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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. Stray:

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, three local hearings are set where the Board shall accept written and oral testimony. They are as follows:

Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at 4:30 p.m.,  
Ledgemont Elementary - Middle School Gymnasium  
16200 Burrows Road, Thompson, Ohio 44086.

Thursday, August 28, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.  
Huntsburg Town Hall, second floor  
16534 Mayfield Road, Huntsburg, Ohio 44046.

Wednesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m.  
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 [www.OPSB.ohio.gov](http://www.OPSB.ohio.gov). Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

  
Klaus Lambert, Chief,  
Ohio Power Siting Board

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To: Anyone who is concerned

First thing I would like to make it clear I am by no stretch of the imagination a tree hugger, but rather a highly concerned, taxpaying citizen in Geauga County. My concerns stem to recent First Energy plans to abuse and disturb the properties of many with total disregard for what and how this will impact many citizens of Geauga County and most of all Chardon City. Citizens of this great land need to come together to preserve what open land and landmarks we have left for our use and enjoyment. Corporations over the years seem to have forgotten that they have some obligation to we the citizens as well as to our country to preserve those areas that are left.

This letter is in protest too First Energy's 138kV project and the misuse of Maple Highlands Trail for routing of their 80 foot poles along this nature trail into the very heart of Chardon City. They seem to have forgotten many other alternatives, which they have at their disposal. I would imagine the most cost effective route to be to destroy the Maple Highlands Trail and the tranquility this offers too many citizens who utilize this trail. The map of the route I received also shows the 80 foot poles running through the heart of Chardon further desecrating the quiet little town too further add insult too injury. The impact of this project has in my eyes long range consequences which First Energy cares little about the impact on the citizens directly effected by their 80 foot poles.

Too appreciate the beauty of our town one only needs to walk down Route 6 in the morning and view the sun rising on our landmark courthouse not 80 foot poles. The time has come when what is in the best interest of the people should override profit and ease of installing on land already being used for pleasure and privacy. What are we leaving for our future generations? Where will these generations go to appreciate what we have at our fingertips now, and plan to destroy.

This protest will need the support of Federal, State, County and City government officials too insure all citizens' voices are heard and understood. These officials were elected by all citizens too represent the concerns of the citizens, and now is that time.

80 foot poles ruining along trails and through the heart of cities no matter where it is must be stopped and thought out carefully as to what impact their project has not just cost and profit.

We as citizens and taxpayers have a right too have our voices heard in this unfortunate project and the choices that are made as well as the impact long range. This project and its route is unacceptable and should not be permitted to use the easiest and least costly route. Let us all join together as one voice and stop the plundering of our open area's, enough is enough what are we leaving for others too enjoy?

Respectfully Submitted  
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