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Kathleen Justice 112 Squires Lane Chardon, Ohio 44024

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

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Dear Ms. Justice:

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, the last of the three local hearings where the Board shall accept written and oral testimony shall be on;

> Wednesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. Huntsburg Town Hall, second floor 16534 Mayfield Road, Huntsburg, Ohio 44046.

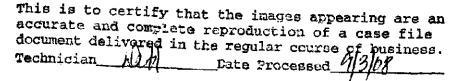
Interested persons may testify at only one of the three local public hearings. Further, the adjudicatory hearing will commence on September 16, 2008, at 10:00 at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room F, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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. Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

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Hon. Alan R. Schriber, Chairman **Public Utilities Commission of Ohio** 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

Opposition to Proposed Utility Line along the Maple Highland RE: the City of Chardon

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Dear Governor Strickland and Mr. Schriber:

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As a resident of the City of Chardon, I oppose the proposed route of 138 kV electrical PU.C.O. transmission lines through the City of Chardon and along the Maple Highlands Bike Trail. No property owner wants a high voltage electrical transmission line on or near his or her property. Of the three routes proposed, the Maple Highlands Trail/Chardon Route is the least desirable for the following reasons:

- The Maple Highlands Trail is a public park. The public parks are held in trust and should be developed only in a manner that is consistent with their public use.
- The "preferred route" or "alternate route" would be built in rural areas and primarily through fields.
- The City of Chardon is the most densely populated and heavily traveled area in Geauga County.
- A high voltage transmission line through the City of Chardon is not appropriate due to the density of residential, commercial and industrial uses.
- The rights of all Geauga County residents to use public lands and parks should take precedence over the rights of a few private property owners who will be compensated for the use of their land.
- A policy favoring utility facilities, including high voltage transmission lines, through parks and municipalities with more people and intense land uses is a flawed policy.
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