

September 7, 2012

Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary  
Docketing Division  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

## **Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need – Notification Harmon-Toronto 345 kV Transmission Line Project**

*Case No. 12-2475-EL-BLN*

Dear Ms. McCauley,

This letter serves as notification that American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (“ATSI”), a FirstEnergy subsidiary, anticipates submitting an accelerated application in a Letter of Notification format seeking a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the above captioned proposed project. Please be advised that ATSI will hold four (4) public information meetings in Ohio for the Harmon-Toronto Transmission Line Project (“Project”). These meetings are held in conjunction with the Toronto Substation Project (Case No. 12-1637-EL-BSB), the Harmon Substation Project (Case No. 12-1138-EL-BSB), and the Harmon-Star 345 kV Transmission Line Project (Case No. 12-2476-EL-BLN) public information meetings. The meetings will be held on Monday, September 24, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Knox Township Volunteer Fire Department, 159447 State Route 152, Toronto, Ohio, 43964; Tuesday, September 25, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Carrollton High School Cafeteria, 252 Third Street NE, Carrollton, Ohio, 44615; Wednesday, September 26, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Fairless High School, 11885 Navarre Road SW, Navarre, Ohio, 44662; and Thursday, September 27, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Chippewa High School, 100 Valley View Road, Doylestown, Ohio, 44230.

The proposed Harmon-Toronto 345 kV Transmission Line, in conjunction with the other projects mentioned above, is needed to serve the customer electrical load on the existing ATSI transmission circuits that serve Ohio Edison Company (“Ohio Edison”) and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (“CEI”) customers throughout Central and northern Ohio as electric generating facilities located within Ohio are retired. Ohio Edison and CEI are FirstEnergy electric utility operating companies. Transmission line operators are required to meet reliability criteria that have been established by organizations such as the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. The regional transmission organization (“PJM”) that coordinates the movement of electricity in this region has identified the need for these projects to ensure the continued system reliability. PJM and ATSI have projected that it will be challenged to meet these mandated reliability requirements in 2015 and 2017 without these planned system enhancements. The new equipment will help prevent the overloading of critical transmission facilities that are necessary to serve customers and maintain acceptable voltages in the region.

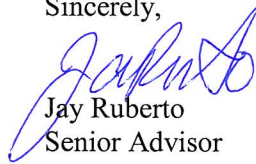
The proposed Harmon-Toronto 345 kV Transmission Line will consist of a new 345 kV transmission line extending between the associated two new transmission substations. The transmission line will be approximately 60 miles in length depending upon the route chosen and connect a proposed new transmission substation, named Toronto Substation, located near Old State Highway 7 in Toronto, Ohio, to a new transmission substation, named Harmon Substation, proposed to be located in the area between Elton Street and Navarre Road, northeast of Harmon, Ohio.

ATSI anticipates filing an accelerated application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need as a Letter of Notification as provided in Item (1)(g) of the Application Requirement Matrix for Electric Power Transmission Lines in Appendix A of 4901-1-01 of the Ohio Administrative Rules, as provided for in the September 4, 2012 order by the Ohio Power Siting Board.

At this time, ATSI does not anticipate requesting any waivers of the applicable requirements set forth in Section 4906.06(A)(6) of the Ohio Revised Code when the application is submitted to the Board.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (304) 534-7472.

Sincerely,



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