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Subject: Award Letter
Austin-AEP Certified Site Designation for the Food & Beverage Sector
Crossroads Industrial Park – Bucyrus, Ohio

Dear Gary:

Austin Consulting and American Electric Power congratulate you and the Crawford County Partnership for Education & Economic Development for all your hard work and effort in successfully fulfilling the requirements for the *Austin Consulting – American Electric Power Certified Site Designation for the Food & Beverage Sector*. By granting this designation, Austin Consulting is confident that companies in the food and beverage industry can make a determination that your site is compatible for their proposed operation based on a review of the comprehensive information contained in the *Detailed Site Due Diligence Report*. This designation is valid for up to three years, providing no major changes or alterations have occurred at the site.

The Austin-AEP Certified Site Designation applies to the 22-acre parcel (Outlot 619) in the Crossroads Industrial Park in Bucyrus, Ohio. This parcel is bound by U.S. Highway 30 to the south; the cul-de-sac of Holmes Court South and Arctic Cat's vacant lot to the east; three large, rural residential parcels to the west and north; and vacant available industrial lots to the northeast. These additional available adjacent parcels in the industrial park total approximately 12.4 acres. All of these parcels are located in an established industrial area and are served by industrial-grade roadways leading back to the interchange at State Route 4 and U.S. Highway 30.

The certified site designation of Outlot 619 in the Crossroads Industrial Park Site is based on information arranged in the following categories:

- Ownership
- Property
- Transportation
- Utility
- Community
- Environmental



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Crossroads Industrial Park, Holmes Court South, Bucyrus, OH

Austin Consulting evaluated over 200 critical variables based on the six major categories before making this designation on a specific property. As part of the process, Austin Consulting staff performed a detailed field investigation of the site including meetings with economic development and utility officials at the city and county level.

Austin Consulting firmly believes that a company or a site selector interested in a Midwest location can both decrease the duration of their site selection process and increase their confidence in this property by reviewing the information contained in the *Detailed Site Due Diligence Report*.

Austin Consulting appreciates the opportunity to provide the Certified Site Designation service to American Electric Power, and we look forward to one or more quality food and beverage processing operations and/or distribution centers choosing the Crossroads Industrial Center for their next facility.

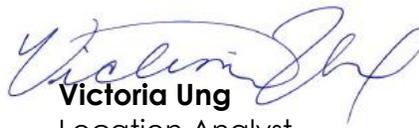
Congratulations on this accomplishment and in your efforts, dedication, and hard work in pursuing and receiving this special designation. Also, we appreciate all the assistance we have received from your staff and the community from the beginning, through to the completion of this process.

Sincerely,



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