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Wednesday, April 25, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Tina M. Walters. I am the daughter of the property owner west of your proposed electrical substation site ref. # 07-0171-EL-BTX.

I am opposed to this action. There are alternatives that would work better.

Thank you,

*Tina M. Walters*

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On behalf of Mom and the Walters  
Family - Thanks for helping us to ...  
**SAVE THE POND.**

**JEFF WALTERS MEASURED  
THE DISTANCE FROM THE  
EDGE OF THE POND TO THE  
PROPOSED ELECTRICAL  
SUBSTATION -**

**IT IS 200 FEET!**

Please continue to let your  
voice be heard:

**Save the Pond**

**Ref # 07-0171-EL-BTX**

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Sources: 2006 Aerial Photographs, Parcel Boundaries,  
and Parcel Numbers; Geauga County Auditor

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American Transmission Systems, Inc.  
a subsidiary of TransEnergy Corp.

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Scale in Feet

March 2007

The proposed substation location will be placed only 200 feet from the edge of the pond. Jeff measured it. I am emailing the reporter for a correction today.

# Path of power lines has folks in Geauga County charged up

FirstEnergy plan brings out hundreds who object to route

LACHEL DISSELL  
Plain Dealer Reporter

**MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP** — Jon Miller's fluorescent yellow shirt shouted how dim he thinks the prospect is of power lines being run 100 feet from his front porch in Thompson Township.

The back of the shirt is emblazoned with the proposed Clay Street landscape, dominated by a massive strip of power poles and accented with dollar signs.

Miller, along with hundreds of residents whose property could be affected by two proposed transmission line routes, packed Saturday morning meeting in Montville Township.

"We are being asked to sacrifice our past, present and future

heritage for a few select commercial businesses," Miller said.

A FirstEnergy Corp. subsidiary says the routes, which will consist of 75-foot-tall poles, is necessary to bolster power to central Geauga and Ashtabula counties.

The routes targeted by the company start at an existing power line near the border of Geauga and Lake counties and run 10 to 12 miles south to a new power substation on U.S. 322. One path follows Clay Street; the other cuts across a swath of land east of Ohio 528.

The proposed new substation is especially worrisome for the Walters family of Huntsburg Township.

Walters' pond, on the back end of their property off U.S. 322, has been home to Girl Scout and Boy Scout gatherings, church outings and family get-togethers for three decades.

The family even built a pavilion that community groups can use for free.

The proposed substation would tower about 150 yards from the pond where visitors usually park, Tina Walters said.

"I got married there," Tina Walters said. She said her mother, Lucille, was devastated when she got a letter in the mail about the substation.

Most at the meeting agreed that others in the county deserve better electrical stability, but they want FirstEnergy to alter the paths of the lines or use existing pathways to run the lines.

Jim Galm, an electrical engineer whose family's nearly century-old farm in Huntsburg could be affected, said he drove the route of the existing lines.

He said existing rights-of-way and, possibly, existing lines that run to the Chesterfield Township substation should be examined.

Trustees from the three affected townships expressed their concerns but asked the residents along the two routes not to turn against each other. No FirstEnergy representative attended the meeting.

State Sen. Timothy Grendell, a Republican from Chesterland, told the crowd he already has written a letter to FirstEnergy expressing his opposition to the Clay Street line and urging the company to look for more undeveloped land farther east.

Grendell outlined the process the power company has to go through with the state Power Siting Board. The next step is a formal application to be filed in late April or early May.

Grendell urged residents to make their opposition known with letters, calls and e-mails to the company and board. He and other politicians are setting up a meeting with the company to discuss other possible routes.

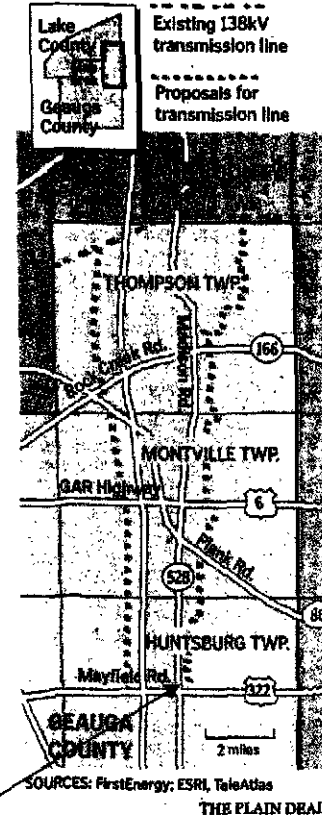
Grendell, a lawyer, said he would represent the three townships for free in front of the state board.

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Hundreds of people, including Cynthia Farced of Montville Township, attended a public meeting Saturday in Montville to hear about FirstEnergy Corp.'s proposal to erect poles and run power lines through three townships in eastern Geauga County.



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See Tim Grendell's letter to CEO of First Energy.

All you need to do is email, write, or call and say you oppose the location of the proposed electrical substation and power lines Case # 07-0171-EL-BTX. It's as easy as that!  
Thank you.....The Walters Family

This is where the pond is located.