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

Dear Mr. Mutter:

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. Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Klaus Lambrecht, Chief,
Ohio Power Siting Board

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**Governor Ted Strickland
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6108**

Dear Governor Strickland,


With respect to High Voltage Power lines to be installed in Northeast Geauga County, a plan has been discussed to have the lines placed through the City of Chardon, Ohio along a newly developed recreation path in the Park district known as the "Maple Highlands Trail", which is used by Geauga County resident for walking and biking. This is a beautiful trail through wetlands and residential areas which has cost the taxpayer's millions of dollars.

The original plans called for installation of these lines through rural areas of Geauga County which would not impact large populations.

If the decision is made to install these lines along Maple Highlands Trail, hundreds of trees and wetlands would be disturbed and the Impact would be felt by thousands of residents and property owners.

Since our country has thousands of miles of underground pipelines... (Gasoline, natural gas, fiber optic cables, etc.) is it not feasible for transmission lines to be placed underground, therefore not offending anyone?

I urge you to do all you can, to oppose this plan to install these power transmission lines through the City of Chardon, Ohio.


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