

## Ohio Power Siting Board

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October 30, 2007

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Re: American Transmission Systems, Inc.

Geauga County -138kV Transmission Line Supply Project

Case No. 07-171-EL-BTX

Lee Fisher Ohio Department of Development

> Dr. Alvin Jackson Ohio Department of Health

Dear Ms Ramsey:

Sean Logan
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Robert Boggs Ohio Department of Agriculture

Andrew M. Boatright, P.E. Public Member

Steven Oriehaus Ohio House of Representat

John Hagan Ohio House of Representatives

> Bob Schuler Ohio Senate

Jason Wilson Ohio Senate

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.

On September 28, 2007, American Transmission Systems, Inc. submitted an application for the project before the Ohio Power Siting Board. At this time, no public hearings are scheduled. However, once our staff review of the application is complete, the applicant is required to publish appropriate notice of all hearings in local newspapers of general circulation in the area.

As we appreciate all input into the siting process, your document will be shared with members of the Board and placed in the official docket for the case. Further, should you wish to view activity involving this application, please visit our website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

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Very truly yours.

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Mary Lou Ramsey 115 Hollis Bridge Ct. Leesburg, GA 31763 October 22, 2007

Sean Logan, Director Ohio Department of Natural Resources 2045 Morse Road, Bldg D-3 Columbus, Ohio 43229

Dear Sean Logan,

I am writing this letter to record my opposition to the Geauga County 138kV Transmission Line Project, PUCO case number 07-0171-EL-BTX, as proposed by FirstEnergy Corporation and as currently under review by the Ohio Power Siting Board.

OH DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Our property is located at 7927 Madison Road in Thompson Township, which will be negatively affected by this proposed power line. This property has been in my husband's family since the 1930's. We are concerned of not only the environmental impact, but also on the personal ramifications these power lines will have on our family. Our children grew up fishing, hunting, hiking and camping on this 84 acre parcel, which is a natural, wooded, and unspoiled piece of property. It is our intention to build our home in this pristine setting in the near future. We feel that the utility lines would adversely affect the pristine beauty and essentially divide our property in two. The sixty-foot right of way required would be an open invitation to four-wheelers, snowmobiles, and anyone else who wishes to use the "convenient" corridor courtesy of FirstEnergy. The property also has a 5- acre pond, which would easily be accessible to trespassers because of the right of way. This will affect our children's heritage - our property value will plummet, and the natural beauty of our property will forever be tainted. I ask you - Would you enjoy having 80-foot poles and transmission lines in your front yard??

This will also affect the landscape of one of the most beautiful areas of Northeast Ohio. Surely there are other alternatives less damaging to the environment and to the future of so many families affected by this project such as running the power lines underground. Why has the Route 11 corridor not been considered which would not adversely affect homes?

I appreciate the opportunity to express my overwhelming opposition for the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project as proposed by FirstEnergy. I look forward to your support of an outcome from the Ohio Power Siting Board process that favors the future of my land, family, lifestyle and cherished rural paradise that is Thompson, Montville and Huntsburg townships.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Ramsey
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Please! Do not allow First Energy to ruin our piece of heaven in Thompson, Ohio.



Ramsey Property
Madison Road
Thompson Township
Geouga County