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Anne Harnish Acting Director, Ohio Department of Health 246 North High Street, P.O. Box 118 Columbus, OH 43215

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

Dear Acting Director Harnish,

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 to 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,

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