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

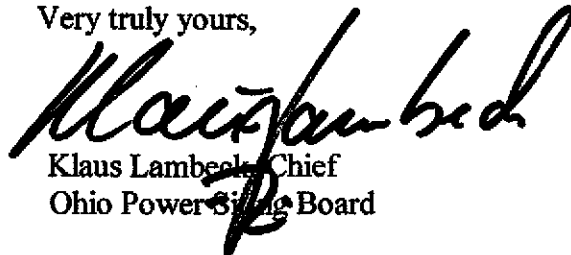
Dear Ms. Stafford:

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 Lambeck, Chief
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May 4, 2007

Mr. Krauss;

I am writing this letter to inform you of my concerns over the recent decision by First Energy to consider putting a high-powered line down Clay Street.

First and foremost, my concern is for the health and safety of the communities involved. I was extremely selective when looking for property and a home to purchase, to avoid high powered tension lines for cancer risk reasons and other health risk reasons. I will be looking for studies on this matter, as I know this is a growing concern for those who mistakenly chose to live near high tension lines and are now paying the consequences.

As fate would have it, I do have a concern down the road in Rome, Ohio, as I have family who live there and, in the past, often suffered brown outs. Is there a need for this project? **I am not convinced there is.** They no longer suffer these brown outs since First Energy **finally** did foliage maintenance around existing wires, reducing possible storm damage, and replaced old worn lines with tattered and frayed or no insulation.

I do know of businesses in Orwell who reportedly have brown-out problems. Do they stand to gain by this project? Yes. So does moving the project East make sense? **YES**. Do they want it in their front or back yards? Probably not... **I don't blame them either.**

Furthermore, why not bury the lines. I know you say it is not cost effective, but there seems to be no concern whatsoever over the loss of property value to all who live along the paths of this proposed line, much less the probable loss of homes. I don't hear anyone from any big Company involved, who will be gaining a lot of revenue by this saying "We will reimburse each and every one of you **appropriately** who may be affected physically or financially." Yet, I am supposed to be concerned over the welfare of these Companies?

Buried lines will ultimately be less harmful on the environment and the community involved. Realizing there will be an initial impact from any construction, as there always is; if you bury the lines, the environment around it will be shielded by the casing over the cable as well as the earth around it. It is a safer way to go. **Shouldn't safety be the first concern?**

If First Energy had put the money they have already invested in this project, into considering ways to save money in a buried line project, they just may have come up with a more cost effective buried line plan, not to mention a much less stressful plan for all involved in this community. **Did I mention how much stress this project is causing everyone in these neighborhoods? It is unbelievable.**

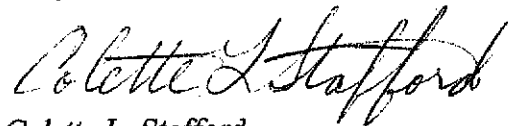
If a small business tried to expand, using an expansion plan which would infringe on their neighbors, would they be allowed to do it? **NO**. What gives big business the right to steal our property value? Yes I said steal. Even if they purchase right-of-way, those people will not be reimbursed for the loss of the remainder of their property. If there is no right-of-way going

through an adjacent property, they get nothing, yet lose a lot in property value. If we had to sell our homes now, we would lose money because of this proposed project, much less if the Energy Company succeeds and this project goes through.

I sincerely hope serious consideration is put into burying the line. It seems to me, it makes the most common sense when considering the health, safety, and environmental issues. And there is another issue; the environment. Poles and wires do not blend in, and the power emitted from the high-tension wires is very unhealthy for the entire environment, but that information will be portrayed, I'm sure, by the studies I will be seeking and passing on.

I'm sure you already have copies of these studies. The real question is; **DO YOU CARE?**

Very bewildered,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colette L. Stafford". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name being the most prominent.

Colette L. Stafford

c: The Ohio Siting Board
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