BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application)	
of American Transmission Systems)	
Incorporated for a Certificate Relative)	Case No. 12-1726-EL-BLN
to the Bruce Mansfield-Glenwillow)	
345 kV Transmission Line Project.)	

<u>ENTRY</u>

The administrative law judge finds:

- (1) On June 1, 2012, American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI or applicant) filed a pre-application notification letter in this docket. Specifically, the letter advised the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) that ATSI planned to hold four public information meetings for the Bruce Mansfield-Glenwillow, 345 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project. The letter indicated that the proposed project will consist of a new 345 kV transmission line and a new transmission substation. According to the applicant, the transmission line will be approximately 110 miles in length depending upon the route chosen and connect the existing Bruce Mansfield Substation, located along Shippenport Road in Shippenport, Pennsylvania, to a transmission substation, named Substation, proposed to be located in or near Glenwillow Village, Ohio. The proposed project will be constructed and operated by ATSI or another transmission subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp.
- (2) On September 26, 2012, the applicant filed a Letter of Notification, requesting that the case number for the application be reclassified as 12-1726-EL-BLN and that the application be subject to the accelerated review process and Chapter 4906-5, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). The applicant states that its request is consistent with the Finding and Order (Order) issued by the Board in Case No. 12-1981-GE-BRO (12-1981), In the Matter of the Ohio Power Siting Board's Review of Chapters 4906-1, 4906-5, 4906-7, 4906-9, 4906-11, 4906-13, 4906-15, and 4906-17 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

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The applicant submits that, in addition to qualifying for the expedited review process established under the September 4, 2012, Order, the project would have qualified for expedited review under the prior effective Chapter 4906-5, O.A.C., Appendix. The applicant notes that the project is comprised primarily of an additional 345 kV line on openarm positions of existing structures, and the reconstruction and reenergization of existing transmission lines without the need to acquire significant, if any, new right-of-way. Finally, the applicant asserts that, pursuant to the September 4, 2012, Order, the effective date under the expedited review process shall commence on the date of the docketing of its letter on September 26, 2012.

(3) Consistent with the Board's September 4, 2012, Order:

Any applicant that currently has a case pending before the Board that wishes to take advantage of the new expedited process provided for in S.B. [Senate Bill] 315 should file a letter in the applicable docket requesting that the case code be changed and the application be subject to the accelerated review process. Upon the filing of such a request, the Board finds that the timeline for the expedited review of the application, as set forth in Chapter 4906-5, O.A.C., shall commence on the date the letter is docket.

- (4) The administrative law judge (ALJ) finds that, while the application in this case is entitled to be considered under the expedited review process provided for in the Board's September 4, 2012, Order, the applicant has not yet filed the application in this case. Therefore, the clock for consideration of the automatic approval of the application shall not begin until the actual filing of the both the letter and the application itself.
- (5) Finally, the ALJ finds that the case designation for this docket should be changed to 12-1726-EL-BLN.

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It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the automatic approval clock shall begin in accordance with Finding (4). It is, further,

ORDERED, That the case designation for this docket be amended in accordance with Finding (5).

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

s/Jay Agranoff

By: Jay S. Agranoff
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry ordered that the automatic approval clock shall begin in accordance with Finding (4) and ordered that the case designation for this docket be amended in accordance with Finding (5). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Jay Agranoff, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio