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Re: American Transmission Systems, Inc. / Geauga County -138kV Transmission
Line Supply Project
Case No. 07-171-EL-BTX

Dear Mr. Pitorak:

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.

Very truly yours,

Klaus Lambeck, Chief
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I am writing to express concern over the proposed route down 528 for the new electric transmission line. Case # 07-0171-EL-BTX. Our farm has been in our family for 65 years. We are the third generation to farm it. Most of the farms and homes along this route have long family histories.

Following this route from the beginning, Route 322 and going North on 528 to past Chardon Windsor Rd. this proposed route cuts through all the open fields. (All are used for crops.) And it snakes around all the wooded land. We have been told this line will need to be cleared 30 ft. on each side of it. By doing this they are essentially taking acres of good land and turning it into unusable land. Snowmobiles and four-wheelers have long been a problem for anyone owning a bit of land. But you put a 60 ft. cleared path / road in, and they'll think they are in heaven. We of course will be in Hell! There will be absolutely no stopping them. They do enough damage to the land they can get to now. This route will give them basically total access to all of the land. Costing us more to fix what they tear up or fighting lawsuits because they hurt themselves on our property! Our property values will all go down. Not much, some would say, but when you look at today's economy even the slightest drop in property value is not a good thing! Especially when it results from nothing you the owner did! Should someone want to sell a lot or even the whole thing off we are basically hog tied because we have a large power line running through the middle of our property.

We attended the March 5 meeting with questions and concerns. Lots of talking went on and no definite answers were given. It was more like a lot of skirting the issues. We were told to write a letter to voice our concerns. I would have thought a project of this size and with as many departments and people at this meeting our questions should have been answered fully. We even had a fellow from First Energy come to the house under the pretense of answering questions. He could not answer anything! He didn't even know you had to have 100ft. between these lines and a living dwelling! He was only there to get permission to survey our land, we of course refused. Not the only ones to do so either.

A project of this size takes a lot of time to get to this point. So why did we not hear of it until approximately two weeks before the meeting? There is now talk floating around about changing 528 from two lanes to four. Is

this another project we will only have two weeks notice with? It seems to be a real shame that you buy land work it and pay the taxes on it year after year and a group can come in and basically take what they want. I think we need to go back and take a long hard look at who this route is really benefiting. It certainly is not the farmer or property owners along 528! We will be getting it from both ends if this electric line goes through and they expand 528 to four lanes! Looks like the farmers and the long-standing families along 528 will take it in the ass!

Why not run these electric lines down the new bike path? Using this path the stage is already half set. You wouldn't be taking homes or land away from individuals. This is a very disturbing matter to the folks around here. No one is pleased or willing to just turn his or her property over. We feel there has to be a better way, without cutting everyone's property in half.

Sincerely,
Lorri & Nick Pitorak

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