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**Ohio Power Siting Board**

**Staff Investigation Report and Recommendation**

**Case No.:** 11-6031-EL-BNR

**Project:** Johnson-Lorain 138 kV Transmission Line Reconductoring

**Applicant:** American Transmission Systems, Inc.

**Report Date:** 26 January 2012

**Automatic Approval Date:** 4 February 2012 (Construction Notice process)

**Waiver Request:** None

**Inspection Date(s):** 25 January 2012

**Staff Assigned:** J. O'Dell

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**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):** 1 April 2015

**Investigation Report**

**Project Description:** This project involves reconductoring approximately 1.5 miles of 138 kV transmission line. The project would support the proposed Black River Substation (ref: 11-5855-EL-BSB) that is needed for planned industrial growth in Lorain.

**Site Description:** Land use in proximity to the project is a mix of agricultural and suburban residential uses. Construction would be limited to existing easements; therefore, no new r-o-w is required. This project is located in the Village of Sheffield and the city of Avon, Lorain County.

**Discussion/Comments/Concerns:** Adequate access is available for construction. No significant vegetative clearing is expected. The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts.

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