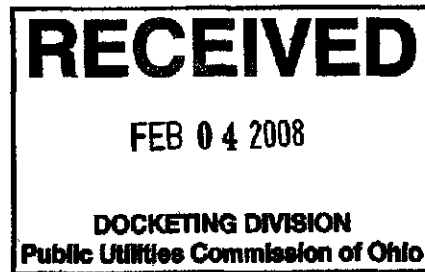


**Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation**

**Case No.:** 07-1320-EL-BLN

**Project:** Galion-Roberts North 138 kV Transmission Line  
Tap to the Marion Ethanol Substation

**Applicants:** American Transmission Systems, Inc.  
Ohio Edison Company



**Report Date:** 4 February 2008

**Automatic Approval Date:** 12 February 2008 (Letter of Notification process)

**Waiver Request:** Ninety-day Filing Time Requirement

**Inspection Date(s):** 23 January 2008

**Staff Assigned:** J. O'Dell

**Summary of Staff Recommendations (see report text for discussion):**

Application: ☒ Approval    ☐ Disapproval    ☐ Approval with Conditions  
Waiver:        ☒ Approval    ☐ Disapproval    ☐ Not Applicable

**Summary of Staff Recommended Conditions (see report text for discussion):**

- None

**Projected Docket Closure Date (if automatically approved):** 1 April 2010

**Investigation Report**

**Project Description:** This project involves the installation of approximately one mile of single circuit 138 kV transmission line, with associated switching structures. The line is needed to provide a supply source to a new substation for Marion Ethanol's Ohio facility.

**Site Description:** The project is located in the city of Marion and Marion Township, Marion County. Adequate access is available and no significant vegetative clearing is required. Land use in proximity to the project consists of industrial, institutional, agricultural and limited rural residential uses. Approximately 300 feet of the proposed circuit would parallel the entrance road to a small park; however, the structures would present no appreciable change in the existing aesthetic character.

**Discussion/Comments/Concerns:** The Applicant has requested a waiver of the ninety-day filing time requirement to accommodate Marion Ethanol's construction schedule. Staff recommends approval of the Applicant's waiver request. The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts.

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