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Pat Manahan  
44 Buckeye Drive  
Shawnee Hills, Ohio 43065

Re: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI) / First Energy  
Case No: 11-4884-EL-BTX

Dear Ms. Manahan:

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board regarding American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI) / First Energy' proposed East Springfield-London-Tangy 138 kV Electric Transmission Line project. The OPSB's mission is to support sound energy policies that provide for the installation of energy and transmission infrastructure for the benefit of the Ohio citizens, while promoting the state's economic interests and protecting the environment and land use.

In compliance with Section 4906-05-08(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code, ATSI / First Energy held public meetings along the area of the proposed project to share information about the project and gather concerns from those who may be impacted by it. These meetings were held in local school gymnasiums on September 12 – 15, 2011, in Springfield, London, Plain City and Dublin, Ohio. The public's response to these meeting was overwhelming in attendance.

At present, ATSI / First Energy have not submitted an application with the Board for a certificate to construct and operate. Should they apply, our staff will begin an investigation to determine whether the proposed development best serves the public interest, convenience and necessity. Resulting from the investigation, staff will make in their report, recommendations as to whether the proposed facility will best serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. Should the Ohio Power Siting Board grant certification for construction and operation, ATSI / First Energy must obtain and provide proof of all applicable permits and authorizations as required by Federal and State entities necessary for utility operations within the state of Ohio prior to commencement of construction.

Your letter will be filed on the docket for this case so that all parties will be informed of your concerns. You can access an electronic copy of the application anytime by visiting our website ([www.OPSB.ohio.gov](http://www.OPSB.ohio.gov)). You can also monitor the



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progress of this case and sign up for automatic email notifications by entering the case number at the Docketing Information System website (<http://dis.puc.state.oh.us>)

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Wissman, Executive Director  
Ohio Power Siting Board

KW: dgd

Mr. Todd Snitchler, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Proposed E. Springfield-London-Tangy Transmission Project  
Case #11-4884-EL-BTX

November 29, 2011

Dear Mr. Snitchler:

First Energy Corporation has proposed construction of a 138,000 volt power transmission line through Concord Township. Three routes are under consideration. These include two routes follow established right of ways with existing lines and a third proposed line involving new right of ways. This new route covers mostly private property, and crosses the Scioto River at a new location south of State Route 42, then goes on to the substation on Bunty Station Rd.

For many families in this area, their home sites are the largest single investment they have, and for all, the downturn in the real estate market has already decimated that value. Now, to add to that depressing force, a new power line cutting through their property will only hurt even more.

The environmental impact on the beauty of our township, the destruction of animal habitat and deforestation that would take place because of the associated 60-ft clear-cut path speaks for itself.

In Concord Township alone, over 110 properties will be under or in close proximity to this line, and will suffer a significant decrease in real value. That decrease will impact comparable prices, causing many surrounding properties to also lose value. Collectively, there will be millions of dollars lost in property value by the residents in Concord Township. While our property values may recover from the down turn in the economy, *they will never recover with the presence of this power line.* I am deeply concerned for those property values in Concord Township, which will be permanently and significantly decreased.

I believe a win/win solution to this challenge is possible. I ask that you encourage First Energy to abandon the pursuit of a new corridor through private property in Concord Township and encourage them to place their new line in existing right of ways that already contain power lines.

Respectfully,

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