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Gavin Wandrey
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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. Wandrey:

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 Lambert, Chief,
Ohio Power Siting Board

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May 29, 2008

Dear Mr. Schriber,

I write this letter with a heartfelt appeal to you as a young man devoted to Geauga County's beauty and resources, and to which I've been committed since joining the Geauga Park District as both patron and volunteer, years ago in Kenston High School.

The Ohio Power Siting Board has asked First Energy to review The Maple Highlands Trail corridor as a potential route for First Energy's high voltage transmission line.

Now, I must voice my opposition to such a plan.

The siting of such lines would require a 60 foot clear cut which would render severe ecological impact to the linear design and nature of the park. The route would traverse wetlands, a delicately balanced forest habitat, and would cross numerous headwater streams. **Is this really what you want to do?** Please consider the irreparable damage and chaos such a plan would result in. As a young person who wishes to maintain the viability and integrity of our region's ecological assets, I ask that this plan be reconsidered for today, and for the future.

Respectfully,
Gavin Wandrey

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