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Susan V. Curtis  
9261 Perkin Road  
Novelty, Ohio 44072

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

Dear Ms. Curtis:

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 Lamborn, 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

Dear Mr. Schriber,

I am a resident of Geauga County writing to ask you please to reconsider using the Maple Highlands Trail as a pathway for First Energy's high voltage transmission line. This trail passes through many important natural areas, and the installation of the line would be highly disturbing to the ecology of the area, not only in the actual building, but also in the continual bombardment of the area with pcb's and other disturbances connected with the operation of high voltage transmission. The trail along this corridor was created for the use of people on foot and bicycle, and the high voltage line would create health hazards for those people using it, as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Susan V. Curtis*

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✓ cc Governor Ted Strickland  
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Dear Governor Strickland -  
We are among  
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for all you are doing  
for Ohio -