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David and Ann Reilley
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Re: American Transmission Systems, Inc.
Geauga County -138kV Transmission Line Supply Project
Case No. 07-171-EL-BTX

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Reilley:

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.

Very truly yours,

Klaus L. Umbeck, Chief,
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Governor Ted Strickland
Governor's Office, Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 S. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor Strickland,

In regards to First Energy project #07-0171-EL-BTX (which includes the construction of power lines through Geauga County), the prime route for the proposed new power lines offers no regard for land owners impacted by this major intrusion. This issue has only recently come to our attention, as it is largely ignored by our local newspaper. However, it is not too late to make the necessary adjustments so that individuals are not adversely affected. If the current proposal becomes a reality, many hard-working people will have their homes and their livelihood's permanently compromised.

Our uncle, Michael Youshak, is a farmer on Route 528 in Huntsburg, Ohio. His farm is situated along the proposed "prime route" of the overland power lines that First Energy would like to construct. Uncle Mike is as fine an individual as you will ever meet, who has dedicated his life to working a farm that has been in the family for three generations. He is a highly educated person who has studied all of the variables and nuances of his land to maximize his field productivity while remaining environmentally sound.

If the First Energy project commences as currently envisioned Michael Youshak's property will be greatly devalued by the disruption of the drainage system, unwelcome obstacles and diminished aesthetics. Most importantly, the farm will not offer as an abundant of a crop yield with the advent of the pending imposition. With all of the farms that will fall victim to Project #07-0171-EL-BTX, this issue stands to negatively impact the economy of the entire region.

We have been made aware that other options exist for First Energy that will not destroy the life that these hard working people have enjoyed. The use of preexisting corridors such as railroads or highway routes may not be as direct as First Energy would want, but they are more logical and will not disrupt people's lives. If these or other possibilities are explored and implemented First Energy will garner little opposition and also benefit from a public relations standpoint.

Please consider our thoughts as these decisions on the placement of these overland power lines draws near. We hope that the ruling is both compassionate and favorable for the farmers in Geauga County.

Sincerely,



David and Ann Reilley