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

Dear Ms. Donato:

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.

Due to the fact that we have completed the all public hearings and the adjudicatory hearings are in process, all parties are briefing the facts and neither staff nor Board members are at liberty to discuss this case. However, our Staff Report of Investigation and all activity pertaining to this case are available for public viewing on our web site at www.puc.state.oh.us or the OPSB website at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

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. Again, the Board thanks you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Klaus Lambeck, Chief,
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RE: Opposition to Proposed Utility Line along the Maple Highlands Trail and through the City of Chardon

Dear Governor Strickland and Mr. Schriber:

As a resident of the City of Chardon, I oppose the proposed route of 138 kV electrical 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.
- 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 least impact on the fewest people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



August 31, 2008

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