

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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

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PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. Jeffrey R. Jones, Administrative Law
Judge, at the West Township Administration Building,
8610 Knox-School Road, Minerva, Ohio, called at 6:25
p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2012.

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APPEARANCES:

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On behalf of the Company.

Also Present:

PUCO:

Mr. Steve Irwin, Energy and Environment
Department

Ms. Lauren Smalley, Office of Public Affairs.

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MS. COPELAND: Darcy Copeland from

Porter, Wright on behalf of FirstEnergy.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Thank you.

Is there any counsel representing the
Power Siting Board here?

Seeing no one, there are no other
intervenors in this case, so I will say that ATSI,
American Transmission System, Incorporated, filed
this application on August 3, 2012. The subject of
today's hearing is an application that was filed by
ATSI, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy, proposing to
upgrade the Knox substation to improve the quality of
electric service and reliability in eastern Ohio.

The project is designed to help
FirstEnergy maintain an adequate level of
transmission reliability and reinforce the 138
kilovolt transmission system in the Canton area.
ATSI plans to convert the existing Knox distribution
substation to a transmission switching substation.

The scope of this project includes
expanding the fence line of the current substation
and constructing a half acre stormwater retention
basin on the property. ATSI's plan is to expand the
existing facility by approximately 2.1 acres on a
22-acre parcel currently owned by FirstEnergy. ATSI
anticipates an in-service date of the summer 2013.

1 The purpose of this evening's public
2 hearing is to receive comments from the public
3 regarding ATSI's application in this case. It is not
4 a question and answer session, but it is your
5 opportunity to let the Ohio Power Siting Board know
6 what you think about the proposal.

7 There is also an evidentiary hearing
8 scheduled to be held in this case which is currently
9 scheduled for November 16, 2012, and that evidentiary
10 hearing will be at the Board's offices in Columbus,
11 Ohio.

12 I would also note that the Board Staff
13 Report of Investigation was filed in the docket on
14 October 22, 2012. This is a recommendation of the
15 Board Staff and does not necessarily reflect what the
16 Board's final determination would be.

17 The Board appreciates your participation
18 in tonight's hearing, and we want everyone to have an
19 opportunity to testify who would like to. I do not
20 have anyone signed up on the sign-in sheet to
21 testify, but I understand there is one gentleman in
22 the audience who would like to testify.

23 Sir, is that correct?

24 MR. BUCKMAN: Yes.

25 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Would you

1 please come forward, and I would ask you take an oath
2 and then you make your statement.

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4 DALE L. BUCKMAN

5 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was
6 examined and testified as follows:

7 DIRECT TESTIMONY

8 MR. BUCKMAN: Dale L. Buckman,
9 B-U-C-K-M-A-N.

10 The alternate project site, as I can see
11 it, is on my mother's land, and it is right exactly
12 south of the one that's there now.

13 We would not like to see it there because
14 that's our best field on our farm. That's our
15 longest field, the straightest.

16 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Okay.
17 Thank you.

18 Are there any questions for Mr. Buckman?

19 Thank you, Mr. Buckman.

20 Is there anyone else here who would like
21 to testify this evening?

22 Seeing no one, we were here at 6:00 p.m.
23 this evening. We opened the record at approximately
24 6:25 p.m. when Mr. Buckman arrived. If there is no
25 one else here to testify at this time, it is about

1 6:30 p.m., and we will be adjourned. Thank you.

2 (The hearing adjourned at 6:30 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Rosemary Foster Anderson,
Professional Reporter and
Notary Public in and for
the State of Ohio.

My commission expires April 5, 2014.
(RFA-8851)

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