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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Re: American Transmission Systems, Inc. / Geauga County -138kV Transmission Line Supply Project

Case No. 07-171-EL-BTX

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Dear Ms. Hale:

Sean Logan Ohio Department of Natural Resources

> Robert Boggs Ohio Department of Agriculture

Andrew M. Bostright, P.E. Public Member

Steven Driehaus Ohio House of Representatives

John Hagan Ohio House of Representatives

> Bob Schuler Onio Senate

Jason Wilson Ohio Senate Thank you for your concerns regarding the proposed American Transmission Systems, Inc. / Geauga County -138kV Transmission Line Supply Project. As with the consideration of all transmission projects, local and surrounding businesses, residents, municipalities and officials are invited to discuss the present and long-term economical and environmental feasibility of such projects. The response we receive from these entities convey an interest in environmental, ecological and social implications associated with the proposed transmission line.

To date, American Transmission Systems held public information meetings on both March 5-6, 2007 in Huntsburg and Thompson Ohio that residents might be informed on the proposed project. Still at this time, American Transmission Systems has not submitted an application for the project before the Ohio Power Siting Board.

As we appreciate all input into the siting process, once an application is filed, your document will be shared with members of the Board and placed in an official docket for the case. Further, should you wish to view activity involving this application, please visit our web site at www.opsb.ohio.gov.

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Very truly yours,

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March 18, 2007

Ohio Siting Board 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

To Whom It May Concern:

The people of Clay Street reaching from Madison to, and including Huntsburg, are under siege from the Illuminating Company. They are in the process of planning a new power line that would stretch from Madison in Lake County to Huntsburg in Geauga County. They have an alternate route, which is State Route 528, but it is quite clear that they prefer Clay Street.

Clay Street is a narrow County road that is densely populated with homes. Many of these homes are over 100 years old, and understandably close to the road. The residents have been told that they will be in jeopardy of having their homes removed. The rural character of this area would be completely destroyed, and the ecological and social aspects would be severely impacted. How can this be allowed to happen? State Route 528 would serve the same purpose, but without the destruction.

The residents of Clay Street were not notified of the proposal until the second week of March. This proposal is to be presented to the siting board in April. They obviously did not want the residents to have time to present serious opposition.

The Park District, and the Wildlife Department are conspicuous by their absence. They are the very people who have released wild turkeys and snow shoe hares. Where are they when we need their help?

Those of us with large plots of land have struggled to maintain the rural character of Geauga County. Where is the support when we need help? Is the Illuminating Company so powerful that they can destroy a whole are without opposition?

I sincerely hope that you will make every effort to help us.

Sincerely,

Doris J. Hale

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