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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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

Lee Fisher
Ohio Department of Development

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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Ms. Fox:

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> Robert Boggs Onio Department of Agriculture

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John Hagan Ohio House of Representatives

> Bob Schuler Ohio Senate

Jason Wilson Ohio Senate 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.

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Very truly yours,

Klaus Lambeck Chief, Ohio Power Siting Board

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

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Dear Mr. Schriber,

Office of Chairman

I am a resident of Burlington Oval in Chandon Ohio. I am writing this letter to express my concern regarding the proposed construction of high voltage transmission lines over the maple highlands trail and through the city. As a resident of Chardon and property owner next to the proposed site and frequent user of the bike path, I am in opposition to this proposal. Although representatives from the power companies feel there is no direct risk to residents living in areas affected by high voltage power lines, I disagree and feel evidenced based medical literature may suggest differently. As a healthcare professional, I have great concern about my health in relation to these power lines. I feel they also pose risk with regard to being placed in public areas frequented by children and families. In addition, they are very unsightly and destroy the beautiful and peaceful landscape of the area as well as significantly impact the value for us as property owners.

As a consumer of electricity, I recognize that power lines have to be placed somewhere in order for all of us to receive service, however, I believe going through a housing development and area that is supposed to be dedicated for residents and families to enjoy is inappropriate and other solutions should be evaluated. There has to be some rural areas which are not frequently inhabited in this way to use as alternate routes. I moved to Chardon and made a decision to commute 80 miles round trip to work each day, specifically for the beauty of the environment around me and access to wonderful park systems. It would be a shame to see that destroyed for myself and future potential residents. We need to allow this community to continue to grow and thrive and if this proposal goes through, we stand to significantly impact interest in moving to our community. I for one, would not and chose not to purchase a home in an area that had high voltage power lines running through it and am sure others would feel the same. Please keep our community the beautiful and safe place it was intended to be.

I appreciate your time in reading this and hope you will take these concerns under careful consideration.

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