

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application)
of American Transmission Systems,)
Incorporated for a Certificate Relative to) Case No. 12-1637-EL-BLN
the Toronto Transmission Substation)
Project.)

ENTRY

The administrative law judge finds:

- (1) On September 7, 2012, American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI or applicant) filed a pre-application notification letter in this docket. Specifically, the letter advised the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) that ATSI planned to hold four public information meetings for the Toronto Substation Project. The letter indicated that the project will consist of a new transmission substation proposed to be located near Old State Highway 7 in Toronto, Ohio. According to the applicant, the transmission substation will provide for a connection to the proposed Harmon-Toronto 345 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line, as well as interconnect with the existing Sammis-Wylie Ridge 345 kV line, East Akron-Sammis, Boardman-Sammis, and Lowellville-Sammis 138 kV lines. The proposed project will be constructed and operated by ATSI.
- (2) On August 14, 2013, ATSI filed a request for re-designation of this docket, specifically requesting that the case number be reclassified from 12-1637-EL-BSB to 12-1637-EL-BLN. The applicant states that, at the time this docket was opened, the transmission line projects associated with the construction of the Toronto Substation Project were subject to the expedited review process established by the Board's September 4, 2012, finding and order, in Case No. 12-1981-GE-BRO (12-1981), *In the Matter of the Ohio Power Siting Board's Review of Chapters 4906-1, 4906-5, 4906-7, 4906-9, 4906-11, 4906-13, 4906-15, and 4906-17 of the Ohio Administrative Code*. ATSI further states that, following the filing of the pre-application notification letter for the Toronto Substation Project in this docket, the Board issued a second finding and order in 12-1981 on December 17, 2012, requiring that any associated substation

facility be included in a letter of notification application for an electric transmission line subject to expedited review.

ATSI asserts that, as a result, it is no longer consistent with the Board's orders in 12-1981 for the application to construct the Toronto Substation Project to be filed separately from the letter of notification applications for the related transmission line projects and, therefore, the Toronto Substation Project should now be included with the associated transmission lines in a letter of notification application. ATSI notes that it will identify the project on a going-forward basis as the Sammis-Wylie Ridge 345 kV, East Akron-Sammis 138 kV, and Sammis-Lowellville 138 kV Transmission line extensions to, and installation of, the Toronto Substation Project. ATSI further notes that it has already conducted four public information meetings on the Toronto Substation Project and associated transmission lines, all of which identified the current case number for the Toronto Substation Project. Accordingly, ATSI requests that this case be redesignated as 12-1637-EL-BLN, rather than a new docket opened, in order to minimize any potential confusion.

- (3) The Board's December 17, 2012, second finding and order in 12-1981 provides:

An applicant filing a letter of notification application after the date of this order that is for an electric transmission line that qualifies under the accelerated review process provided for in Section 4906.03(F)(1), Revised Code, and provision (1)(g) of the Interim Attachment, should file any associated substation facility as part of its letter of notification application. The associated substation will not be subject to additional filing requirements before the Board.

- (4) The administrative law judge finds that ATSI's request is reasonable and, consistent with the Board's December 17, 2012, second finding and order. Accordingly ATSI's request should be granted and the case designation for this docket should be changed to 12-1637-EL-BLN.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That ATSI's request should be granted and the case designation for this docket be amended in accordance with finding (4). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

s/Bryce McKenney

By: Bryce A. McKenney
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry grants ATSI's request and orders the case designation changed to 12-1637-EL-BLN. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Bryce McKenney, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio