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Robert and Judith Sayle  
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Kirkland, Ohio 44094

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

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sayle:

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.

Please be advised, the local public hearings have been postponed. This postponement is to allow both the Applicant and the Power Siting Staff an opportunity to review the impacts of the Maple Highlands Bike Trail right-of-way and utilization of an abandoned railroad corridor through the City of Chardon as a viable route selection for the proposed transmission line.

Once investigations of this route consideration are complete and the hearings re-open, the applicant will publish appropriate notice in local newspapers of general circulation in the area. Interested persons may testify at only one of the two local public hearings.

As we continue to 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. Should you wish to view activity involving this application, visit our web site at [www.OPSB.ohio.gov](http://www.OPSB.ohio.gov). Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Klaus Lambert, Chief,  
Ohio Power Siting Board

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Alan R. Schriber, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Subject: PUCO CASE NUMBER 07-0171-EL-BTX.

Dear Dr. Schriber:

I am writing you to state my strong objection to the Geauga County 138kV Transmission Line Supply Project, PUCO case number 07-0171-EL-BTX, as proposed by FirstEnergy Corporation.

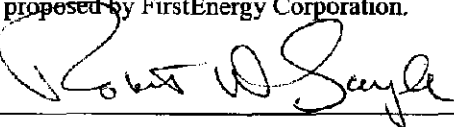
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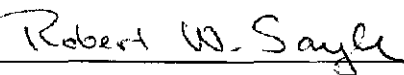
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I am personally asking you to help save the properties, wetlands, fields, habitats, forests and homelands from the unnecessary intrusion or destruction that this project proposes. I am urging you to support the use of a suitable existing utility corridor, such as State Route 11 or the B&O railroad grade, to bring the much needed power to the southern portion of Geauga County. Please keep the countryside of North Eastern Geauga County green.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my deep opposition to the Geauga County 138kV Transmission Line Supply Project as proposed by FirstEnergy Corporation.

Sincerely,



Signature 		Date 4/19/08
Name (Please Print) Robert W Sayle		
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City Kirtland	State Ohio	Zip 44094
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February 29, 2008

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