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## OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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**Case Number:** 12-2938-EL-BLN  
**Project Name:** Evergreen – Niles 138 kV Transmission  
Line Reconductor  
**Project Location:** Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio  
**Applicant:** American Transmission Systems, Inc.  
**Application Filing Date:** 9 November 2012  
**Filing Type:** Letter of Notification  
**Inspection Date:** 23 November 2012  
**Report Date:** 3 January 2013  
**Automatic Approval Date:** 12 January 2013  
**Projected Docket Closure Date:** 1 May 2015  
(if approved by the Board)  
**Waiver Requests:** none  
**Staff Assigned:** J. O'Dell

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

Application: ☒ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☐ Approval with Conditions

Waiver: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Not Applicable

### Project Description

This project involves reconductoring and rebuilding approximately 3.07 miles of 138 kV transmission line. The existing circuit is currently installed on double-circuit steel lattice towers and wood pole structures. The existing conductors would be replaced with larger bundled conductors. Additionally, four of the wood pole structures would be replaced and two wood intermediate structures would be added.

### Site Description

Land use in proximity to the project consists of agricultural grazing, industrial and rural residential uses. Installation of the replacement circuit would be confined to the existing r-o-w. Adequate access is readily available for construction.

### Conclusion

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