly, to its shareholders by way of dividends, advances, repayment of loans or intercompany charges, expenses and accruals or other returns on investments that is more restrictive than any such restriction applicable to such Significant Subsidiary on the date hereof; *provided, however,* that any Significant Subsidiary may agree to a financial covenant limiting its ratio of Consolidated Debt to Consolidated Capital to no more than 0.675 to 1.000.

(f) ***ERISA.*** (i) Terminate or withdraw from, or permit any of its ERISA Affiliates to terminate or withdraw from, any Plan with respect to which the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates may have any liability by reason of such termination or withdrawal, if such termination or withdrawal could have a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) incur a full or partial withdrawal, or permit any ERISA Affiliate to incur a full or partial withdrawal, from any Multiemployer Plan with respect to which the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates may have any liability by reason of such withdrawal, if such withdrawal could have a Material Adverse Effect, (iii) otherwise fail, or permit any of its ERISA Affiliates to fail, to comply in all material respects with ERISA or the related provisions of the Internal Revenue Code if such noncompliances, singly or in the aggregate, could have a Material Adverse Effect, or (iv) fail, or permit any of its Subsidiaries to fail, to comply with Applicable Law with respect to any Foreign Plan if such noncompliances, singly or in the aggregate, could have a Material Adverse Effect.

(g) ***Margin Stock.*** Use the proceeds of any Extension of Credit to buy or carry Margin Stock.

(h) ***No Violation of Anti-Corruption Laws or Sanctions.*** Request any Borrowing, or use or permit any of its Subsidiaries or its or their respective directors, officers, employees and agents to use, directly or, to the actual knowledge of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, indirectly, the proceeds of any Borrowing (A) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (B) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any

Sanctioned Country, or (C) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

***SECTION 5.03. Financial Covenant.***

So long as any Advance shall remain unpaid or any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, the Borrower will maintain a ratio of Consolidated Debt to Consolidated Capital, as of the last day of each March, June, September and December, of not greater than 0.675 to 1.000.

**ARTICLE VI  
EVENTS OF DEFAULT**

***SECTION 6.01. Events of Default.***

If any of the following events ("Events of Default") shall occur and be continuing:

(a) The Borrower shall fail to pay any principal of any Advance when the same becomes due and payable, or shall fail to pay any interest on any Advance or make any other payment of fees or other amounts payable under this Agreement within five days after the same becomes due and payable; or

(b) Any representation or warranty made by the Borrower herein or by the Borrower (or any of its officers) in connection with this Agreement shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect when made; or

(c) (i) The Borrower shall fail to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in Section 5.01(a), 5.01(i)(iii) or 5.02 (other than Section 5.02(f)) or (ii) the Borrower shall fail to perform or observe any other term, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document if such failure shall remain unremedied for 30 days after written notice thereof shall have been given to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent or any Lender; or

(d) Any event shall occur or condition shall exist under any agreement or instrument relating to Debt of the Borrower (but excluding Debt outstanding hereunder) or any Significant Subsidiary outstanding in a principal or notional amount of at least \$50,000,000 in the aggregate if the effect of such event or condition is to accelerate or require early termination of the maturity or tenor of such Debt, or any such Debt shall be declared to be due and payable, or required to be prepaid or redeemed (other than by a regularly scheduled required prepayment or redemption), terminated, purchased or defeased, or an offer to prepay, redeem, purchase or defease such Debt shall be required to be made, in each case prior to the stated maturity or the original tenor thereof; or

(e) The Borrower or any Significant Subsidiary shall generally not pay its debts as such debts become due, or shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally, or shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or any proceeding shall be instituted by or against the Borrower or any Significant Subsidiary seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking liquidation, winding up, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, protection, relief, or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors, or seeking the entry of an order for relief or the

appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for any substantial part of its property and, in the case of any such proceeding instituted against it (but not instituted by it), either such proceeding shall remain undismissed or unstayed for a period of 60 days, or any of the actions sought in such proceeding (including, without limitation, the entry of an order for relief against, or the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for, it or for any substantial part of its property) shall occur; or the Borrower or any Significant Subsidiary shall take any corporate action to authorize any of the actions set forth above in this subsection (e); or

(f) (i) Any entity, person (within the meaning of Section 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”)) or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) that as of the date hereof was beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of less than 30% of the Borrower’s Voting Stock shall acquire a beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 of the SEC under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of Voting Stock of the Borrower (or other securities convertible into such Voting Stock) representing 30% or more of the combined voting power of all Voting Stock of the Borrower; or (ii) during any period of up to 24 consecutive months, commencing after the date hereof, individuals who at the beginning of such 24-month period were directors of the Borrower shall cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the board of directors of the Borrower, *provided* that any person becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof, whose election, or nomination for election by the Borrower’s shareholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors of the board of directors of the Borrower as comprised as of the date hereof shall be, for purposes of this provision, considered as though such person were a member of the board as of the date hereof; or

(g) Any judgment or order for the payment of money in excess of \$50,000,000 in the case of the Borrower or any Significant Subsidiary to the extent not paid or insured shall be rendered against the Borrower or any Significant Subsidiary and either (i) enforcement proceedings shall have been commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or order or (ii) there shall be any period of 30 consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement of such judgment or order, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, shall not be in effect; or

(h) (i) The termination of or withdrawal from the United Mine Workers’ of America 1974 Pension Trust by the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates shall have occurred and the liability of the Borrower and its ERISA Affiliates related to such termination or withdrawal exceeds \$75,000,000 in the aggregate; or (ii) any other ERISA Event shall have occurred and the liability of the Borrower and its ERISA Affiliates related to such ERISA Event exceeds \$50,000,000;

then, and in any such event, the Administrative Agent (i) shall at the request, or may with the consent, of the Required Lenders, by notice to the Borrower, declare the obligation of each Lender to make Extensions of Credit to be terminated, whereupon the same shall forthwith terminate, and (ii) shall at the request, or may with the consent, of the Required Lenders, by notice to the Borrower, declare the outstanding Borrowings, all interest thereon and all other amounts payable under this Agreement to be forthwith due and payable, whereupon the outstanding Borrowings, all such interest and all such amounts shall become and be forthwith due and payable by the Borrower, without presentment, demand, protest or further notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower; *provided, however,* that in the

event of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to the Borrower under the Federal Bankruptcy Code, (A) the obligation of each Lender to make Extensions of Credit shall automatically be terminated and (B) the outstanding Borrowings, all such interest and all such amounts shall automatically become and be due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or any notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower.

## **ARTICLE VII THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT**

### ***SECTION 7.01. Authorization and Action.***

Each Lender hereby appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers and discretion under this Agreement as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof, together with such powers and discretion as are reasonably incidental thereto. As to any matters expressly provided for in this Agreement as being subject to the discretion of the Administrative Agent, such matters shall be subject to the sole discretion of the Administrative Agent, its directors, officers, agents and employees. As to any matters not expressly provided for by this Agreement (including, without limitation, enforcement or collection of the outstanding Borrowings), the Administrative Agent shall not be required to exercise any discretion or take any action, but shall be required to act or to refrain from acting (and shall be fully protected in so acting or refraining from acting) upon the instructions of the Required Lenders, and such instructions shall be binding upon all Lenders; *provided, however,* that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that exposes the Administrative Agent to personal liability or that is contrary to this Agreement or Applicable Law. The Administrative Agent agrees to give to each Lender prompt notice of each notice given to it by the Borrower pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

### ***SECTION 7.02. Agent's Reliance, Etc.***

Neither the Administrative Agent nor any of its directors, officers, agents or employees shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it or them under or in connection with this Agreement, except for its or their own gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined in a final, non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction. Without limitation of the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent: (i) may treat each Lender recorded in the Register as the owner of the Commitment recorded for such Lender in the Register until the Administrative Agent receives and accepts an Assignment and Assumption entered into by such Lender, as assignor, and an Eligible Assignee, as assignee, as provided in Section 8.07 and except as provided otherwise in Section 8.16; (ii) may consult with legal counsel (including counsel for the Borrower), independent public accountants and other experts selected by it and shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken in good faith by it in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or experts; (iii) makes no warranty or representation to any Lender and shall not be responsible to any Lender for any statements, warranties or representations (whether written or oral) made in or in connection with this Agreement; (iv) shall not have any duty to ascertain or to inquire as to the performance or observance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement on the part of any Lender or to inspect the property (including the books and records) of any Lender; (v) shall not be responsible to any Lender for the due execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of, this Agreement or any other instrument or document

furnished pursuant thereto; (vi) shall incur no liability under or in respect of this Agreement by acting upon any notice, consent, certificate or other instrument or writing (which may be by fax) believed by it to be genuine and signed or sent by the proper party or parties; and (vii) shall not have any fiduciary duty to any other Lender.

***SECTION 7.03. Administrative Agent and its Affiliates.***

With respect to its Commitments and the Advances made by it, the Person serving as Administrative Agent shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender under this Agreement as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent; and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated, include the Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, act as trustee under indentures of, own securities of, act as the financial advisor for, accept investment banking engagements from and generally engage in any kind of business with, the Borrower, any Lender and any of their respective Subsidiaries or Affiliates thereof as if such Person were not the Administrative Agent and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.

***SECTION 7.04. Lender Credit Decision.***

Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender and based on the financial statements referred to in Section 4.01 and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement.

***SECTION 7.05. Indemnification.***

Each Lender severally agrees to indemnify the Administrative Agent and each of its Related Parties (to the extent not promptly reimbursed by the Borrower and without limiting its obligation to do so) from and against such Lender's ratable share (determined as provided below) of any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever that may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against the Administrative Agent or such Related Party in any way relating to or arising out of this Agreement or any action taken or omitted by such Person under this Agreement; *provided, however,* that no Lender shall be liable, as to the Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties, for any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Person as determined in a final, non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction. Without limitation of the foregoing, each Lender agrees to reimburse the Administrative Agent and each of its Related Parties promptly upon demand for its ratable share of any costs and expenses (including, without limitation, fees and reasonable expenses of counsel) payable by the Borrower under Section 8.04, to the extent that the Administrative Agent or such Related Party is not promptly reimbursed for such costs and expenses by the Borrower after request therefor and without limiting the Borrower's obligation to do so. For purposes of this Section 7.05, the Lenders' respective ratable shares of any amount

shall be determined, at any time, according to the sum of (i) the aggregate principal amount of the Advances outstanding at such time and owing to the respective Lenders and (ii) the aggregate unused portions of their respective Commitments at such time. In the event that any Lender shall have failed to make any Advance as required hereunder, such Lender's Commitment shall be considered to be unused for purposes of this Section 7.05 to the extent of the amount of such Advance. The failure of any Lender to reimburse the Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties promptly upon demand for its ratable share of any amount required to be paid by the Lender to the Administrative Agent or such Related Party as provided herein shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligation hereunder to reimburse the Administrative Agent or such Related Party for its ratable share of such amount, but no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to reimburse the Administrative Agent or such Related Party for such other Lender's ratable share of such amount. Without prejudice to the survival of any other agreement of any Lender hereunder, the agreement and obligations of each Lender contained in this Section 7.05 shall survive the payment in full of principal, interest and all other amounts payable hereunder.

#### ***SECTION 7.06. Successor Agent.***

The Administrative Agent may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Lenders and the Borrower. Upon any such resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right to appoint a successor Agent to the Administrative Agent that has resigned. If no successor Administrative Agent shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders, and shall have accepted such appointment, within 30 days after the retiring Administrative Agent's giving of notice of resignation, then such retiring Administrative Agent may, on behalf of the Lenders, appoint a successor Administrative Agent, which shall be a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender that is a commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States or of any State thereof and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$500,000,000. Upon the acceptance of any appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder by a successor Agent, such successor Administrative Agent shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, discretion, privileges and duties of the retiring Administrative Agent, and the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Agreement. After any retiring Administrative Agent's resignation hereunder as Administrative Agent, the provisions of this Article VII shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was Administrative Agent under this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS**

#### ***SECTION 8.01. Amendments, Etc.***

Subject to Section 8.16(a)(i), no amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement, nor consent to any departure by the Borrower therefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Required Lenders and the Borrower, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; *provided, however,* that no amendment, waiver or consent shall (a) unless in writing and signed by all the Lenders (other than, in the case of the following clauses (i) through (iv), any Defaulting Lender), do any of the following: (i) amend Section 3.01 or 3.02 or waive any of the conditions specified therein, (ii) increase the aggregate amount of the

Commitments (except pursuant to Section 2.18), (iii) change the definition of Required Lenders or the percentage of the Commitments or of the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the outstanding Borrowings, or the number or percentage of the Lenders, that shall be required for the Lenders or any of them to take any action hereunder, or (iv) amend or waive this Section 8.01 or any provision of this Agreement that requires pro rata treatment of the Lenders; or (b) unless in writing and signed by each Lender that is directly affected thereby, do any of the following: (1) increase the amount or extend the termination date of such Lender's Commitment, or subject such Lender to any additional obligations, (2) reduce the principal of, or interest on, or rate of interest applicable to, the outstanding Advances of such Lender or any fees or other amounts payable to such Lender hereunder, or (3) postpone any date fixed for any payment of principal of, or interest on, the outstanding Advances or any fees or other amounts payable to such Lender hereunder; and *provided further* that (x) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Administrative Agent in addition to the Lenders required above to take such action, affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, and (y) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders, amend or waive Section 8.16. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any provision of this Agreement may be amended by an agreement in writing entered into by the Borrower, the Required Lenders and the Administrative Agent if (i) by the terms of such agreement the Commitment of each Lender not consenting to the amendment provided for therein shall terminate (but such Lender shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.12, 2.15 and 8.04) upon the effectiveness of such amendment and (ii) at the time such amendment becomes effective, each Lender not consenting thereto receives payment in full of the principal outstanding amount of and interest accrued on each Advance made by it, as the case may be, and all other amounts owing to it or accrued for its account under this Agreement and is released from its obligations hereunder.

#### ***SECTION 8.02. Notices, Etc.***

(a) The Borrower hereby agrees that any notice that is required to be delivered to it hereunder shall be delivered to the Borrower as set forth in this Section 8.02. All notices and other communications provided for hereunder shall be in writing (including fax) and mailed, faxed or delivered, if to the Borrower at its address at 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Attention: Julie Sloat (telephone: (614) 716-2885; email: [jsloat@aep.com](mailto:jsloat@aep.com)), with a copy to the General Counsel (fax: (614) 716-3440; telephone: (614) 716-3300) and to [Corporatefinance@aep.com](mailto:Corporatefinance@aep.com); if to any Initial Lender, at its Domestic Lending Office specified in its Administrative Questionnaire; if to any other Lender, at its Domestic Lending Office specified in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which it became a Lender; if to the Administrative Agent, at its address at PNC Agency Services, PNC Bank, National Association, PNC Firstside Center, 500 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219, Attention: Brian Hays, Email: [brian.hays@pnc.com](mailto:brian.hays@pnc.com), Telephone: 412-762-0915; or, as to the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other parties and, as to each other party, at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent. All such notices and communications shall be effective when delivered or received at the appropriate address or number to the attention of the appropriate individual or department, except that notices and communications to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Article II, III or VII shall not be effective until received by the Administrative Agent. Delivery by fax or electronic transmission of an executed counterpart of any amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or of

any Exhibit hereto to be executed and delivered hereunder shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart thereof.

(b) The Borrower and the Lenders hereby agree that the Administrative Agent may make any information required to be delivered under Section 5.01(i)(i), (ii), (iv) and (v) (the "**Communications**") available to the Lenders by posting the Communications on Intralinks, SyndTrak or a substantially similar electronic transmission systems (the "**Platform**"). The Borrower and the Lenders hereby acknowledge that the distribution of material through an electronic medium is not necessarily secure and that there are confidentiality and other risks associated with such distribution.

(c) THE PLATFORM IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE". THE AGENT PARTIES (AS DEFINED BELOW) DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS, OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE PLATFORM AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS IN THE COMMUNICATIONS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY THE AGENT PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS OR THE PLATFORM. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT OR ANY OF ITS RELATED PARTIES (COLLECTIVELY, "**AGENT PARTIES**") HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO THE BORROWER, ANY LENDER OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FOR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, LOSSES OR EXPENSES (WHETHER IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF THE BORROWER'S OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT'S TRANSMISSION OF COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH THE INTERNET, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THE LIABILITY OF ANY AGENT PARTY IS FOUND IN A FINAL, NON-APPEALABLE JUDGMENT BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE RESULTED PRIMARILY FROM SUCH AGENT PARTY'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.

The Administrative Agent agrees that the receipt of the Communications by the Administrative Agent at its e-mail address set forth above shall constitute effective delivery of the Communications to the Administrative Agent for purposes of the Loan Documents. Each Lender agrees that notice to it (as provided in the next sentence) specifying that the Communications have been posted to the Platform shall constitute effective delivery of the Communications to such Lender for purposes of the Loan Documents. Each Lender agrees (i) to notify the Administrative Agent in writing (including by electronic communication) from time to time of such Lender's e-mail address to which the foregoing notice may be sent by electronic transmission and (ii) that the foregoing notice may be sent to such e-mail address.

Nothing herein shall prejudice the right of the Administrative Agent or any Lender to give any notice or other communication pursuant to any Loan Document in any other manner specified in such Loan Document.

#### ***SECTION 8.03. No Waiver; Remedies.***

No failure on the part of any Lender or the Administrative Agent to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law.

#### ***SECTION 8.04. Costs and Expenses.***

(a) The Borrower agrees to pay promptly upon demand all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Administrative Agent in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration, modification and amendment of this Agreement and the other documents to be delivered hereunder, including, without limitation, (i) all due diligence, syndication (including printing, distribution and bank meetings), transportation, computer, duplication, appraisal, consultant, and audit expenses and (ii) the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for the Administrative Agent with respect thereto and with respect to advising the Administrative Agent as to its rights and responsibilities under this Agreement. The Borrower further agrees to pay promptly upon demand all costs and expenses of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, if any (including, without limitation, counsel fees and expenses), in connection with the enforcement (whether through negotiations, legal proceedings or otherwise) of this Agreement and the other documents to be delivered hereunder, including, without limitation, reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for the Administrative Agent and the Lenders in connection with the enforcement of rights under this Section 8.04(a).

(b) The Borrower agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Lender and the Administrative Agent and each of their Related Parties (each, an "**Indemnified Party**") from and against any and all claims, damages, losses and liabilities, joint or several, to which any such Indemnified Party may become subject, in each case arising out of or in connection with or relating to (including, without limitation, in connection with any investigation, litigation or proceeding or preparation of a defense in connection therewith) (i) this Agreement, any of the transactions contemplated herein or the actual or proposed use of the proceeds of the Extensions of Credit (ii) any error or omission in connection with posting of the data required to be delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(i)(i), (ii) or (iv) on the website of the SEC or any successor website or (iii) the actual or alleged presence of Hazardous Materials on any property of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or any Environmental Action relating in any way to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, and to reimburse any Indemnified Party for any and all reasonable expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) as they are incurred in connection with the investigation of or preparation for or defense of any pending or threatened claim or any action or proceeding arising therefrom, whether or not such Indemnified Party is a party and whether or not such claim, action or proceeding is initiated or brought by or on behalf of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates and whether or not any of the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, except to the extent such claim, damage, loss, liability or expense is found in a final, non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from such Indemnified Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct. In the case of an investigation, litigation or other proceeding to which the indemnity in this Section 8.04(b) applies, such indemnity shall be effective whether or not such investigation, litigation or proceeding is brought by the Borrower.

its directors, shareholders or creditors or an Indemnified Party or any other Person or any Indemnified Party is otherwise a party thereto and whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated. The Borrower agrees not to assert any claim against any Indemnified Party on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages arising out of or otherwise relating to this Agreement, any of the transactions contemplated herein or the actual or proposed use of the proceeds of the Extensions of Credit.

(c) If any payment of principal of, or Conversion of, any Eurodollar Rate Advance is made by the Borrower to or for the account of a Lender other than on the last day of the Interest Period for such Advance, as a result of a payment or Conversion pursuant to Section 2.06, 2.09(e), 2.12 or 2.14, acceleration of the maturity of the outstanding Borrowings pursuant to Section 6.01, the assignment of any such Advance pursuant to Section 2.16(b) or for any other reason (in the case of any such payment or Conversion), the Borrower shall, promptly upon demand by such Lender (with a copy of such demand to the Administrative Agent), pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender any amounts required to compensate such Lender for any additional losses, costs or expenses that it may reasonably incur as a result of such payment or Conversion, including, without limitation, any loss (other than loss of Applicable Margin), cost or expense incurred by reason of the liquidation or reemployment of deposits or other funds acquired by any Lender to fund or maintain such Advance.

(d) Without prejudice to the survival of any other agreement of the Borrower hereunder, the agreements and obligations of the Borrower contained in Sections 2.12 and 8.04 shall survive the payment in full of principal, interest and all other amounts payable hereunder.

(e) The Borrower agrees that no Indemnified Party shall have any liability (whether direct or indirect, in contract or tort or otherwise) to the Borrower or its security holders or creditors related to or arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the Extensions of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds thereof, any of the transactions contemplated by any of the foregoing or in the loan documentation or the performance by an Indemnified Party of any of the foregoing (including the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents) except to the extent that any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense is found in a final, non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from such Indemnified Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(f) In the event that an Indemnified Party is requested or required to appear as a witness in any action brought by or on behalf of or against the Borrower or any of its Affiliates in which such Indemnified Party is not named as a defendant, the Borrower agrees to reimburse such Indemnified Party for all reasonable expenses incurred by it in connection with such Indemnified Party's appearing and preparing to appear as such a witness, including, without limitation, the fees and disbursements of its legal counsel.

#### ***SECTION 8.05. Right of Set-off.***

Upon (i) the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default and (ii) the making of the request or the granting of the consent specified by Section 6.01 to authorize the Administrative Agent to declare the outstanding Borrowings due and payable pursuant to the

provisions of Section 6.01, each Credit Party and each of its Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) at any time held and other indebtedness at any time owing by such Credit Party or such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower against any and all of the obligations of the Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement held by such Credit Party, whether or not such Credit Party shall have made any demand under this Agreement and although such obligations may be unmatured; *provided* that, in the event that any Defaulting Lender shall exercise any such right of setoff, (x) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to the Administrative Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.16 and, pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, and (y) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Administrative Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the obligations of the Borrower owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. Each Credit Party agrees promptly to notify the Borrower after any such set-off and application, *provided* that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such set-off and application. The rights of each Credit Party and its Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including, without limitation, other rights of set-off) that such Credit Party and its Affiliates may have.

#### ***SECTION 8.06. Binding Effect.***

This Agreement shall become effective upon satisfaction of the conditions precedent specified in Section 3.01 and thereafter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, each Lender and their respective successors and assigns, except that the Borrower shall not have the right to assign its rights hereunder or any interest herein without the prior written consent of all of the Lenders. None of the Joint Lead Arrangers nor any Person designated as a "Documentation Agent" or a "Syndication Agent" with respect to this Agreement shall have any duties under this Agreement.

#### ***SECTION 8.07. Assignments and Participations.***

(a) ***Successors and Assigns of Lenders Generally.*** No Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section, (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of this Section, or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of subsection (e) of this Section (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants to the extent provided in subsection (d) of this Section and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) ***Assignments by Lenders.*** Any Lender may at any time assign to one or more assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Advances at the time owing to it); *provided* that any such assignment shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) ***Minimum Amounts.***

(A) in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment and/or the Advances at the time owing to it or contemporaneous assignments to related Approved Funds (determined after giving effect to such assignments) that equal at least the amount specified in subsection (b)(i)(B) of this Section in the aggregate or in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund, no minimum amount need be assigned; and

(B) in any case not described in subsection (b)(i)(A) of this Section, the aggregate amount of the Commitment (which for this purpose includes Advances outstanding thereunder) or, if the applicable Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Advances of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent or, if the "**Trade Date**" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date) shall not be less than \$10,000,000, or an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof, unless each of the Administrative Agent and, so long as no Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

(ii) ***Proportionate Amounts.*** Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Advances or the Commitment assigned.

(iii) ***Required Consents.*** No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by subsection (b)(i)(B) of this Section and, in addition:

(A) the consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required unless (x) a Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment, or (y) such assignment is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; *provided* that the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within ten Business Days after having received notice thereof; and

(B) the consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for assignments if such assignment is to a Person that is not a Lender, an Affiliate of such Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to such Lender.

(iv) ***Assignment and Assumption.*** The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500 (to be paid by the assigning Lender, or, in the case of an assignment pursuant to Section 2.17(b), the Borrower); *provided* that the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to waive such processing and

recording fee in the case of any assignment. The assignee, if it is not a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire.

(v) **No Assignment to Certain Persons.** No such assignment shall be made to (A) the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries or (B) to any Defaulting Lender or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Person who, upon becoming a Lender hereunder, would constitute a Defaulting Lender or a Subsidiary thereof.

(vi) **No Assignment to Natural Persons.** No such assignment shall be made to a natural Person (or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of, a natural Person).

(vii) **Certain Additional Payments.** In connection with any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder, no such assignment shall be effective unless and until, in addition to the other conditions thereto set forth herein, the parties to the assignment shall make such additional payments to the Administrative Agent in an aggregate amount sufficient, upon distribution thereof as appropriate (which may be outright payment, purchases by the assignee of participations or subparticipations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the applicable pro rata share of Advances previously requested but not funded by the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (x) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent and each Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon), and (y) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Advances and Commitments in accordance with its Commitment Percentage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder shall become effective under Applicable Law without compliance with the provisions of this subsection, then the assignee of such interest shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender for all purposes of this Agreement until such compliance occurs.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by the Administrative Agent pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto) but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.12, 2.15 and 8.04 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment; *provided*, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed in writing by the affected parties, no assignment by a Defaulting Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this subsection shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with subsection (d) of this Section.

(c) **Register.** The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at its address referred to in Section 8.02 a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register in which it shall record the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts (and stated interest) of the Advances owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the “**Register**”). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(d) **Participations.** Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural Person, or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of, a natural Person, or the Borrower or any of the Borrower’s Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a “**Participant**”) in all or a portion of such Lender’s rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Advances owing to it); *provided* that (i) such Lender’s obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, and (iii) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender’s rights and obligations under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, each Lender shall be responsible for the indemnity under Section 7.05 with respect to any payments made by such Lender to its Participant(s).

Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; *provided* that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver described in clauses (ii), (iii) or (iv) of the first sentence of Section 8.01 that affects such Participant. The Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.12, 2.15, 8.04(b) and 8.04(c) (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under Section 2.15(g) (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 2.15(g) shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section; *provided* that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Section 2.17(b) as if it were an assignee under subsection (b) of this Section; and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Sections 2.12 or 2.15, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower’s request and expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower to effectuate the provisions of Section 2.17(b) with respect to any Participant. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 8.05 as though it were a Lender; *provided* that such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.15 as though it were a Lender. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the

principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Commitments. Advances or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "**Participant Register**"); *provided* that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any Commitments, Advances or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such Commitments, Advances or other obligations are in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

(e) **Certain Pledges.** Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank or other central banking authority; *provided* that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

#### ***SECTION 8.08. Confidentiality.***

Each of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders agree to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information, except that Confidential Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its Related Parties (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Confidential Information and instructed to keep such Confidential Information confidential); (b) to the extent required or requested by any regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction over such Person or its Related Parties (including any state, federal or foreign authority or examiner regulating banks, banking or other financial institutions and any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners); (c) to the extent required by Applicable Law or by any subpoena or similar legal process; (d) to any other party hereto; (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder; (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights and obligations under this Agreement, (ii) any actual or prospective party (or its Related Parties) to any swap, derivative or other transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to the Borrower and its obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder or (iii) any credit insurance provider relating to the Borrower and its obligations; (g) on a confidential basis to (i) any rating agency in connection with rating the Borrower or its Subsidiaries or this Agreement or (ii) the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the issuance and monitoring of CUSIP numbers with respect to this Agreement; (h) with the consent of the Borrower; or (i) to the extent such Confidential Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section, or (y) becomes available to the Administrative Agent and any Lender or any of their respective Affiliates on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Borrower. In addition, the Administrative Agent and each Lender may disclose the existence of this Agreement and

information about this Agreement to market data collectors, similar service providers to the lending industry and service providers to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with the administration or servicing of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and the Commitments. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Confidential Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Confidential Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

***SECTION 8.09. Governing Law.***

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

***SECTION 8.10. Severability; Survival.***

(a) In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement should be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not in any way be affected or impaired hereby.

(b) All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Borrower herein and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of any Advances, regardless of any investigation made by any such other party or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of or any accrued interest on any Advance or any fee or any other amount payable under this Agreement is outstanding and unpaid and so long as the Commitments have not expired or terminated.

***SECTION 8.11. Execution in Counterparts.***

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by fax or electronic transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

***SECTION 8.12. Jurisdiction, Etc.***

(a) Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive jurisdiction of any New York State court or federal court of the United States of America sitting in New York City, the County of New York, and any appellate court from any thereof, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally

agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in any such New York State court or, to the extent permitted by law, in such federal court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect any right that any party may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement in the courts of any jurisdiction.

(b) Each of the parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement in any New York State or federal court. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court.

#### ***8.13. Waiver of Jury Trial.***

Each of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, each Lender hereby irrevocably waives all right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether based on contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the actions of the Administrative Agent, the Borrower or any Lender in the negotiation, administration, performance or enforcement thereof.

#### ***8.14. USA Patriot Act.***

Each of the Lenders hereby notifies the Borrower that (a) pursuant to the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law as of October 26, 2001)) (as amended, restated, modified or otherwise supplemented from time to time, the "**Patriot Act**"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender to identify the Borrower in accordance with the Patriot Act and (b) pursuant to the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, it is required to obtain a Beneficial Ownership Certificate.

#### ***8.15. No Fiduciary Duty.***

Each of the Administrative Agent, each Lender and each of their respective Affiliates and their officers, directors, controlling persons, employees, agents and advisors (collectively, solely for purposes of this Section 8.15, the "Lenders") may have economic interests that conflict with those of the Borrower. The Borrower agrees that nothing in the Loan Documents or otherwise will be deemed to create an advisory, fiduciary or agency relationship or fiduciary or other

implied duty between the Lenders and the Borrower, its stockholders or its Affiliates. The Borrower acknowledges and agrees that (i) the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents are arm's-length commercial transactions between the Lenders, on the one hand, and the Borrower, on the other, (ii) in connection therewith and with the process leading to such transaction each of the Lenders is acting solely as a principal and not the agent or fiduciary of the Borrower, its management, stockholders, creditors or any other person, (iii) no Lender has assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Borrower with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether any Lender or any of its Affiliates has advised or is currently advising the Borrower on other matters) or any other obligation to the Borrower except the obligations expressly set forth in the Loan Documents and (iv) the Borrower has consulted its own legal and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate. The Borrower further acknowledges and agrees that it is responsible for making its own independent judgment with respect to such transactions and the process leading thereto. The Borrower agrees that it will not claim that any Lender has rendered advisory services of any nature or respect, or owes a fiduciary or similar duty to the Borrower, in connection with such transaction or the process leading thereto.

#### ***SECTION 8.16. Defaulting Lenders.***

(a) ***Defaulting Lender Adjustments.*** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as such Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law:

(i) ***Waivers and Amendments.*** Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in the definition of Required Lenders and in Section 8.01.

(ii) ***Defaulting Lender Waterfall.*** Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article VI or otherwise) or received by the Administrative Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 8.05 shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrative Agent as follows: *first*, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; *second*, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default exists), to the funding of any Advance in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; *third*, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Advances under this Agreement; *fourth*, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; *fifth*, so long as no Default exists, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and *sixth*, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; *provided* that, if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of

any Advances in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (y) such Advances were made at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 3.02 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Advances of all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Advances of such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Advances are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Commitments. Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this Section 8.16(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(b) **Defaulting Lender Cure.** If the Borrower and the Administrative Agent agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein, that Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Advances of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Advances to be held pro rata by the Lenders in accordance with the Commitments, whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; *provided* that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and *provided, further*, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed in writing by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.

#### **SECTION 8.17. Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of EEA Financial Institutions.**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Lender that is an EEA Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the write-down and conversion powers of an EEA Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

(a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by an EEA Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any Lender that is an EEA Financial Institution; and

(b) the effects of any Bail-in Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:

(i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;

(ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such EEA Financial Institution, its parent undertaking, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or

(iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the write-down and conversion powers of any EEA Resolution Authority.

**SECTION 8.18. Certain ERISA Matters.**

(d) Each Lender (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such person became a Lender party hereto to the date such person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

- (i) such Lender is not using "plan assets" (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Advances, the Commitments or this Agreement;
- (ii) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91-38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Advances, the Commitments and this Agreement;
- (iii) (A) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a "Qualified Professional Asset Manager" (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14), (B) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Advances, the Commitments and this Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Advances, the Commitments and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of sub-sections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84-14 and (D) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Advances, the Commitments and this Agreement, or

- (iv) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.

In addition, unless either (1) sub-clause (i) in the immediately preceding clause (a) is true with respect to a Lender or (2) Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant in accordance with sub-clause (iv) in the immediately preceding clause (a), such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such person became a Lender party hereto to the date such person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent and the Arranger and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower, that none of the Administrative Agent, Arranger or any of their respective Affiliates is a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender involved in such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Advances, the Commitments and this Agreement (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related hereto or thereto).

#### ***SECTION 8.19. Effect of Benchmark Transition Event***

(a) ***Benchmark Replacement.*** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, upon the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may amend this Agreement to replace the Eurodollar Rate with a Benchmark Replacement. Any such amendment with respect to a Benchmark Transition Event will become effective at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Business Day after the Administrative Agent has posted such proposed amendment to all Lenders and the Borrower so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such amendment from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders. Any such amendment with respect to an Early Opt-in Election will become effective on the date that Lenders comprising the Required Lenders have delivered to the Administrative Agent written notice that such Required Lenders accept such amendment. No replacement of the Eurodollar Rate with a Benchmark Replacement pursuant to this Section titled "Effect of Benchmark Transition Event" will occur prior to the applicable Benchmark Transition Start Date.

(b) ***Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes.*** In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement.

(c) ***Notices; Standards for Decisions and Determinations.*** The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of (i) any occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, and its related Benchmark Replacement Date and Benchmark Transition Start Date, (ii) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, (iii) the effectiveness of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes and (iv) the commencement or conclusion of any Benchmark Unavailability Period.

Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Administrative Agent or Lenders pursuant to this Section titled "Effect of Benchmark Transition Event," including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party hereto, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this Section titled "Effect of Benchmark Transition Event".

(d) **Benchmark Unavailability Period.** Upon the Borrower's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period, the Borrower may revoke any request for a Eurodollar Rate Advance of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Advances to be made, converted or continued during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, the Borrower will be deemed to have converted any such request into a request for a Borrowing of or conversion to Base Rate Advances. During any Benchmark Unavailability Period, the component of the Base Rate based upon the Eurodollar Rate will not be used in any determination of the Base Rate.

(e) **Certain Defined Terms.** As used in this Section titled "Effect of Benchmark Transition Event":

**"Benchmark Replacement"** means the sum of: (a) the alternate benchmark rate (which may include Term SOFR) that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a replacement rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a rate of interest as a replacement to the Eurodollar Rate for U.S. dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment; provided that, if the Benchmark Replacement as so determined would be less than zero, the Benchmark Replacement will be deemed to be zero for the purposes of this Agreement.

**"Benchmark Replacement Adjustment"** means, with respect to any replacement of the Eurodollar Rate with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for each applicable Interest Period, the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the Eurodollar Rate with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the Eurodollar Rate with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for U.S. dollar- denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time.

**"Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes"** means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of "Base Rate," the definition of "Interest Period," timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest and other administrative matters) that the Administrative Agent decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of such Benchmark Replacement and to permit the administration thereof by

the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Administrative Agent determines that no market practice for the administration of the Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement).

***Benchmark Replacement Date*** means the earlier to occur of the following events with respect to the Eurodollar Rate:

- (1) in the case of clause (1) or (2) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of the Eurodollar Rate permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide the Eurodollar Rate; or
- (2) in the case of clause (3) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein.

***Benchmark Transition Event*** means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the Eurodollar Rate:

- (1) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Eurodollar Rate announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide the Eurodollar Rate, permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Eurodollar Rate;
- (2) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Eurodollar Rate, the U.S. Federal Reserve System, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Eurodollar Rate, a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Eurodollar Rate or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Eurodollar Rate, which states that the administrator of the Eurodollar Rate has ceased or will cease to provide the Eurodollar Rate permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Eurodollar Rate; or
- (3) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Eurodollar Rate announcing that the Eurodollar Rate is no longer representative.

***Benchmark Transition Start Date*** means (a) in the case of a Benchmark Transition Event, the earlier of (i) the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and (ii) if such Benchmark Transition Event is a public statement or publication of information of a prospective event, the 90th day prior to the expected

date of such event as of such public statement or publication of information (or if the expected date of such prospective event is fewer than 90 days after such statement or publication, the date of such statement or publication) and (b) in the case of an Early Opt-in Election, the date specified by the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders, as applicable, by notice to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent (in the case of such notice by the Required Lenders) and the Lenders.

***Benchmark Unavailability Period*** means, if a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the Eurodollar Rate and solely to the extent that the Eurodollar Rate has not been replaced with a Benchmark Replacement, the period (x) beginning at the time that such Benchmark Replacement Date has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced the Eurodollar Rate for all purposes hereunder in accordance with the Section titled "Effect of Benchmark Transition Event" and (y) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced the Eurodollar Rate for all purposes hereunder pursuant to the Section titled "Effect of Benchmark Transition Event."

***Early Opt-in Election*** means the occurrence of:

- (1) (i) a determination by the Administrative Agent or (ii) a notification by the Required Lenders to the Administrative Agent (with a copy to the Borrower) that the Required Lenders have determined that U.S. dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities being executed at such time, or that include language similar to that contained in this Section titled "Effect of Benchmark Transition Event," are being executed or amended, as applicable, to incorporate or adopt a new benchmark interest rate to replace the Eurodollar Rate, and
- (2) (i) the election by the Administrative Agent or (ii) the election by the Required Lenders to declare that an Early Opt-in Election has occurred and the provision, as applicable, by the Administrative Agent of written notice of such election to the Borrower and the Lenders or by the Required Lenders of written notice of such election to the Administrative Agent.

***Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Website*** means the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at <http://www.newyorkfed.org>, or any successor source.

***Relevant Governmental Body*** means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or any successor thereto.

***SOFR*** with respect to any day means the secured overnight financing rate published for such day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as the administrator of the benchmark, (or a successor administrator) on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Website.

***Term SOFR*** means the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body.

***Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement*** means the Benchmark Replacement excluding the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused a counterpart of this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER  
COMPANY, INC.  
as Borrower

By /s/ Julia A. Sloat  
Name: Julia A. Sloat  
Title: Treasurer

AEP - CREDIT AGREEMENT

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
as Administrative Agent and a Lender

By /s/ Kelly Sarver  
Name: Kelly Sarver  
Title: Vice President

AEP - CREDIT AGREEMENT

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION  
as a Lender

By /s/ Keith Luettel  
Name: Keith Luettel  
Title: Managing Director

AEP - CREDIT AGREEMENT

KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
as a Lender

By /s/ Renee M. Bonnell  
Name: Renee M. Bonnell  
Title: Senior Vice President

AEP - CREDIT AGREEMENT

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
as a Lender

By/s/ John M. Eyerman  
Name: John M. Eyerman  
Title: Senior Vice President

AEP - CREDIT AGREEMENT

SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
as a Lender

By /s/ Katie Lee  
Name: Katie Lee  
Title: Director

AEP - CREDIT AGREEMENT

TRUIST BANK,  
as a Lender

By /s/ Arize Agumadu  
Name: Arize Agumadu  
Title: Vice President

AEP - CREDIT AGREEMENT

**EXHIBIT A**  
**(to the Credit Agreement)**

**FORM OF NOTICE OF BORROWING**

PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent  
for the Lenders party  
to the Credit Agreement  
referred to below

Attention: [\_\_\_\_\_]

[Date]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned, American Electric Power Company, Inc., refers to the Credit Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2020 (as amended or modified from time to time, the "*Credit Agreement*," the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined), among the undersigned, the Lenders party thereto and PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent for said Lenders, and hereby gives you notice, irrevocably, pursuant to Section 2.02(a) of the Credit Agreement that the undersigned hereby requests a Borrowing under the Credit Agreement, and in that connection sets forth below the information relating to such Borrowing (the "*Proposed Borrowing*") as required by Section 2.02(a) of the Credit Agreement:

(i) The Business Day of the Proposed Borrowing is \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

(ii) [The Type of Advances comprising the Proposed Borrowing is [Base Rate Advances][Eurodollar Rate Advances].]

(iii) The aggregate amount of the Proposed Borrowing is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

[(iv) The initial Interest Period for each Eurodollar Rate Advance made as part of the Proposed Borrowing is [[one] [two][three][six] month[s]] [OTHER PERIOD OF LESS THAN ONE MONTH AGREED TO BY ALL LENDERS].]

The undersigned hereby certifies that the following statements are true on the date hereof, and will be true on the date of the Proposed Borrowing:

(A) the representations and warranties contained in Section 4.01 of the Credit Agreement (other than Section 4.01(e) and the penultimate sentence of Section 4.01(f)) are true and correct in all material respects (or, if already qualified by materiality, in all respects) on and as of the date hereof, before and after giving effect to the Proposed

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Borrowing and to the application of the proceeds therefrom, as though made on the date hereof; and

(B) no event has occurred and is continuing, or would result from the Proposed Borrowing or from the application of the proceeds therefrom, that constitutes a Default.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**EXHIBIT B**  
**(to the Credit Agreement)**

**FORM OF ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION**

This Assignment and Assumption (the "*Assignment and Assumption*") is dated as of the Effective Date set forth below and is entered into by and between [the][each]<sup>1</sup> Assignor identified in item 1 below ([the][each, an] "*Assignor*") and [the][each]<sup>2</sup> Assignee identified in item 2 below ([the][each, an] "*Assignee*"). [It is understood and agreed that the rights and obligations of [the Assignors][the Assignees]<sup>3</sup> hereunder are several and not joint.]<sup>4</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement identified below (as amended, the "*Credit Agreement*"), receipt of a copy of which is hereby acknowledged by [the][each] Assignee. The Standard Terms and Conditions set forth in Annex 1 attached hereto are hereby agreed to and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Assignment and Assumption as if set forth herein in full.

For an agreed consideration, [the][each] Assignor hereby irrevocably sells and assigns to [the Assignee][the respective Assignees], and [the][each] Assignee hereby irrevocably purchases and assumes from [the Assignor][the respective Assignors], subject to and in accordance with the Standard Terms and Conditions and the Credit Agreement, as of the Effective Date inserted by the Administrative Agent as contemplated below (i) all of [the Assignor's][the respective Assignors'] rights and obligations in [its capacity as a Lender][their respective capacities as Lenders] under the Credit Agreement and any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto to the extent related to the amount and percentage interest identified below of all of such outstanding rights and obligations of [the Assignor][the respective Assignors] under the Credit Agreement, and (ii) to the extent permitted to be assigned under applicable law, all claims, suits, causes of action and any other right of [the Assignor (in its capacity as a Lender)][the respective Assignors (in their respective capacities as Lenders)] against any Person, whether known or unknown, arising under or in connection with the Credit Agreement, any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto or the loan transactions governed thereby or in any way based on or related to any of the foregoing, including, but not limited to, contract claims, tort claims, malpractice claims, statutory claims and all other claims at law or in equity related to the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (i) above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned by [the][any] Assignor to [the][any] Assignee pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) above being referred to herein collectively as [the][an] "*Assigned Interest*"). Each such sale and assignment is without recourse to [the][any] Assignor and, except as expressly provided in this Assignment and Assumption, without representation or warranty by [the][any] Assignor.

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1. For bracketed language here and elsewhere in this form relating to the Assignor(s), if the assignment is from a single Assignor, choose the first bracketed language. If the assignment is from multiple Assignors, choose the second bracketed language
  2. For bracketed language here and elsewhere in this form relating to the Assignee(s), if the assignment is to a single Assignee, choose the first bracketed language. If the assignment is to multiple Assignees, choose the second bracketed language
  3. Select as appropriate
  4. Include bracketed language if there are either multiple Assignors or multiple Assignees

1. Assignor[s]: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Assignee[s]: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

[Assignee is an [Affiliate][Approved Fund] of [*identify Lender*]]

3. Borrower: American Electric Power Company, Inc.
4. Administrative Agent: PNC Bank, National Association, as the Administrative Agent under the Credit Agreement.
5. Credit Agreement: The \$1,000,000,000 Credit Agreement dated as of March 23, 2020 among American Electric Power Company, Inc., as the Borrower, the Lenders parties thereto and PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent
6. Assigned Interest[s]:

Assignor[s] 5	Assignee[s] 6	Aggregate Amount of Commitment/Advances for all Lenders 7	Amount of Commitment/Advances Assigned 8	Percentage Assigned of Commitment/Advances 8	CUSIP Number
		\$	\$	%	
		\$	\$	%	
		\$	\$	%	

- [7. Trade Date: \_\_\_\_\_]<sup>9</sup>

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5 List each Assignor, as appropriate  
6 List each Assignee, as appropriate  
7 Amount to be adjusted by the counterparties to take into account any payments or prepayments made between the Trade Date and the Effective Date  
8 Set forth, to at least 9 decimals, as a percentage of the Commitment/Advances of all Lenders thereunder  
9 To be completed if the Assignor and the Assignee(s) intend that the minimum assignment amount is to be determined as of the Trade Date

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ [TO BE INSERTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND WHICH SHALL BE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RECORDATION OF TRANSFER IN THE REGISTER THEREFOR.]

The terms set forth in this Assignment and Assumption are hereby agreed to:

ASSIGNOR[S]<sup>10</sup>

[NAME OF ASSIGNOR]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title:

[NAME OF ASSIGNOR]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title:

ASSIGNEE[S]<sup>11</sup>

[NAME OF ASSIGNEE]

By:

Title:

[NAME OF ASSIGNEE]

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Title:

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[Consented to and]<sup>12</sup> Accepted:

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as  
Administrative Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

[Consented to:

American Electric Power Company, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:]<sup>13</sup>

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12 To be added only if the consent of the Administrative Agent is required by the terms of the Credit Agreement  
13 To be added only if the consent of the Borrower is required by the terms of the Credit Agreement

## ANNEX 1

\$1,000,000,000 Credit Agreement dated as of March 23, 2020 among American Electric Power Company, Inc., as the Borrower, the Lenders parties thereto and PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent

### STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

#### 1. *Representations and Warranties.*

- 1.1. ***Assignor[s].*** [The][Each] Assignor (a) represents and warrants that (i) it is the legal and beneficial owner of [the][the relevant] Assigned Interest, (ii) [the][such] Assigned Interest is free and clear of any lien, encumbrance or other adverse claim, (iii) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and (iv) it is [not] a Defaulting Lender; and (b) assumes no responsibility with respect to (i) any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of the Loan Documents or any collateral thereunder, (iii) the financial condition of the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or any other Person obligated in respect of any Loan Document or (iv) the performance or observance by the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or any other Person of any of their respective obligations under any Loan Document.
- 1.2. ***Assignee[s].*** [The][Each] Assignee (a) represents and warrants that (i) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and to become a Lender under the Credit Agreement, (ii) it meets all the requirements to be an assignee under Section 8.07 of the Credit Agreement (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required thereunder), (iii) from and after the Effective Date, it shall be bound by the provisions of the Credit Agreement as a Lender thereunder and, to the extent of [the][the relevant] Assigned Interest, shall have the obligations of a Lender thereunder, (iv) it is sophisticated with respect to decisions to acquire assets of the type represented by the Assigned Interest and either it, or the Person exercising discretion in making its decision to acquire the Assigned Interest, is experienced in acquiring assets of such type, (v) it has received a copy of the Credit Agreement, and has received or has been accorded the opportunity to receive copies of the most recent financial statements delivered pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) of Section 5.01(i) thereof, as applicable, and such other documents and information as it deems appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment and Assumption and to purchase [the][such] Assigned Interest, (vi) it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this

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Assignment and Assumption and to purchase [the][such] Assigned Interest, and (vii) attached to the Assignment and Assumption is any documentation required to be delivered by it pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement, duly completed and executed by [the][such] Assignee; (b) agrees that (i) it will, independently and without reliance on the Administrative Agent, [the][any] Assignor or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Loan Documents, and (ii) it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations which by the terms of the Loan Documents are required to be performed by it as a Lender and (c) appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers and discretion under the Credit Agreement as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms thereof, together with such powers and discretion as are reasonably incidental thereto.

2. **Payments.** From and after the Effective Date, the Administrative Agent shall make all payments in respect of [the][each] Assigned Interest (including payments of principal, interest, fees and other amounts) to [the][the relevant] Assignee whether such amounts have accrued prior to, on or after the Effective Date. The Assignor[s] and the Assignee[s] shall make all appropriate adjustments in payments by the Administrative Agent for periods prior to the Effective Date or with respect to the making of this assignment directly between themselves. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrative Agent shall make all payments of interest, fees or other amounts paid or payable in kind from and after the Effective Date to [the][the relevant] Assignee.
3. **General Provisions.** This Assignment and Assumption shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. This Assignment and Assumption may be executed in any number of counterparts, which together shall constitute one instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Assignment and Assumption by fax shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Assignment and Assumption. This Assignment and Assumption shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

Exhibit B  
AEP - CREDIT AGREEMENT

**EXHIBIT C**  
**(to the Credit Agreement)**

**FORM OF OPINION OF COUNSEL FOR THE BORROWER**

To each of the Lenders party to the  
Credit Agreement referred to below  
and to PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent thereunder

March 23, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This opinion is furnished to you pursuant to Section 3.01(a)(iii) of the Credit Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2020 (the “*Credit Agreement*”) among American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the “*Borrower*”), the Lenders party thereto and PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent. Terms defined in the Credit Agreement are used herein as therein defined.

I am an Associate General Counsel for American Electric Power Service Corporation, an affiliate of the Borrower, and have acted as counsel to the Borrower in connection with the preparation, execution and delivery of the Credit Agreement. I am generally familiar with the Borrower’s corporate history, properties, operations and charter (including amendments, restatements and supplements thereto).

In connection with this opinion, I, or attorneys over whom I exercise supervision, have examined:

- (1) The Credit Agreement and the promissory notes issued by the Borrower on the date hereof pursuant to Section 2.07(d) of the Credit Agreement (collectively, the “*Loan Documents*”).
- (2) The documents furnished by the Borrower pursuant to Article III of the Credit Agreement.
- (3) The certificate of incorporation of the Borrower and all amendments thereto.
- (4) The by-laws of the Borrower and all amendments thereto.
- (5) A certificate of the Secretary of State of New York, dated March [ ], 2020, attesting to the continued existence and good standing of the Borrower in that State.

In addition, I, or attorneys over whom I exercise supervision, have examined the originals, or copies certified to my satisfaction, of such other corporate records of the Borrower, certificates

of public officials and of officers of the Borrower, and agreements, instruments and other documents, as I have deemed necessary as a basis for the opinions expressed below.

In my examination, I, or attorneys over whom I exercise supervision, have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies. In making our examination of documents and instruments executed or to be executed by persons other than the Borrower, I, or attorneys over whom I exercise supervision, have assumed that each such other person had the requisite power and authority to enter into and perform fully its obligations thereunder, the due authorization by each such other person for the execution, delivery and performance thereof and the due execution and delivery thereof by or on behalf of such person of each such document and instrument. In the case of any such person that is not a natural person, I, or attorneys over whom I exercise supervision, have also assumed, insofar as it is relevant to the opinions set forth below, that each such other person is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it was created and is duly qualified and in good standing in each other jurisdiction where the failure to be so qualified could reasonably be expected to have a material effect upon its ability to execute, deliver and/or perform its obligations under any such document or instrument. I, or attorneys over whom I exercise supervision, have further assumed that each document, instrument, agreement, record and certificate reviewed by us for purposes of rendering the opinions expressed below has not been amended by any oral agreement, conduct or course of dealing between the parties thereto.

As to questions of fact material to the opinions expressed herein, I have relied upon certificates and representations of officers of the Borrower (including but not limited to those contained in the Credit Agreement and certificates delivered upon the execution and delivery of the Credit Agreement) and of appropriate public officials, without independent verification of such matters except as otherwise described herein.

Whenever my opinions herein with respect to the existence or absence of facts are stated to be to my knowledge or awareness, it is intended to signify that no information has come to my attention or the attention of other counsel working under my direction in connection with the preparation of this opinion letter that would give me or them actual knowledge of the existence or absence of such facts. However, except to the extent expressly set forth herein, neither I nor they have undertaken any independent investigation to determine the existence or absence of such facts, and no inference as to my or their knowledge of the existence or absence of such facts should be assumed.

I am a member of the Bar of the States of New York and Ohio and do not purport to be expert on the laws of any jurisdiction other than the laws of the States of New York and Ohio and the Federal laws of the United States. My opinions expressed below are limited to the law of the States of New York and Ohio and the Federal law of the United States.

Based upon the foregoing and upon such investigation as I have deemed necessary, and subject to the limitations, qualifications and assumptions set forth herein, I am of the following opinion:

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- 1 The Borrower (a) is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York; (b) has the corporate power and authority, and the legal right, to own and operate its property, to lease the property which it operates as lessee and to conduct the business in which it is currently engaged and in which it proposes to be engaged after the date hereof; (c) is duly qualified as a foreign corporation and is in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except any such jurisdiction where the failure to so qualify could not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change; (d) owns or possesses all material licenses and permits necessary for the operation by it of its business as currently conducted; and (e) is in compliance with all Requirements of Law, except as disclosed in the Disclosure Documents referenced in Section 4.01(e) of the Credit Agreement or to the extent that the failure to comply therewith could not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The term "Requirements of Law" means the laws of the State of New York and the laws, rules and regulations of the United States of America (including, without limitation, ERISA and Environmental Laws) and orders of any governmental authority applicable to the Borrower.
- 2 The Borrower has the corporate power and authority, and the legal right, to execute and deliver each Loan Document and to perform its obligations under each Loan Document, and to borrow under the Credit Agreement. The Borrower has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of each Loan Document and the incurrence of Advances on the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement, and each Loan Document has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower. Each Loan Document constitutes the valid and legally binding obligation of the Borrower enforceable against the Borrower in accordance with its terms.
- 3 The execution, delivery and performance of each Loan Document and the Advances made under the Credit Agreement will not violate any Requirements of Law, the Borrower's certificate of incorporation or by-laws, or any material contractual restriction binding on or affecting the Borrower or any of its properties.
- 4 No approval or authorization or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any governmental agency or regulatory body or other third person is required in connection with the due execution and delivery of any Loan Document and the performance, validity and enforceability of any Loan Document.
- 5 Except as described in Section 4.01(e) of the Credit Agreement, no action, suit, investigation, litigation, or proceeding, including, without limitation, any Environmental Action, affecting the Borrower or any of its Significant Subsidiaries before any court, government agency or arbitrator is pending or, to

my knowledge, threatened, that is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- 6 Neither the Borrower nor any of its Significant Subsidiaries is an "investment company", or an "affiliated person" of, or "promoter" or "principal underwriter" for, an "investment company", as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**1940 Act**"). Neither the making of any Advances, the application of the proceeds or repayment thereof by the Borrower nor the consummation of the other transactions contemplated by the Credit Agreement will violate any provision of the 1940 Act or any rule, regulation or order of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder.

The opinion set forth above in the last sentence of paragraph 2 above is subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditor's rights generally and to general principles of equity, including (without limitation) concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.)

I express no opinion as to (i) Section 8.05 of the Credit Agreement; (ii) the effect of the law of any jurisdiction (other than the State of New York) wherein any Lender may be located which limits the rates of interest which may be charged or collected by such Lender; and (iii) whether a Federal or state court outside of the State of New York would give effect to the choice of New York law provided for in the Credit Agreement.

This opinion letter has been rendered solely for your benefit in connection with the Credit Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby and may not be used, circulated, quoted, relied upon or otherwise referred to by any other person (other than your respective counsel, auditors and any regulatory agency having jurisdiction over you or as otherwise required pursuant to legal process or other requirements of law) for any other purpose without my prior written consent; *provided* that, any person that becomes a Lender after the date hereof may rely on the opinions expressed in this opinion letter as though addressed to such person. I undertake no responsibility to update or supplement this opinion in response to changes in law or future events or circumstances.

Very truly yours,

David C. House  
Counsel for American Electric Power Company, Inc.

## EXHIBIT D-1

### FORM OF U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (For Foreign Lenders That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

#### U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (For Foreign Lenders That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

Reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2020 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “*Credit Agreement*”), among American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the “*Borrower*”), the Lenders named therein and PNC Bank, National Association, as the administrative agent (the “*Administrative Agent*”) for the Lenders.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.15 of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the Advance(s) and Commitment (as well as any promissory note(s) evidencing such Advance(s) and Commitment) in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a bank within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iii) it is not a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and (iv) it is not a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished the Administrative Agent and the Borrower with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished the Administrative Agent and the Borrower with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20[ ]

## EXHIBIT D-2

### **FORM OF U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (For Foreign Participants That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)**

#### **U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (For Foreign Participants That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)**

Reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2020 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “*Credit Agreement*”), among American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the “*Borrower*”), the Lenders named therein and PNC Bank, National Association, as the administrative agent (the “*Administrative Agent*”) for the Lenders.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.15 of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the participation in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a bank within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iii) it is not a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, and (iv) it is not a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender in writing, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF PARTICIPANT]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20[ ]

### EXHIBIT D-3

#### FORM OF U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (For Foreign Participants That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

##### U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

(For Foreign Participants That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

Reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2020 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "*Credit Agreement*"), among American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the "*Borrower*"), the Lenders named therein and PNC Bank, National Association, as the administrative agent (the "*Administrative Agent*") for the Lenders.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.15 of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record owner of the participation in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) its direct or indirect partners/members are the sole beneficial owners of such participation, (iii) with respect such participation, neither the undersigned nor any of its direct or indirect partners/members is a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iv) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and (v) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by one of the following forms from each of its partners/members that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption: (i) an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, or (ii) an IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E from each of such partner's/member's beneficial owners that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF PARTICIPANT]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20[ ]

**EXHIBIT D-4**

**FORM OF U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE  
(For Foreign Lenders That Are Partnerships  
For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)**

**U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE  
(For Foreign Lenders That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)**

Reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2020 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “*Credit Agreement*”), among American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the “**Borrower**”), the Lenders named therein and PNC Bank, National Association, as the administrative agent (the “*Administrative Agent*”) for the Lenders.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.15 of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record owner of the Advance(s) and Commitment (as well as any promissory note(s) evidencing such Advance(s) and Commitment) in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) its direct or indirect partners/members are the sole beneficial owners of such Advance(s) and Commitment (as well as any promissory note(s) evidencing such Advance(s) and Commitment), (iii) with respect to the extension of credit pursuant to the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, neither the undersigned nor any of its direct or indirect partners/members is a bank extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iv) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and (v) none of its direct or indirect partners/members is a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished the Administrative Agent and the Borrower with IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by one of the following forms from each of its partners/members that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption: (i) an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E or (ii) an IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E from each of such partner’s/member’s beneficial owners that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished the Administrative Agent and the Borrower with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF LENDER]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20[ ]

**EXHIBIT E**

**Form of REQUEST FOR FACILITY INCREASE**

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_

PNC Bank, National Association,  
as Administrative Agent  
[\_\_\_\_\_]

Attention: [\_\_\_\_\_]

Re: Credit Agreement dated as of March 23, 2020 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Credit Agreement**”), among American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the “**Borrower**”), PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent (“**Administrative Agent**”), and each lender from time to time party thereto (the “**Lenders**”). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 2.18 of the Credit Agreement, the Borrower hereby requests that the aggregate commitment under the Credit Agreement be increased by an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, the total Facility amount shall be \$\_\_\_\_\_ after giving effect to the full amount of such requested increase, such increase to be effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_. The Borrower hereby acknowledges that in the event the Administrative Agent is unable to secure commitments from existing Lenders or new lenders for the entire amount of the increase requested hereby on or prior to \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ [insert the 30th day after the date of this request], then this request shall be deemed rescinded with respect to commitments not secured on and as of such date.

As of the date of this Request for Facility Increase: (a) the representations and warranties of the Borrower are true and correct as if made on and as of this date, except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such earlier date; and (b) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

Sincerely,

**AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.**

By  
Name:  
Title:

**EXHIBIT F**  
**FORM OF CONFIRMATION OF FACILITY INCREASE**

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

American Electric Power Company, Inc.,  
as Borrower

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Attention: [ ]  
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Re: Credit Agreement dated as of March 23, 2020 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "*Credit Agreement*"), among American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the "*Borrower*"), PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent ("*Administrative Agent*"), and each lender from time to time party thereto (the "*Lenders*"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

This Confirmation of Facility Increase is delivered pursuant to Section 2.18 of the Credit Agreement.

The undersigned confirms receipt of the Notice of Facility Increase, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

As of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the total Facility amount will be increased to \$\_\_\_\_\_, with the Commitment of each Lender as follows:

Lender

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Commitment

\$  
\$  
\$  
\$

Total Facility amount

\$  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as  
Administrative Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT G

### FORM OF LENDER COMMITMENT INCREASE AGREEMENT

This LENDER COMMITMENT INCREASE AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") is made as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

WHEREAS, reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement dated as of March 23, 2020 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "*Credit Agreement*"), among American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the "*Borrower*"), PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent (the "*Administrative Agent*") and each lender from time to time party thereto (the "*Lenders*"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.18 of the Credit Agreement, the Borrower delivered a Request for Facility Increase to the Administrative Agent, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.18 of the Credit Agreement, the Administrative Agent will deliver a Confirmation of Commitment Increase (the "*Confirmation of Commitment Increase*") pursuant to which \_\_\_\_\_ ("Existing Lender") will be listed as having a \$\_\_\_\_\_ Commitment under the Credit Agreement, an increase of \$\_\_\_\_\_ over its existing Commitment (such increase amount, the "*Commitment Increase*"); and

WHEREAS, Existing Lender, Borrower and Agent desire to enter into this Agreement pursuant to which Existing Lender will increase its Commitment under the Credit Agreement in an amount equal to the Commitment Increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained and for other valuable consideration, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. The Existing Lender hereby:

(a) confirms that it has received a copy of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement;

(b) agrees that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document; and

(c) attaches (or has delivered to the Administrative Agent) completed and signed copies of any forms that may be required by the United States Internal Revenue Service in order to certify Existing Lender's exemption from United States withholding taxes with respect to any payments or distributions made or to be made to Existing Lender in respect of the Advances or under the Credit Agreement or such other documents as are necessary to indicate that all such payments or distributions are subject to such taxes at a rate reduced by an applicable tax treaty;

2. The Commitment Increase of Existing Lender shall become effective upon the satisfaction of the following conditions:

- (a) the execution of this Agreement by each of the parties hereto;
- (b) the receipt by the Administrative Agent of the amount listed in the funding notice delivered to Existing Lender, such amount representing the Existing Lender's pro rata share of the outstanding Advances under the Credit Agreement; and
- (c) the Administrative Agent shall have delivered the Confirmation of Facility Increase to the Borrower and the Lenders.

3. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS, FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY, TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY NEW YORK STATE COURT OR FEDERAL COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SITTING IN NEW YORK CITY, THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, OR FOR RECOGNITION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT, AND EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN ANY SUCH NEW YORK STATE COURT OR, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT ANY PARTY MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

4. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by fax shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their officers thereunto duly authorized as of the date specified thereon.

[\_\_\_\_\_], as Existing Lender

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

American Electric Power Company, Inc.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
as Administrative Agent

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

## EXHIBIT H

### FORM OF NEW LENDER JOINDER AGREEMENT

This NEW LENDER JOINDER AGREEMENT (this "*Agreement*") is made as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement dated as of March 23, 2020 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "*Credit Agreement*"), among American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the "*Borrower*"), PNC Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent (the "*Administrative Agent*") and each lender from time to time party thereto (the "*Lenders*"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.18 of the Credit Agreement, the Borrower delivered a Request for Facility Increase to the Administrative Agent, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.18 of the Credit Agreement, the Administrative Agent will deliver a Confirmation of Commitment Increase (the "*Confirmation of Commitment Increase*") pursuant to which \_\_\_\_\_ ("New Lender") will be listed as having a \$\_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> Commitment under the Credit Agreement; and

WHEREAS, New Lender, Borrower and the Administrative Agent desire to enter into this Agreement pursuant to which New Lender will become a party to, and a Lender under, the Credit Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained and for other valuable consideration, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. New Lender hereby:

(a) confirms that it has received a copy of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement;

(b) agrees that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document;

(c) appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers and discretion under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms thereof, together with such powers and discretion as are reasonably incidental thereto;

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<sup>1</sup> Such amount to be not less than \$5,000,000

(d) agrees that it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations that by the terms of the Credit Agreement are required to be performed by it as a Lender;

(e) if New Lender is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the United States, attaches (or has delivered to the Administrative Agent) completed and signed copies of any forms that may be required by the United States Internal Revenue Service in order to certify New Lender's exemption from United States withholding taxes with respect to any payments or distributions made or to be made to New Lender in respect of the Advances or under the Credit Agreement or such other documents as are necessary to indicate that all such payments or distributions are subject to such taxes at a rate reduced by an applicable tax treaty; and

(f) provides the following notice information for the purpose of Section 8.02 of the Credit Agreement:

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Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2. New Lender shall become a party to the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and shall have the rights and obligations of a Lender thereunder, upon the satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) the execution of this Agreement by each of the parties hereto;

(b) the receipt by the Administrative Agent of the amount listed in the funding notice delivered to New Lender, such amount representing the New Lender's pro rata share of the outstanding Advances under the Credit Agreement; and

(c) the Administrative Agent shall have delivered the Confirmation of Commitment Increase to the Borrower, the Lenders and New Lender.

3. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS, FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY, TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY NEW YORK STATE COURT OR FEDERAL COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SITTING IN NEW YORK CITY, THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, OR FOR RECOGNITION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT, AND EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN ANY SUCH NEW YORK STATE COURT OR, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR

PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT ANY PARTY MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

4. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by fax shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their officers thereunto duly authorized as of the date specified thereon.

[\_\_\_\_\_], as New Lender

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

American Electric Power Company, Inc.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
as Administrative Agent

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**Schedule I**

**Schedule of Initial Lenders**

<b>Lender Name</b>	<b>Commitment</b>
PNC Bank, National Association	\$166,666,666.70
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association	\$166,666,666.66
Keybank National Association	\$166,666,666.66
U S Bank National Association	\$166,666,666.66
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	\$166,666,666.66
Truist Bank	\$166,666,666.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000,000.00</b>

Schedule I  
AEP - CREDIT AGREEMENT

**Schedule 4.01(m)**

**Significant Subsidiaries**

Appalachian Power Company

Ohio Power Company

Indiana Michigan Power Company

Southwestern Electric Power Company

AEP Texas Inc.

AEP Transmission Company, LLC

AEP Transmission Holding Company, LLC

Schedule 4 01(M)  
AEP - CREDIT AGREEMENT

EXHIBIT 31(a)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Nicholas K. Akins, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of American Electric Power Company, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 31(a)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Nicholas K. Akins, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of AEP Transmission Company, LLC;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 31(a)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Nicholas K. Akins, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of AEP Texas Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 31(a)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Nicholas K. Akins, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Appalachian Power Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 31(a)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Nicholas K. Akins, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Indiana Michigan Power Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 31(a)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Nicholas K. Akins, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Ohio Power Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 31(a)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Nicholas K. Akins, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Public Service Company of Oklahoma;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 31(a)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Nicholas K. Akins, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Southwestern Electric Power Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Nicholas K. Akins

Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 31(b)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Brian X. Tierney, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of American Electric Power Company, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT 31(b)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Brian X. Tierney, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of AEP Transmission Company, LLC;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT 31(b)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Brian X. Tierney, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of AEP Texas Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT 31(b)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Brian X. Tierney, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Appalachian Power Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT 31(b)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Brian X. Tierney, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Indiana Michigan Power Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT 31(b)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Brian X. Tierney, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Ohio Power Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT 31(b)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Brian X. Tierney, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Public Service Company of Oklahoma;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT 31(b)  
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302  
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Brian X. Tierney, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Southwestern Electric Power Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of each registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 6, 2020

By: /s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 32(a)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

**Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Nicholas K. Akins, the chief executive officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to American Electric Power Company, Inc. and will be retained by American Electric Power Company, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(a)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code

In connection with the Quarterly Report of AEP Transmission Company, LLC (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Nicholas K. Akins, the chief executive officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Nicholas K. Akins

Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to AEP Transmission Company, LLC and will be retained by AEP Transmission Company, LLC and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(a)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

**Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of AEP Texas Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Nicholas K. Akins, the chief executive officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to AEP Texas Inc. and will be retained by AEP Texas Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(a)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Appalachian Power Company (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Nicholas K. Akins, the chief executive officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Appalachian Power Company and will be retained by Appalachian Power Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(a)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Indiana Michigan Power Company (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Nicholas K. Akins, the chief executive officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Indiana Michigan Power Company and will be retained by Indiana Michigan Power Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(a)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

**Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Ohio Power Company (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Nicholas K. Akins, the chief executive officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Ohio Power Company and will be retained by Ohio Power Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(a)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Public Service Company of Oklahoma (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Nicholas K. Akins, the chief executive officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Public Service Company of Oklahoma and will be retained by Public Service Company of Oklahoma and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(a)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

**Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Southwestern Electric Power Company (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Nicholas K. Akins, the chief executive officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Nicholas K. Akins  
Nicholas K. Akins  
Chief Executive Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Southwestern Electric Power Company and will be retained by Southwestern Electric Power Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(b)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

**Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of American Electric Power Company, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Brian X. Tierney, the chief financial officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Brian X. Tierney

Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to American Electric Power Company, Inc. and will be retained by American Electric Power Company, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(b)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code

In connection with the Quarterly Report of AEP Transmission Company, LLC (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Brian X. Tierney, the chief financial officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Brian X. Tierney

Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to AEP Transmission Company, LLC and will be retained by AEP Transmission Company, LLC and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(b)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

**Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of AEP Texas Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Brian X. Tierney, the chief financial officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to AEP Texas Inc. and will be retained by AEP Texas Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(b)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

**Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Appalachian Power Company (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Brian X. Tierney, the chief financial officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Brian X. Tierney

Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Appalachian Power Company and will be retained by Appalachian Power Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(b)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Indiana Michigan Power Company (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Brian X. Tierney, the chief financial officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Indiana Michigan Power Company and will be retained by Indiana Michigan Power Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(b)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Ohio Power Company (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Brian X. Tierney, the chief financial officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Ohio Power Company and will be retained by Ohio Power Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(b)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Public Service Company of Oklahoma (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Brian X. Tierney, the chief financial officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Brian X. Tierney  
Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Public Service Company of Oklahoma and will be retained by Public Service Company of Oklahoma and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Exhibit 32(b)

This Certification is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This Certification shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

**Certification Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63  
of Title 18 of the United States Code**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Southwestern Electric Power Company (the "Company") on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Brian X. Tierney, the chief financial officer of the Company certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, based on my knowledge (i) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Brian X. Tierney

Brian X. Tierney  
Chief Financial Officer

May 6, 2020

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Southwestern Electric Power Company and will be retained by Southwestern Electric Power Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**Exhibit 95**

**MINE SAFETY INFORMATION**

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) imposes stringent health and safety standards on various mining operations. The Mine Act and its related regulations affect numerous aspects of mining operations, including training of mine personnel, mining procedures, equipment used in mine emergency procedures, mine plans and other matters. SWEPCo, through its ownership of Dolet Hills Lignite Company (DHLC), a wholly-owned lignite mining subsidiary of SWEPCo, is subject to the provisions of the Mine Act.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) requires companies that operate mines to include in their periodic reports filed with the SEC, certain mine safety information covered by the Mine Act. DHLC received the following notices of violation and proposed assessments under the Mine Act for the quarter ended March 31, 2020:

Number of Citations for S&S Violations of Mandatory Health or Safety Standards under 104 *	0
Number of Orders Issued under 104(b) *	0
Number of Citations and Orders for Unwarrantable Failure to Comply with Mandatory Health or Safety Standards under 104(d) *	0
Number of Flagrant Violations under 110(b)(2) *	0
Number of Imminent Danger Orders Issued under 107(a) *	0
Total Dollar Value of Proposed Assessments **	\$ 403
Number of Mining-related Fatalities	0

\* References to sections under the Mine Act.

\*\* DHLC received two non-S&S citations during the fourth quarter of 2019 and one non-S&S citation in the first quarter of 2020. The proposed assessments for these three citations, totaling \$403, were received in this quarter.

There are currently no legal actions pending before the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.