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

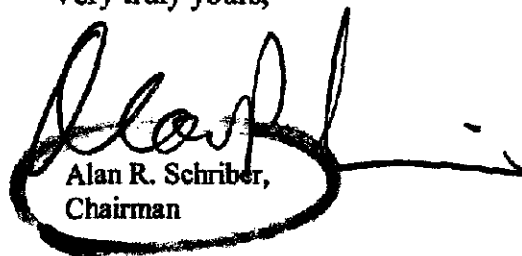
Dear Ms. Blankenship:

On behalf of the Honorable Ted Strickland, Governor of Ohio, we wish to 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 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,


Alan R. Schriber,
Chairman

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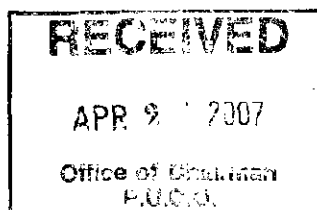
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**Comments:**

Dear Governor Strickland: The "little people" in Geauga County need your help. FirstEnergy is proposing the construction of a 138kV Transmission Line. Two routes have been proposed: one preferred route and one alternate route. We, the residents, are in the dark, though as far as which of the routes is preferred because FirstEnergy representatives tell us they don't know until site studies are conducted. One of the proposed routes runs down an existing residential line corridor - on Clay Street. The other proposed route would run cross-country through virgin property and follows SR 528. Both proposed routes run through the rural townships of Thompson, Montville, and Huntsburg. We live in Huntsburg on one of the farms through which the proposed SR 528 line would run. We bought this pretty little place 6 years ago, hoping to live out the rest of our years in what we believe is paradise. The proposed SR 528 line would cut across the back half of our farm. Forest, creeks, pasture, and cropland would be interrupted by a 60 foot right-of-way for unsightly 90 foot poles and dangerous high voltage wires. Our property value will plummet. Our farm plans will be interrupted. And for us, the landscape will be permanently altered - and our dream of living in paradise will be destroyed. FirstEnergy probably thinks we're all just a bunch of country bumpkins who wouldn't think they could do anything about this. But they are wrong. There was a town meeting at the community center in Montville on Saturday, March 31, 2007. Elected officials from all three townships sat side-by-side listening to the more than 200 people who showed up to voice their concerns. FirstEnergy probably thinks that by proposing two routes that they could pit neighbor against neighbor, township against township. But again, they are wrong. The residents of Thompson, Montville and Huntsburg are rallying together to save ALL of our homes and dreams. We don't believe FirstEnergy has a long-term strategy for energy use or consumption. We don't believe this proposed 138kV Transmission Line Supply Project is the best solution for the problems they "suggest" are occurring. Ironically, Mary Beth Carroll, VP of Corporate Affairs & Community Involvement, FirstEnergy and President, The First Energy Foundation, makes some pretty nice claims about how FirstEnergy is looking out for all of us: "At FirstEnergy, we're looking out for our communities and exploring ways to improve the quality of life." The FirstEnergy Foundation's vision is "The Greater Good is Better Business." Obviously, the communities of Thompson, Montville, and Huntsburg townships are not included in their vision. I am confident that we do matter to you, however. We are turning to you for your help. Please represent us however you can against FirstEnergy's proposed Geauga County - 138kV Transmission Line Supply Project. Time is running out for us to voice our concerns. The company is making application to the Ohio Power Siting Board within the next two weeks. Thank you for all that you have done for the citizens of Ohio and for all that you will do in your new position. Blessings to you. Most sincerely, Sharon Blankenship 11669 Madison Road Huntsburg, OH 44046

Response: Yes

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