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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. Mutter:

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, to accommodate the residents of Geauga county, the first local public hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., at Ledgemont Elementary - Middle School, gymnasium, 16200 Burrows Road, Thompson, Ohio 44086. The second local public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at the Huntsburg Town Hall, second floor, 16534 Mayfield Road, Huntsburg, Ohio 44046. Interested persons may testify at only one of the two local public hearings.

Further, the adjudicatory hearing will commence on September 2, 2008, at 10:00 at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room F, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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 Chairman Schriber,

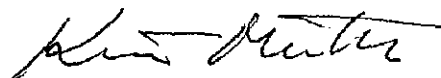
With respect to High Voltage Power lines to be installed in Northeast Geauga County, a plan has been discussed to have the lines placed through the City of Chardon, Ohio along a newly developed recreation path in the Park district known as the "Maple Highlands Trail", which is used by Geauga County resident for walking and biking. This is a beautiful trail through wetlands and residential areas which has cost the taxpayer's millions of dollars.

The original plans called for installation of these lines through rural areas of Geauga County which would not impact large populations.

If the decision is made to install these lines along Maple Highlands Trail, hundreds of trees and wetlands would be disturbed and the impact would be felt by thousands of residents and property owners.

Since our country has thousands of miles of underground pipelines... (Gasoline, natural gas, fiber optic cables, etc.) is it not feasible for transmission lines to be placed underground, therefore not offending anyone?

I urge you to do all you can, to oppose this plan to install these power transmission lines through the City of Chardon, Ohio.



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