

Ohio Power Siting Board

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November 27, 2007

Board Members

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George and Natalie Davet 6192 Sidley Road Thompson, Ohio 44086

Re: American Transmission Systems, Inc.

Case No. 07-171-EL-BTX

Christopher Korleski Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Lee Fisher Ohio Department of Development

Dr. Alvin Jackson Ohio Department of Health

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Davet:

Sean Logan **Ohio Department of Natural Resources**

> Robert Boggs Ohio Department of Agriculture

Andrew M. Boatright, P.E. Public Member

Steven Driehaus Ohio House of Representatives

John Hagan Ohio House of Representatives

Bob Schuler

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.

Geauga County -138kV Transmission Line Supply Project

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.

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Very truly yours,

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November 17, 2007

Ohio Power Siting Board 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Project: Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Supply Project

Company: American Transmission-Systems, Inc., Cleveland Electric Illuminating

Company

Case No.: 07-0171-EL-BTX

Location: Geauga and Lake Counties

Status: Under Investigation

Dear Board Members:

We own 120 acres of farm land that will be significantly adversely impacted by American Transmission System's proposed 138 kV transmission line through Geauga County. We are writing to each of you to state our vehement opposition to the proposed transmission line. While there may be a need to address reliability concerns in the area, American Transmission System Inc. ("ATSI") and FirstEnergy have not quantified what that need is, nor has either ATSI or FirstEnergy made any demonstration that a new transmission line is an effective or environmentally responsive solution.

A decade ago Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company proposed a nearly identical 138 kV transmission line project, the Rachel line, to address reliability issues in Geauga County. At that time, Citizens for a Better Way presented volumes of evidence to the Power Siting Board that (1) a distributed generation solution was more economical and environmentally sound than a new transmission line and (2) CEI's planning process was inadequate, outmoded, and did not provide rate payers with the lowest cost solution.

Eleven years later, ATSI and FirstEnergy, CEI's successor, are once again proposing a 138kV transmission line as the solution for what they believe is a problem for Geauga County's manufacturers. Even if such a problem exists (and we do not believe that has been demonstrated), the proposal to fix the problem with a transmission line makes even less sense in 2007 than it did in 1996, primarily because the technology available for lower cost, environmentally sound distributed generation solutions is much greater now than it was in 1996. Moreover, the citizens and the government officials of Ohio are much more focused on distributed generation solutions and alternative energy options today than they were in 1996.

Ohio's leaders have expressed a commitment to supporting environmentally responsible alternative energy solutions, including bio-mass, wind, solar, fuel cells and "clean coal". Geauga County is an ideal place for Ohio's leaders to take a stand and demonstrate such commitment by implementing a distributed generation solution that addresses the reliability question without building costly, environmentally damaging transmission lines. Eastern Geauga County is home to one of the largest Amish communities in the United States and has some of the most "unspoiled" farmland in the State of Ohio. If we really want to have "green" solutions there is no better place to start than Geauga County.

As one of the most beautiful farmlands in the State of Ohio will be devastated by FirstEnergy's unnecessary and costly transmission line. We have 40 organic purebred Hereford cows and raise Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs. A transmission line cutting through our property will devastate its beauty and value and raise health concerns for our children our grandchildren and our animals. At least one Ohio court decision has already ruled that land under high voltage power lines is "uninhabitable".

A transmission line is not the right solution for Geauga County and we urge every member of the Siting Board to do the right thing for Geauga County and require FirstEnergy to not only demonstrate why there is a need for additional power, but also why a distributed generation solution is not a more economical, environmentally sound alternative.

We appreciate your consideration.

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Natalie Davet

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