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GEORGE AND NATALIE DAVET 6192 Sidley Road Thompson, Ohio 44080

April 2, 2007

The Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Attention: Alan R. Schriber, Chairman

Dear Chairman Schriber:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the 138 kV transmission line American Transmission Systems, Inc. ("ATSI") proposes to construct in Geauga County.

One of the routes being considered for the transmission line will cut through the middle of our farm. We are attaching copies of a drawing showing the proposed transmission lines.

Our farm has been in existence for well over 200 years. The house and barn were built in 1875. We raise organic purebred Hereford cattle and purebred Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs. We are attaching pictures of our farm. We believe the Power Siting Board is obligated to require ATSI to find and implement an alternative route to transmit power to other parts of Geauga County that will not permanently damage the natural beauty of our farm and forever diminish its value and the value of the other farms in the proposed path of the transmission lines. Alternatives must be found to avoid the noise, environmental and health and safety hazards the transmission lines will create for the landowners in the proposed path of these high voltage lines.

We have worked tirelessly to preserve the natural beauty of this historic Ohio farm for the last 35 years and we will do everything in our power to protect it from being marred by high voltage wires. We urge you to require ATSI to find and use a less damaging route.

Very truly yours,

George Davet

cc: See list attached

 Cc: American Transmission Systems, Inc.

76 So. Main Street Akron, OH 44308

Attn: Geauga County Project Supply Project Team A-GO-10 Timothy J. Grendell State Senator, 18<sup>th</sup> District Senate Building Columbus, OH 43215

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DUR FARM house & BARN

1-800-646-0400

March 23, 2007

Mr. & Mrs. George K. Davet 6192 Sidley Road Thompson, OH 44086

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Davet:

American Transmission Systems, Inc., a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., is in the process of gathering information in order to make application to the Ohio Power Siting Board in connection with the construction of a new 138 kV transmission line in Geauga County. You are the registered owner of a parcel of land on one of the routes being considered (Parcel #30-016800).

Attached for your information is a copy of ATSI Drawing Nos E17 and E18 which shows the proposed transmission line crossing over your property. I have also attached a copy of the public notice that was placed in the local newspapers, an information sheet about the project, and a comment sheet to be filled out and returned to me with any comments or concerns.

The next step in this process is a geological survey on both routes to determine if there are any environmental concerns, such as wetlands or endangered species, and involves our representatives walking the proposed transmission routes. This survey work is set to begin next month.

As this project moves forward, I look forward to working with you. I would be happy to meet with you to introduce myself and answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to call me at 330-384-5888 (office) or 330-417-7493 (cell).

Very truly yours,

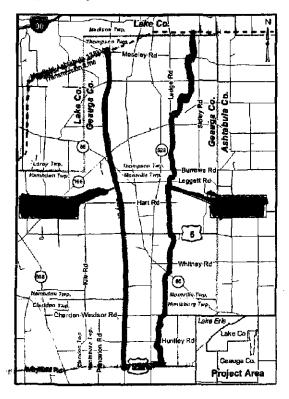
Kimberly J. Horton

Assoc. Real Estate Representative

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., will hold two public informational meetings to discuss its proposed Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Supply Project. The purpose of the meetings is to explain the proposed project and to seek input on the project from the community. The first meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 2007, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Huntsburg Township Gymnasium, located near the intersection of Mayfield Road (US 322) and Madison Road (SR 528) at 12394 Madison Road, Huntsburg Township, with parking at nearby Huntsburg Elementary School or the Huntsburg Township Hall. The second meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the gymnasium of Ledgemont High School, located at 16700 Thompson Road, Thompson, Ohio. Two meetings have been scheduled for the convenience of local residents. Identical presentation materials will be available at both meetings and local residents may attend either meeting although it may be convenient for residents in the southern portion of the project area to attend the first meeting on Monday at Huntsburg Elementary School and for residents in the northern portion of the project area to attend the second meeting on Tuesday at Ledgemont High School.



The proposed Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Supply Project is needed to reinforce The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company's ("CEI") electric system in Geauga and Ashtabula counties. The electric service to a large portion of Geauga and Ashtabula counties is supplied via CEI's existing 36 kV subtransmission circuits that originate at either the existing Mayfield Substation located on Mayfield Road in Chester Township in Geauga County or the Sanborn Substation located on Sanborn Road in Saybrook Township in Ashtabula County. Expanding and new

businesses and new homes in Geauga and Ashtabula counties are adding to the electrical load served by CEI's 36 kV subtransmission system. To date, CEI has addressed this load growth by installing all available low impact interim enhancements to the 36 kV subtransmission system. However, the electrical load continues to grow and shortly will exceed the capacity of the 36 kV subtransmission system. CEI and ATSI believe that the next appropriate step for ensuring electrical reliability to many of CEI's Geauga and Ashtabula county customers is to provide an additional power supply from ATSI's transmission system to CEI's 36 kV subtransmission system. The proposed additional power supply will be accessed by installing a new substation and 138 kV transmission line to supply the 36 kV subtransmission system. The new substation will be installed in the vicinity of Mayfield Road in Claridon and Huntsburg townships of Geauga County, near the electrical load center of the 36 kV subtransmission system. Installing the new substation will allow the existing 36 kV subtransmission circuits to be separated into shorter lengths with substantially less exposure and lower electrical loadings. The proposed Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Supply Project includes installing a new transmission line from the closest portions of ATSI's transmission grid, which are the existing transmission lines located near the Lake and Geauga county border, to potential sites for a substation installed along Maylield Road. The new transmission line is planned as a double circuit 138 kV transmission line, primarily supported on horizontal post insulators mounted on single wood poles. ATSI has carefully studied the general area of the project to identify sensitive areas and land uses, and has evaluated multiple routes for the transmission line in an effort to identify the most appropriate routes for the transmission line. As a result of this study, ATSI has selected, on a preliminary basis, the two routes shown in the map (left) as the preferred and atternate routes for the proposed new transmission line. Public comments from the meeting will be considered as part of ATSI's process of further evaluating these routes.

The Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Supply Project falls under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). Before construction can begin on the transmission line, ATSI must file an application with the OPSB and it must issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the project. The application will identify a Preferred and an Alternate route for the proposed transmission line. ATSI plans to make the necessary submittals to the OPSB for the project in April 2007 and if OPSB approval is granted, plans to begin construction on the project in 2008.

As noted, the purpose of the meetings is to explain and seek input on the proposed project from the community. If you cannot attend either meeting but wish to comment on the project, please leave a message for our project team at 1-800-589-2837, or send your written comments or questions to American Transmission Systems, Inc., Attention Geauga County Supply Project Team, A-GO-10, 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.



