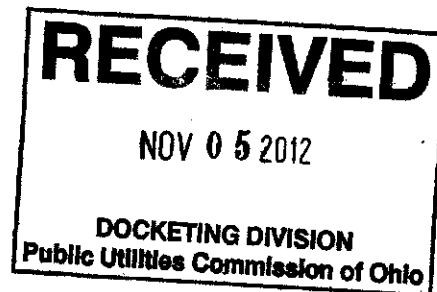


**OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

**Case Number:** 12-2461-EL-BLN  
**Project Name:** Delta-Swanton 138 kV Transmission Line  
Loop to Fulton Substation  
**Project Location:** Fulton County, Ohio  
**Applicant:** American Transmission Systems, Inc.  
**Application Filing Date:** 12 September 2012  
**Filing Type:** Letter of Notification  
**Inspection Date:** 4 October 2012  
**Report Date:** 5 November 2012  
**Automatic Approval Date:** 14 November 2012  
**Projected Docket Closure Date:** 31 December 2015  
(if approved by the Board)  
**Waiver Requests:** none  
**Staff Assigned:** J. O'Dell, G. Zeto & A. Conway

**Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):**

Application: ☒ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☐ Approval with Conditions  
Waiver: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Not Applicable

**Project Description**

This project involves the installation of approximately 5,503 feet of 138 kV transmission line. The line would provide an interconnection point for a proposed transmission substation for the Fulton Substation (case number 11-4152-EL-BSB).

**Site Description**

The proposed line parallels an existing 345 kV transmission line, traversing agricultural land with light rural residential housing density. With the exception of spanning the Interstate 80 turnpike, virtually the entire transmission corridor has been used for row crop production.

**Conclusion**

No significant vegetative clearing is required. The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts.

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