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Peter T. Seliskar, Chairman  
Huntsburg Township Board of Trustees  
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Re: American Transmission Systems, Inc.  
Geauga County -138kV Transmission Line Supply Project  
Case No. 07-171-EL-BTX

Dear Chairman Seliskar:

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 web site at [www.OPSB.ohio.gov](http://www.OPSB.ohio.gov).

Very truly yours,

*Klaus Larnack*  
Klaus Larnack, Chief,  
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Reference: Proposed 138kV Transmission Line by American Transmission Systems, Inc. (ATSI), a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp.,  
CASE# 07-0171-EL-BTX

Dear Chairman Schriber,

American Transmission Systems, Inc. (ATSI), a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., is proposing to construct a 138kV power transmission line passing through Huntsburg Township. As elected township trustees of Huntsburg Township we are writing this letter to express the serious concerns and strong opposition our residents have raised over this proposed 138kV transmission line. We, the board of trustees, do realize there is a need in surrounding communities for additional electrical power, however we feel this additional 138kV line should impact the least number of people and residential property. The proposals before you do not consider the severe impact on our agricultural community.

Our community is residential and agricultural and the proposal before you breaks up many Huntsburg farms, thus limiting their ability to use their farmland to its full potential and causing a financial hardship. Our residents as well as the members of this board feel there is a serious safety issue involved and this proposal sends far too much power through a residential area, as well as causing the residents financial loss and displacement from their homes.

FirstEnergy is taking a stopgap approach for today's energy needs. They are not considering the future needs of the region. We feel a broader approach should be taken.

We urge you to use extreme caution when you choose a corridor for this transmission line. We are asking you to look for existing civil corridors such as State Route 11, which offers many advantages for this transmission line such as:

- It will provide extra power to the Southern areas of Ashtabula County
- Northern portions of Trumbull & Mahoning Counties will also benefit
- Utilization an existing civil corridor.
- Geauga County areas will also be improved where needed.

If Route 11 is not a viable corridor we would like to suggest taking a hard look at placing the transmission lines along the boundaries of the affected counties. Using this area the effect on residences and farmlands is extremely minimal. The area is made up of woods and wetlands and offers a more central distribution route to where the power is needed.

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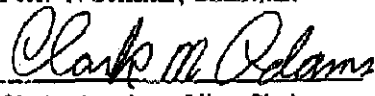
Perhaps placing a 138kV line on existing poles that traverse State Route 322 could be studied. Consideration should also be given to the Rachael Line, Case No. 95-600-EL-BTX, which was approved in 1997 by the Ohio Power Sitting Board and never completed by CEI now FirstEnergy.

The destruction of our farmland and rural country atmosphere should be more of a consideration than the cost of the project. Our residents will not tolerate the attempt to breakup prime farmland and intrusion on their residences along the State Route 528 path as proposed. It is we the people using the power who will ultimately pay for the power and the cost involved in supplying that power. It should not be a lose, lose situation for the people of Huntsburg Township.

We thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. The trustees may be reached as follows:  
Clark Adams (440) 635-0018, Nancy Kothera (440) 636-5498 and Peter Seliskar (440) 636-5597.

Sincerely,  
Huntsburg Township Board of Trustees

  
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