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

Dear Ms. Samuel:

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 Lambeck, Chief,
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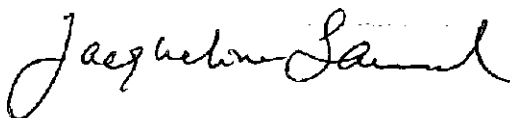
Dear Mr. Schriber,

I am writing to you about First Energy's consideration of using the Geauga County Park District's Maple Highlands Trail Park for their high voltage transmission line. This heavily used new bike trail is narrow and winds through ecologically sensitive habitat that the Park District is committed to protect. Tax payers voted for support of the Park District's work of conservation and preservation of the rather unique Geauga County habitat of headwaters for major rivers: the Cayahogua River, the Chagrin River, the Grand River, and the Mississippi River. If possibly major roads, already lined with electrical cables, could be used for this high voltage line, it would be much preferable.

Another issue is First Energy's reputation in the area. Local entities have had unfortunate experiences with First Energy's clearing of trees. There appear to be no arborists on staff so that trees are cut unwisely and without plan. This lack of confidence in First Energy's ability to respect, or even know about, valuable habitat does not inspire trust and does not dispose people toward helping find a solution for the location of the much needed high voltage transmission line.

I am confident that you will keep these factors in mind as you work toward a wise decision on this matter.

With many thanks for your consideration,



Jacqueline Samuel