

July 27, 2012

From:

George and Natalie Davet – Property Owners  
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To:

Mr. Jim O'Dell  
The Ohio Power Siting Board  
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**RE: *AMERICAN TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS INC ATSI AND OHIO POWER SITING BOARD / GEAUGACOUNTY 138KV TRANSMISSION LINE SUPPLY PROJECT, Case No. 07-171-EL-BTX – Route change within the Boundaries of Parcel No. 30-016800(Davet Property).***

Dear Mr. O'Dell,

This correspondence is to request the Board's consideration of a route modification within the boundaries of our property located at 6192 Sidley Road in Thompson, Ohio (parcel no. 30-016800). The modification will increase line efficiency, conserve materials, and decrease the maintenance costs of the utility for this line. No environmental issues would arise as a result of this change. This recommendation does not disturb the issued construction certificate or affect any other property. FirstEnergy rejected the recommendation via a brief phone discussion, but we believe this is a hasty, short-sighted decision. Therefore, we now respectfully request the Ohio Power Siting Board's consideration and approval of this route modification.

Our recommended modification is depicted in the attached sketch drawing. The current, approved route has the 138kV transmission line running straight to the southern boundary of our property, turning 90 degrees and running in a westerly direction along Moseley Road, and then turning another 90 degrees to the South and crossing Moseley Road. Our proposed modification replaces both 90 degree turns with two 45 degree turns (the sketch drawing does not show the line crossing the road, but where the line meets Moseley Road, it is at that point it would cross Moseley Road, creating the second 45 degree turn and replacing the current, second 90 degree turn).

Employing two 45 degree turns and angling the line across in a Southwesterly direction would produce a number of economic efficiencies and advantages for the utility and its customers. First, the line length is reduced by over twenty percent, which, along with the reduction of the two turn angles, increases the transmission efficiency of the line. Second, these 45 degree angles

are cheaper to construct and more secure than the 90 degree option. Third, this modification reduces the amount of line running along Moseley Road by 600 feet. This reduction in road exposure will lengthen the life of the insulators holding the line. This increased life will reduce the utility's maintenance costs, which in turn will reduce FirstEnergy's customer costs. Finally, the modification will increase reliability by reducing line losses, allowing the line to be more efficient and effective for FirstEnergy customers served by the line. All of these are important considerations, and we respectfully request the Board to consider the approval of this modification.

The modification provides some advantages for us as property owners as well. The reduction in road frontage will allow a greater portion of the parcel to be considered for future development. It steers the line away from a more scenic portion of the property, preserving some of the parcel's natural beauty and scenic views.

There are no environmental considerations affected by the change. The modification would simply direct the line over a pasture that does not contain any kind of environmental feature that would be subject to special consideration by the Board or the Environmental Protection Agency.

We appreciate your thoughtful and careful consideration of this modification. We are unsure why the utility does not want to consider this change. The modification as proposed clearly benefits FirstEnergy and its customers. It would also benefit us as property owners. We understand that the construction of the line was approved due to its customer benefits. The proposed modification serves to increase these benefits. We respectfully request that the Ohio Power Siting Board consider and approve this proposal. We are willing to work with the Company to ensure that the modification does not delay project construction.

Please feel free to call or write me with any questions or comments regarding this proposal. Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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