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Honorable Karen S. Simpson, Mayor  
City of Chardon  
Chardon Municipal Center  
111 Water Street  
Chardon, Ohio 44024-1201

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

Dear Mayor Simpson:

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.

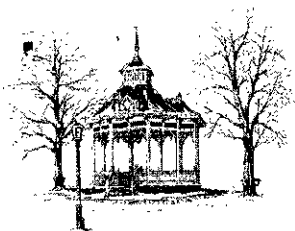
Very truly yours,

Klaus Lambert, Chief,  
Ohio Power Siting Board

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

Dear Mr. Schriber:

Enclosed is a Resolution adopted by the Chardon City Council opposing the construction of high voltage transmission lines over the Maple Highlands Trail and through the City of Chardon. In addition to the concerns expressed by councilmen, numerous residents in attendance at the council meeting voiced opposition to the suggested route along the bikepath and through the City.

Your support in opposition to this route would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Karen S. Simpson*

KAREN S. SIMPSON  
Mayor

CC: Governor Ted Strickland  
Senator Tim Grendell  
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Enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 7-08

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES BY AMERICAN TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS, INC. OVER THE MAPLE HIGHLANDS TRAIL AND THROUGH THE CITY OF CHARDON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Power Siting Board is urging American Transmission Systems, Inc. to consider constructing high voltage transmission lines over the Maple Highlands Trail and through the City of Chardon, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the proposed path of the high voltage transmission lines suggested by the Ohio Power Siting Board would begin at a location on Mayfield Road at its intersection with the Maple Highlands Trail, proceed into the City of Chardon along the trail and continue to its termination point on South Street; and it would then proceed generally following the abandoned railroad right-of-way line in a northerly direction across South Street near the Burlington Green Condominiums to Park Avenue in the vicinity of the former municipal service garage, continue behind Chardon Plaza to Water Street, continue along a path near the Burger King and car wash facilities to Center Street and then proceed from Center Street to First Energy's Fifth Avenue substation; and

WHEREAS, the construction of overhead or underground transmission lines through the City of Chardon is not in the best interest of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Chardon, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Chardon opposes construction of high voltage transmission lines by American Transmission Systems, Inc. over the Maple Highlands Trail and through the City of Chardon.

SECTION 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This resolution constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety; and for the further reason that the Council of the City of Chardon wishes to communicate its strong opposition to the Ohio Power Siting Board and public officials of the State of Ohio at the earliest possible time; and for these reasons this resolution shall be effective upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

  
Karen S. Simpson, Mayor  
President of Council

Attest:

  
Amy Day  
Clerk of Council

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