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The Ohio Power Sling Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider Thomas J. Nolfi 134 Moffett Avenue Chardon, Ohio 44024

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

Dear Mr. Nolfi:

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, those residents who live in the northern portion of the project area should attend the first local public hearing held on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., at Ledgemont Elementary – Middle School, gymnasium, 16200 Burrows Road, Thompson, Ohio 44086. Residents who live in the southern portion of the project area should attend the public hearing 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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="https://www.OPSB.ohio.gov">www.OPSB.ohio.gov</a>. Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours.

Klaus Lambers, 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

July 22, 2008

Subject: Geauga County 138 Kv Power Line

Dear Mr. Schriber,

Please consider the following when deciding where to locate the Geauga County power line:

- Chardon residents have absorbed the increased financial burden of becoming Geauga County's only city in 2000 voting for an income tax increase to help defray in part these expenses.
- Chardon recently built a \$5,000,000 federally mandated water treatment plant resulting in some of the highest water rates in Ohio.
- Chardon has spent over \$500,000 in the last 8 years to manage increased traffic congestion resulting from area growth.

Routing the 138 Kv power line through Chardon; the most congested area of Geauga County will damage property values and livability. This damage to the residents occurs after they have shouldered the costs and responsibilities listed above.

Small cities have many advantages in space use and energy efficiency: It would be a poor legacy of the Ohio Power Siting Board to adversely impact these benefits by routing the line through Chardon.

The 138 Kv Power line should not be routed through Chardon.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Ńolfi

Resident

CC: Board Members

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