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

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rutti:

Jeffrey and Betty Rutti 10795 Clay Street

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,

Klaus Lamb Chief Ohio Pove Siting Board

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April 12, 2007

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

Re: Project #07-0171-EL-BTX

Dear Board Members:

This letter is to voice our strong opposition to the proposed 138kv transmission line project for Clay Street in Thompson, Montville, and Huntsburg Townships in Geauga County, Ohio by First Energy.

The impact on property values, health, and wildlife is totally unacceptable for this residential area. We counted 40 new home built on Clay Street within that past 10 or so years. How many new homes do you think will be built on Clay Street if FirstEnergy gets its way? How will that affect the tax base of the county? How will that affect the sale of homes? How will the health of the residents be affected? Do you want your children playing or waiting for the school buss under transmission lines of such power?

According to the Ohio Revised Code 4906.10.A.3 "That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives and other pertinent consideration". The FirstEnergy proposal is in direct violation of this code. They have other routes available to them that would be far less invasive to the public and wildlife. Route 11 is just one of them.

Please hold FirstEnergy accountable. They will be making the profit. They will not be left with lower property values or health risks. Please encourage them to take a proactive approach to the future not a reactive approach. The area to be served is Southern Geauga County and Ashtabula County. Why would they use Clay Street as the route?

Respectfully, Jeffrey W. Rutti Betty J. Rutti

10795 Clay Street Montville, OH 44064