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October 26, 2012

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: **In the Matter of the Application of American
Transmission Systems, Inc. for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility
and Public Need for the Construction of the
Knox Transmission Substation
Case No. 12-864-EL-BSB**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed for filing are the originals and 10 copies of the proofs of publication of the second public notice for the local public hearing and evidentiary hearing scheduled in the above-captioned case. The public notices appeared in the October 18, 2012 *Lisbon Morning Journal*, *East Liverpool Review*, *Salem News*, and *Minerva News Leader*.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Schmidt, Jr. / sle

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Attorney for Applicant American Transmission Systems, Inc.

Enclosures

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I, BETH VOLOSIN, being duly sworn on oath now and during all times herein stated, have been the publisher and designated agent of the publication known as,

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and have full knowledge of the facts herein stated as follows:

The insert for First Energy ("Ad/Advertiser") with Insertion Order No. 5750 was distributed to the Publication's full circulation on the 18 day of October, 2012

By: [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 18th day of October, 2012

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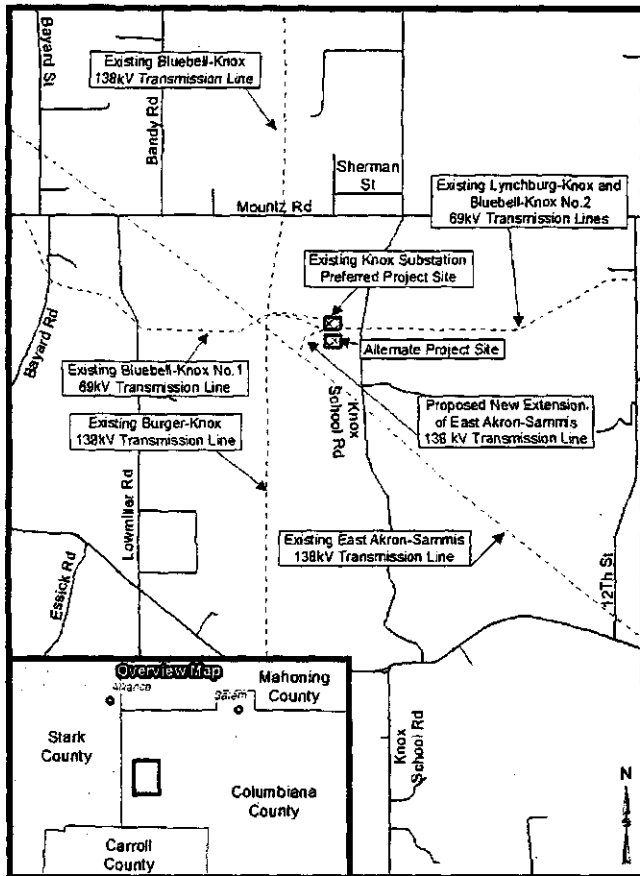
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As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:

- (a.) A local public hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on November 7, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at the West Township Administration Building, 8610 Knox School Road, Minerva, Ohio 44657.
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PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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The State of Ohio,
Columbiana County,

East Gwynport

Lisa Ludovici being duly sworn, says that she is the Ad Manager at The Review, a newspaper printed, published and of general circulation in the said County of Columbiana; that the notice, of which the attached is a copy, was for a period of 1 day(s) published in The Review commencing on the 18th day of October, 2012 and the last day of publication being the same, 2012.

Subscribed by the said Lisa Ludovici and sworn to before me this 18th day of October, 2012.



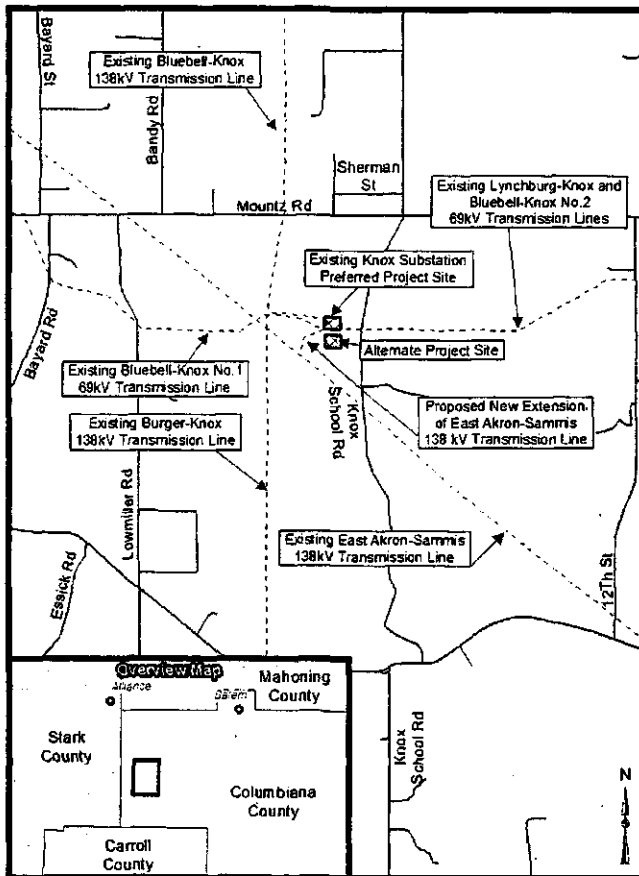
Paula K. Vaughn, Notary Public
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My Commission Exp. Nov. 15, 2016

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The State of Ohio
The County of Columbiana

Beth E. Todd being duly sworn, says that she is the Controller of the Morning Journal, a newspaper, printed, published, and of general circulation in said county of Columbiana; that the notice of which is attached a copy, was for 1 day published in said newspaper commencing on the 18th day of October A.D., 2012.

Beth E. Ladd

Subscribed by the said Beth E. Todd and by her affirmed to before me, this 18th of October
A.D., 2012.

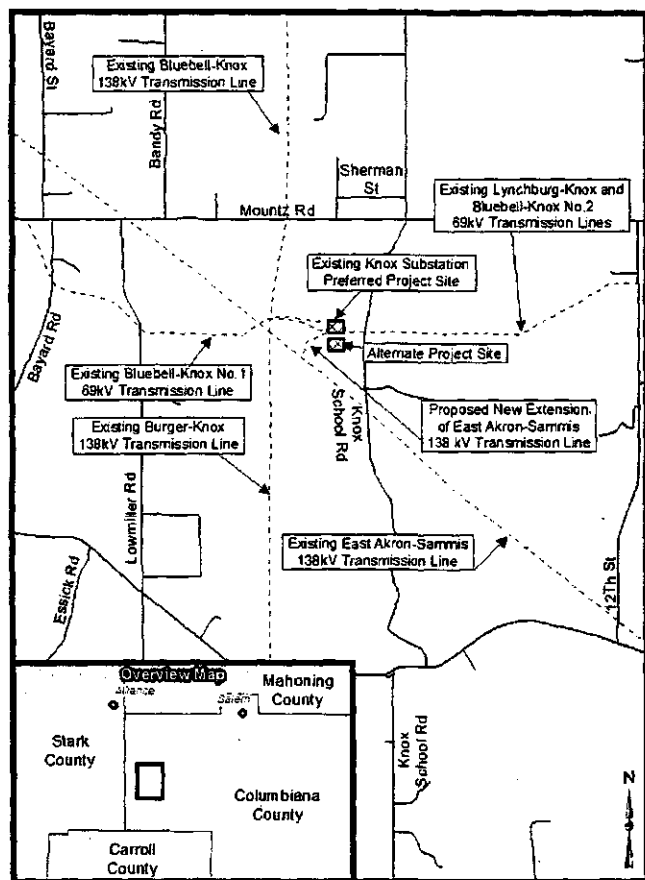
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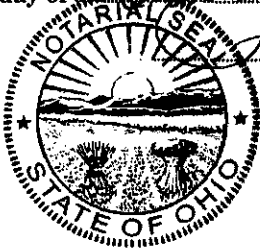
Affidavit of Publication

Before me, the undersigned, authority in and for Stark County personally appeared Carol Henthorne who being duly sworn, says he/she is the Bookkeeper

of the Alliance Publishing Company, Publishers of Mineola ~~THE REVIEW~~ news leader a weekly newspaper of general circulation in said County and State, and that a notice, of which the annexed is a copy, was published in said paper on Thursday for 1 time

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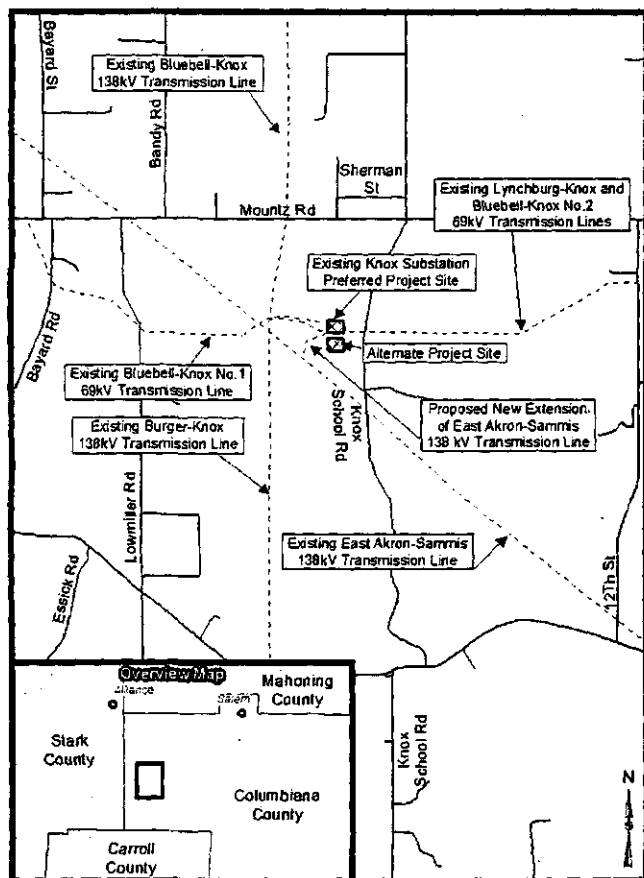
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18th day of October, 20 12



Patti J. Cochran Notary Public
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 10-23-2016

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