

August 26, 2008

Mr. Klaus Lambeck, Chief
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**Letter of Notification
Avon-Emily 138 kV Transmission Line Relocation
For The Plaza At South Park
Case No. 08-0967-EL-BLN**

Dear Mr. Lambeck:

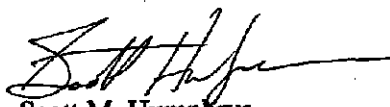
As stated in the Letter of Notification for the Avon-Emily 138 kV Transmission Line Relocation For the Plaza At South Park "Project", the response by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to the data request by American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI) was not available for submittal in the LON and would be provided separately. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources August 14, 2008 response is enclosed.

The Ohio Department of Natural Areas and Preserves August 14, 2008 letter indicates that they have records of rare or endangered species near the project area, and that the project is located near the Cleveland Metroparks Mill Stream Run Reservation. The identified rare or endangered species are the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the Bigmouth Shiner (*Notropis dorsalis*). The Indiana Bat will not be impacted by the proposed project because the proposed project area does not provide suitable habitat for the Indiana Bat as it is located immediately adjacent to 2 major local road and commercial areas, and there are no trees in the immediate area of the project. (Tree clearing in the area of the Project has previously occurred as part of the Plaza at South Park development being pursued by other parties). As there are no streams in the immediate vicinity of the Project, the Bigmouth Shiner will not be impacted. The Mill Stream Run Reservation is located east of the Project area and will not be impacted by the Project.

Also, please correct the applicant's name on the PUCO Docketing Information System Website, Parties of Record tab to Scott Humphrys in place of Matthew Vacha.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (330)-384-2526.

Thank you,



Scott M. Humphrys
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Attachments
Cc: J. O'Dell

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August 14, 2008

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Dear Mr. Humphrys:

After reviewing our Natural Heritage maps and files, I find the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves has records of rare or endangered species near the First Energy Service Corporation Avon-Emily 138kV Transmission Line Relocation for the Plaza at South Park project. The site is located 1 mi. E. of the junction of US Rt. 42 and St. Rt. 4, Strongsville Twp., Cuyahoga Co., Berea Quadrangle. The map I have included with this letter displays the locations of the records and corresponds with the attached list. Becky Jenkins of the Division of Wildlife should be contacted regarding possible impacts to rare animal species. She can be reached at (614) 265-6631. The US Fish and Wildlife Service should be consulted regarding possible impacts to Indiana Bats. They can be reached at (614) 469-6923.

There are no existing or proposed state nature preserves at the project site. We are also unaware of any unique ecological sites, geologic features, breeding or non-breeding animal concentrations, state parks, state forests, scenic rivers, or wildlife areas within the project area. However, the site is near the Mill Stream Run Reservation. The Cleveland Metroparks should be contacted regarding possible impacts to the reservation. They can be reached at (216) 635-3245.

Our inventory program has not completely surveyed Ohio and relies on information supplied by many individuals and organizations. Therefore, a lack of records for any particular area is not a statement that rare species or unique features are absent from that area. Although we inventory all types of plant communities, we only maintain records on the highest quality areas.

Please contact me at (614) 265-6409 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Butch Grieszmer, Data Specialist
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