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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. Berman:

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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June 4th 2008,

Office of Chairman
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Dear Mr. Schriber,

I am writing to you to ask that the Ohio Power Sittng Board chose an alternate route for running high voltage transmission lines in Geauga County other than the Maple Highlands Trail corridor.

I have sold land through our company business that is now used by the Geauga County Parks system for the Maple Highlands Trail parking lot and also further down the trail personal property where my property was part of the land used to build the trail and just recently another parcel of land to help keep the trail protected.

The trail was developed in the same location as an existing railroad that once ran through this picturesque setting. The land was basically undisturbed when the trail was installed, the beaver pond that harbors ducks and geese, the wild vegetation and plants, and many trees that border the trail are still there.

I am fearful much of this will be sacrificed for new power lines if they were to be located here. I understand the need for development, but being a volunteer on this bike trail, I see many generations enjoying this small section of a beautiful nature trail. Please consider its value and any other options that exist.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ted Berman'.

Ted Berman