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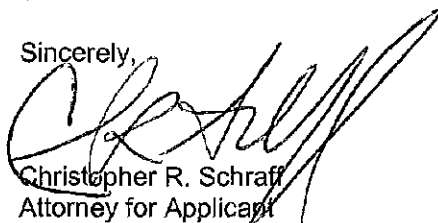
Ms. Rene' Jenkins, Chief
Docketing Section
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

**Re: In the Matter of: The Application of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Supply Project
Case No. 07-0171-EL-BTX**

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Enclosed for filing are the original and required copies of the proofs of publication in local newspapers of the initial public notice regarding the above-captioned Application, as required by OAC §§4906-5-08(B) and 4906-5-09. Public notices appeared in *The News-Herald*, *Star Beacon*, *The Plain Dealer*, and the *Gauga County Maple Leaf*.

Sincerely,



Christopher R. Schraff
Attorney for Applicant
American Transmission Systems, Inc.
The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company

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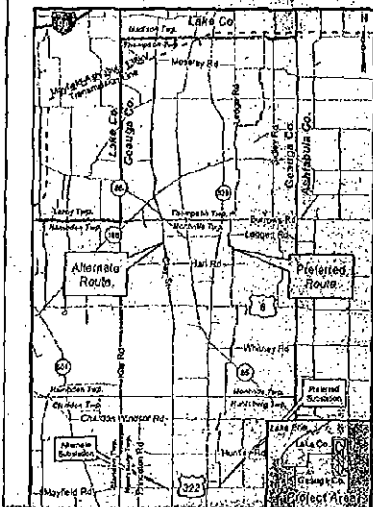
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Thompson Library Station, 16700 Thompson Road, Thompson, Ohio 44068

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In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (Admin. Code Rule 4906-5-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are shown:

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- (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;

(7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, whether the impact will be on the vicinity as a whole, or on any particular existing agricultural district established under Chapter 629 of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site.

(8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

Section 4906.07. Scheduling of hearing on application; investigation and report.

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- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room F, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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(C) The Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony.

Intervention.
Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Rule 4906.5-09(B)(1), O.A.C., or later if good cause is shown. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number (Docket No. 07-0171-EL-BTX).

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By: *Diane Petrone*

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gh Court returns order in rejection

Mark Sherman
Associated Press

HUNTINGTON — The state Court sent a message to both sides in the case of a death sentence and conviction because a judge's decision to grant a new trial in a trial he called his "improper case."

The high court has ruled that the jury cannot be 11 only because of their own prejudice has convinced the approval of judges, jurors said.

There have consistently been to accept any explanation, or fact-based, as to why the jury should have been 11 only based on fact. "I have recently law professor Eric Edelman said.

Edelman's ruling Wednesday of judges should be using of prosecutors' experts, Edelman said.

Justice said state prosecutors' William's improperly excluded Allen Snyder of his estranged wife's conviction. Snyder is black and the wife white.

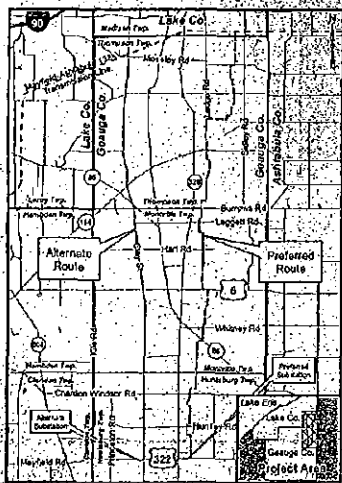
Justice Samuel Alito, writing a majority, said the trial should have been blocked from having a black Alito's opinion made no of Simpson.

Justice Clarence Thomas said in his dissent, "I dissent, as will be the dissent of the judge."

The judge, Justice, said the jury, selected in the Williams case, excluded all blacks from the pool of jurors. The Supreme Court in 1986 that prosecutors to exclude people from a jury because of their race already had sent Snyder back to the Louisiana

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State of Ohio ss.

Cuyahoga County

I, Jacky Kilo, being duly sworn, do upon my oath, depose and say that I am a ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPRESENTATIVE of The Plain Dealer Publishing company, publisher of The Plain Dealer, a newspaper printed in said county, and general circulation in Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Summit and Trumbull counties, in addition to said county; the requirements of Section 7/12 of the Revised Code of Ohio as amended September 14, 1957, relating to publication and distribution are fulfilled by said newspaper; and the advertisement attached was published in said newspaper on the following day, or days in a type size larger than agate. Insertion dates as follows:

March 20, 2008

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Jacky Kilo

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FROM A1

Mart firm to run convention center

Commissioners plan to vote on the agreement and reveal additional details at their meeting today.

BMPI will collect all revenue from the center, but will also be responsible for capital improvements, from fixing damaged carpet to maintaining the air conditioning system.

The county plans to sell naming rights for the center and would keep all proceeds.

Commissioners passed a higher countywide sales tax to pay for a new convention center. The quarter percent increase, which started in October, is supposed to raise enough money over 20 years to pay for a \$400 million project.

The county plans to cap its contribution for construction at \$40 million a year, the amount the tax increase is supposed to raise.

MMPI also has committed \$20 million toward the project. The money may be used to build the medical mart or to help the company find anchor tenants by offering lease incentives. County Administrator Dennis Madden said.

The city owns the Lakeside Avenue convention center and over the last decade has paid an average of \$6.5 million a year to run it.

Most of the revenue comes from taxes paid by Cleveland hotel guests, with space rentals and service and parking fees making up the balance.

The percentage covered by the so-called bed tax has ranged from 51 percent of the budget in 2001 to 67 percent in 2007.

A decision has yet to be made on whether any or all of these taxes would be diverted to a new center, Mayor Frank Jackson's press secretary said.

"That's putting the cart before the horse," Andrea Taylor said.

Changing the distribution would require a vote by City Council.

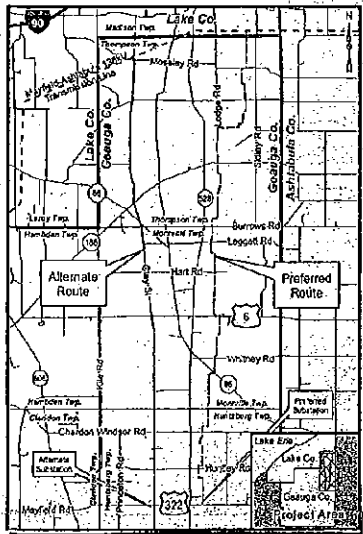
Jackson hasn't backed a particular site for the new center. Commissioners plan to pick a location for the new convention

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Middlefield Library, 16167 East High Street, Middlefield, Ohio 44062

Thompson Public Library, 36700 Thompson Road, Thompson, Ohio 44088

Any person who is aggrieved by, or who wishes to object to, the proposed Project, or who wishes to request a modification of the proposed Project, should file a petition with the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, no later than 30 days after the date of the public hearing on the proposed Project.

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (Administrative Code Rules 4906.08-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code, plus additional information are shown:

Section 4906.10(A)

(A) The power siting board shall render a decision upon the record after granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the major utility facility as the board considers appropriate. The certificate shall be conditioned upon the facility being in compliance with standards and rules adopted under sections 4901.33, 4901.34, and 4901.32 and Chapters 3704, 3754, and 6111 of the Revised Code. The period of initial operation under a certificate shall expire two years after the date on which electric power is first generated by the facility. During the period of initial operation, the facility shall be subject to the enforcement and monitoring powers of the director of environmental protection under Chapters 3704, 3754, and 6111 of the Revised Code and to the emergency provisions under those chapters. If a major utility facility constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of its certificate is unable to operate in compliance with all applicable requirements of state laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, the facility may apply to the director of environmental protection for a conditional operating permit under division (b) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder. The operation of a major utility facility in compliance with a conditional operating permit is not in violation of its certificate. After the expiration of the period of initial operation of a major utility facility, the facility shall be under the jurisdiction of the environmental protection agency and shall comply with all laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, water pollution, and solid and hazardous waste disposal.

The board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified, unless it finds and determines all of the following:

- (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas or natural gas transmission line;
- (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact;
- (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- (5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704, 3754, and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under sections 4901.33, 4901.34, and 4901.32 of the Revised Code, in determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under section 4901.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the department of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under section 4901.341 of the Revised Code;
- (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;

(7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A) through (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 329 of the Revised Code and located within the site and alternative site.

(A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site.

(b) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

Section 4906.07, Scheduling of hearing on application, investigation and report.

(A) Upon the receipt of an application complying with section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the power siting board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable.

(B) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternatives set forth in the application.

(C) The chairman of the power siting board shall cause each application filed with the board to be investigated and shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date any application is set for hearing submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

As scheduled by board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:

- A. Two local public hearings, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on a Monday, May 12, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., at Ledgemont Elementary Middle School, gymnasium, 16200 Burrows Road, Thompson, Ohio 44088, and on Tuesday May 13, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., at the Huntsburg Town Hall, second floor, 16594 Mayfield Road, Huntsburg, Ohio 44048; and
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room F, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

4906.06(C), Parties - testimony

(C) The board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony.

Intervention.

Petitions to Intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the board up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Rule 4906.08(B)(1), O.A.C., or later if good cause is shown. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number (Docket No. 07-0171-EL-8TX).

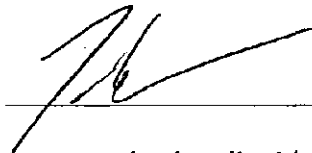
STATE OF OHIO }
COUNTY OF GEAUGA } ss.

CAPTION: NOTICE OF PROPOSED
MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY: GEAUGA
COUNTY 138 kV TRANSMISSION LINE
SUPPLY PROJECT

I, Jeffrey B. Karlovec, being duly sworn,
upon oath, depose and say that I am the
agent of the Geauga County Maple Leaf,
and that the annexed advertisement
attached hereto was published in the
GEAUGA COUNTY MAPLE LEAF, a
weekly newspaper of general circulation
published in the County of Geauga, State
of Ohio, on March 20, 2008.

COST: \$682.50

ATTACHED


Sworn to and subscribed in my presence
this 20 day of March, A.D. 2008.


NOTARY PUBLIC

RAE SZABO, Notary Public
STATE OF OHIO (Cuyahoga County)
My Commission Expires March 19, 2010

GEAUGA COUNTY MAPLE LEAF
100 CENTER STREET, SUITE 250
CHARDON, OHIO 44024

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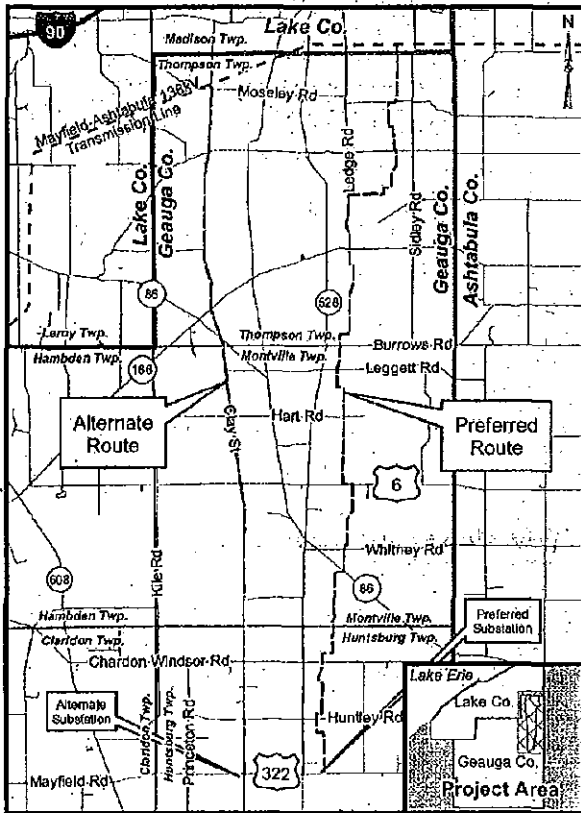
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI) and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI), subsidiaries of FirstEnergy Corp., have proposed to construct the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Supply Project ("Project"), a new utility facility, in an Application submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. The proposed electric transmission line will be designed for 138 kV operation and will largely be supported on wood poles. Preferred and Alternate Routes for the Project have been proposed. The proposed Preferred Route largely follows a cross-country route originating at a new substation that will be built to the west of CEI's existing Huntsburg Substation on Mayfield Road in Huntsburg Township. From there, the preferred route will run north for approximately 14.7 miles, through portions of Huntsburg, Montville and Thompson Townships in Geauga County and into Madison Township in Lake County, where it will interconnect with ATSI's existing 138-kV Ashtabula-Mayfield transmission line. The proposed Alternate Route largely follows a road corridor route that will be located immediately adjacent to Clay Street, and will originate at a new substation that will be built near the intersection of Clay Street and Mayfield Road in Huntsburg Township. From there, the alternate route will run north for approximately 12 miles through Huntsburg, Montville and Thompson Townships to a point in Thompson Township where it will interconnect with ATSI's existing 138-kV Ashtabula-Mayfield transmission line. Specific detailed information on the proposed Project is included in the application. The general locations of the Preferred and Alternate Routes for the Project are shown on the accompanying map of the area.



The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the application as required by the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

The Honorable Craig S. Albert, Geauga County Commissioner
 The Honorable Mary E. Samide, Geauga County Commissioner
 The Honorable William S. Young, Geauga County Commissioner
 Mr. David Lair, Geauga County Administrator
 Mr. Robert L. Phillips, P.E., P.S., Geauga County Engineer
 Mr. David C. Dietrich, AICP, Planning Director Geauga County Planning Commission
 Mr. Dan McClelland, Geauga County Sheriff
 Mr. Thomas G. Curlin, Director Geauga County Park District
 Mr. Tracy A. Jamison, Geauga County Auditor
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An Application for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the above named electric transmission line facility is now pending before the Board. This application has been assigned Docket No. 07-0171-EL-BTX, which should be referenced in all communications about these proceedings.

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (Admin. Code Rule 4906.5-08), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are shown.

Section 4905.10(A)

(A) The power siting board shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the major utility facility as the board considers appropriate. The certificate shall be conditioned upon the facility being in compliance with standards and rules adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 and Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code. The period of initial operation under a certificate shall expire two years after the date on which electric power is first generated by the facility. During the period of initial operation, the facility shall be subject to the enforcement and monitoring powers of the director of environmental protection under Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code and to the emergency provisions under those chapters. If a major utility facility constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of its certificate is unable to operate in compliance with all applicable requirements of state laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, the facility may apply to the director of environmental protection for a conditional operating permit under division (C) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder. The operation of a major utility facility in compliance with a conditional operating permit is not in violation of its certificate. After the expiration of the period of initial operation of a major utility facility, the facility shall be under the jurisdiction of the environmental protection agency and shall comply with all laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, water pollution, and solid and hazardous waste disposal.

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- (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929. of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site.
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4905.08(C). Parties - testimony

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