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Letter of Notification – Pre-Submittal Notification
Highland-Shenango 345 kV Transmission Line Extension to Niles Substation
Project
Case No. 13-0191-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. McCauley,

This pre-submittal notification letter refers to the Letter of Notification (“LON”) Application that American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (“ATSI”), a FirstEnergy Corp. subsidiary, plans to file for the proposed Highland-Shenango 345 kV Transmission Line Extension to Niles Substation Project (“Project”) with the Ohio Power Siting Board (“Board”). Although not required by Administrative Code §4906-5-02(A), for the convenience of the Board’s staff, this pre-submittal notification has been provided in the format described by Ohio Administrative Code § 4906-5-08(A)(1-3).

Please be advised that ATSI will hold one (1) public information meeting for the proposed Project. This public information meeting will be held Monday, January 28, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the cafeteria of McDonald High School located at 600 Iowa Avenue, McDonald Ohio 44437. Although not required by Administrative Code §4906-5-02(A), a public notice for the public information meeting will be published as described by Ohio Administrative Code § 4906-5-08(B).

The proposed Project is needed to serve the customer electrical load on the existing ATSI transmission circuits that serve Ohio Edison Company (Ohio Edison) and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) customers throughout Central and northern Ohio as a result of the shutdown of electric generating facilities in Ohio. The Project is located in Weathersfield Township of Trumbull County, Ohio. The proposed Project will extend the existing Highland-Shenango 345 kV Transmission Line approximately 150 feet to connect to a new 345 to 138 kV transmission substation, to be called Niles Substation, and extend a new 138 kV substation bus, designed as a 138 kV transmission line, from the new substation approximately 1,000 feet to the existing Niles Substation located at the nearby Niles Generating Station. The likely route for the

extended 345 kV transmission line and site of the new substation are located on Ohio Edison owned property. Routes for the new 138 kV transmission bus extension are located on the Ohio Edison property, cross a railroad corridor and the Niles Generating Station.

At this time, ATSI anticipates proposing the Project to the Board via a Letter of Notification Application. No waivers to the Board's requirements are currently anticipated.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (330) 761-4268.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Krauss", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ted Krauss
Manager Siting, Survey and Right-of-Way
Energy Delivery Transmission Engineering
FirstEnergy Service Company

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