BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In The Matters Of:)
The Application of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of the Black River Substation) Case No. 11-5855-EL-BSB))
The Application of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of the Black River Transmission Line) Case No. 11-5856-EL-BTX))

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF ISSUES AMERICAN TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED BLACK RIVER SUBSTATION AND TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECTS

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), in accordance with the Order issued on January 5, 2012 by the Administrative Law Judge, files this statement regarding any concerns or issues about which ATSI may be interested in pursuing cross-examination of witnesses at the evidentiary hearing. ATSI has reviewed the Staff Report of Investigation, filed with Docketing on February 3, 2012. Further, ATSI met with Staff and Staff's counsel on February 7, 2012 to discuss the proposed conditions in the Staff Report. Based upon these discussions and the Staff Report, ATSI and Staff expert to develop a Joint Stipulation and Recommended Conditions to filed with the Board in this matter. At this time, therefore, there do not appear to be any issues of specific concern about which ATSI may need to seek cross-examination of any witness at the evidentiary hearing. ATSI, however, reserves the right to present testimony and conduct cross-examination regarding recommended conditions in the event parties are not able to reach a final agreement on all the proposed conditions.

ATSI further reserves the right to amend this statement in advance of the evidentiary hearing in response to any concerns that may be raised at the Public Hearing, scheduled for February 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Lorain City Hall, Council Chambers, 200 West Erie Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing "Prehearing Statement of Issues" was served upon the following persons by mailing a copy, postage prepaid, on February 7, 2012, addressed to:

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