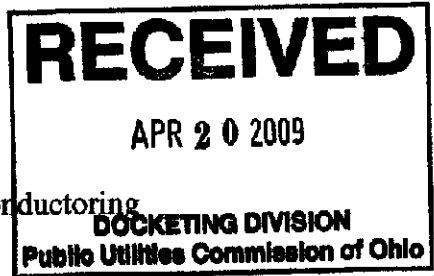


Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation



Case No.: 09-136-EL-BLN

Project: Brookside-Cloverdale 138 kV Transmission Line Reconductoring

Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Inc.

Report Date: 20 April 2009

Automatic Approval Date: 28 April 2009 (Letter of Notification process)

Waiver Request: None

Inspection Date(s): 12 & 13 March 2009; 16 April 2009

Staff Assigned: J. O'Dell

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see report text for discussion):

Application: ☒ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☐ Approval with Conditions
Waiver: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Not Applicable

Summary of Staff Recommended Conditions (see report text for discussion):

- None

Projected Docket Closure Date (if automatically approved): 31 October 2012

Investigation Report

Project Description: This project involves reconductoring two segments of 138 kV transmission line. The first section is approximately 20.5 miles, extending from the Cloverdale Substation in Massillon to immediately west of the Ross Substation in Wooster. The second section is approximately 1,500 feet long, running from the Brookside Substation near Ashland to the second tower south of the substation. Four new structures would also be installed within the transmission line r-o-w, adjacent to the Ross Substation.

Site Description: The project is located in Stark, Wayne, and Ashland counties, traversing mostly agricultural and rural residential properties. Structures will be hand-climbed where practicable to avoid agricultural or livestock impacts. Streams will not be crossed by any mechanized equipment and adequate access is available to the existing r-o-w. No vegetative clearing or grading is required.

Discussion/Comments/Concerns: The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts.

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