

## The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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The Honorable Timothy Grendell The Ohio Senate Statehouse Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Senator Grendell:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding First Energy's proposed transmission line project in eastern Geauga County. This case, 07-0170-EL-BXT, is currently pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB).

The OPSB is responsible for reviewing projects like the proposed 138 kV transmission line. When reviewing proposed projects the OPSB considers input from residents, businesses, communities and local officials impacted by the project.

As you are aware, local public hearings have been scheduled for Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Notice of these hearings is required to be published in local newspapers of the areas affected by the project.

Additionally, your letter has been docketed and is now part of the official case record, which is reviewed prior to the OPSB issuing its decision. Should you wish to track the progress of this case, you may do so at <a href="www.PUCO.ohio.gov">www.PUCO.ohio.gov</a> by entering case number 07-0170-EL-BTX in the search box.

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Alan R. Schriber

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