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Representative John P. Hagan  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 S. High Street 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Oh. 43215-6111

17-0171-EL-BX

**Re: FirstEnergy's proposed 138kv Transmission Line in Geauga County**

Dear Representative Hagan,

My name is Dan Garey and I live at 15787 Thompson Rd. Thompson, Ohio, 44086. I'm writing to protest both the preferred route (east of Rt. 528) and the alternate route on Clay St.

I'm protesting these possibilities because of economic issues. Very simply, the property values in areas will go down. Studies conducted by both the Edison Electric Institute and the Journal of Real Estate Research concluded that property values generally decrease between 10 and 20 percent.

We know additional power is needed for businesses in Middlefield, Ohio. Yet, FirstEnergy is recommending routes that will damage another set of businesses (small family owned farms) to benefit the larger corporations in Middlefield.

**The answer to this issue seems pretty simple. Put the lines where a civil corridor already exists. That way the property owners along that corridor will not be adversely impacted as they have already absorbed property devaluation from the existing corridor.**

Respectfully,

  
Dan Garey

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September 5, 2008

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***Re: FirstEnergy's proposal for a 138kv Transmission Line Proposal in Geauga County***

Dear Representative Hagan:

My name is Diane-Worthington Garey. I reside with my husband at 15787 Thompson Rd., in Thompson, Ohio, 44086.

I am writing this letter to you today to pose and explore a question about the location of the power lines proposed by FirstEnergy in Geauga County.

Presently, FirstEnergy is considering a corridor along Rt. 528 or Clay Road or The Maple Highlands Trail in Chardon. Either of the first two possibilities would traverse through Thompson, Montville, and Claridon townships. That last would affect the people of Chardon.

***My question is: Is it morally and ethically right to pit one community against another for the sake of furthering commerce? On the one hand are families, homes, and historic farms of the communities of Thompson, Montville, and Huntsburg, and the people of Chardon, and on the other, the businesses and business people of other communities, predominantly Middlefield.***

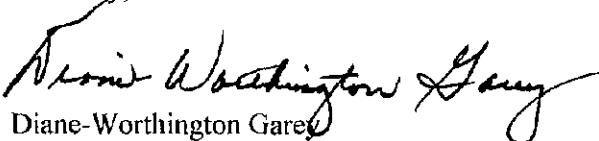
The families of Thompson, Montville, and Huntsburg represent rural Americana in this country. Many of them, and their ancestors before them, have spent their entire lives cultivating, caring for, and preserving the natural landscape of these areas. They are vehemently opposed to allowing this landscape to be disturbed and used in any way for the benefit of commerce in another community.

Personally, my husband and I moved from Solon, Ohio to our fifty acre farm in Thompson a year ago. If proposed power lines go down Clay Road they will become the backdrop for beautiful sunset which we enjoy from our front porch as our home, even though located on Thompson Rd., faces Clay Rd. Year round we will be forced to view these power lines anytime we look through our front windows or open our front door.

I propose that FirstEnergy choose a less invasive route than Clay Rd, Rt. 528, or the bike path in Chardon. By doing so two things will be accomplished: ***1. The development/growth of Geauga County will continue and 2. Harmony among the communities throughout the county will once again be restored.***

Please give serious consideration to these thoughts...***much is at stake.***

Sincerely,

  
Diane-Worthington Garey



# Ohio Power Siting Board

September 24, 2008

Ted Strickland, Governor

*Board Members*

Dan & Diane Garey  
18787 Thompson Road  
Thompson, OH 44086

*Chairman*  
Alan R. Schriber  
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Garey:

Christopher Korleski  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Thank you for contacting Representative John Hagan regarding the proposed transmission line project in your area. Representative Hagan forwarded your letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) and asked that I respond on his behalf.

Lee Fisher  
Ohio Department of Development

There are two routes currently being considered by the OPSB. The preferred route generally follows a cross country alignment located east of Madison Road (State Route 528). The preferred route is approximately 14.7 miles in length. The alternate route parallels Clay Street in Geauga County and it is approximately 12.05 miles long.

Dr. Alvin Jackson  
Ohio Department of Health

Sean Logan  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

We appreciate your input and will include your letter as part of the official case record, which is reviewed prior to the OPSB issuing its decision. Should you wish to track the progress of this case, you may do so at [www.OPSB.ohio.gov](http://www.OPSB.ohio.gov) by entering case number 07-0171-EL-BTX in the search box.

Robert Boggs  
Ohio Department of Agriculture

Andrew M. Boatright, P.E.  
Public Member

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Steven Driehaus  
Ohio House of Representatives

John Hagan  
Ohio House of Representatives

Sincerely,

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