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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 and Mrs. Blazey:

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

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.

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Very truly yours,

Klaus Lamberk, Chief,

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Dear Governor Strickland.

I am writing in regards to the proposed 138 kV transmission lines in Geauga County. I live in Chardon, Ohio, and am an avid cyclist. The PUCO is considering running electric lines both down our beautiful bicycle trail and through historic downtown Chardon.

The Maple Highlands Trail is a public park and runs through some of the most beautiful sections of Geauga County. The "preferred route" and "alternate route" are both located in Geauga County through rural areas and primarily fields.

I feel that 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 property owners who will be compensated for the use of their land. The "not in my backyard" philosophy of private land owners in eastern Geauga County should not override the better public policy of locating the transmission lines in an area which has the smallest impact on the fewest people.

I appreciate your help and consideration in keeping our local parks pristine as well as reducing the overhead clutter in Chardon.

Sincerely,

