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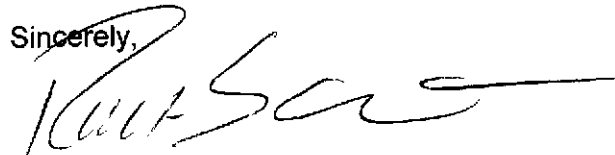
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WASHINGTON, DCMs. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215**RE: In the Matter of the Letter of Notification for
Burger – Cloverdale #2 and #3 138 kV
Transmission Line Reconductor Project
Case No. 13-2329-EL-BLN**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 1 copy of the proof of publication in the above-captioned case. The public notice appeared in the January 2, 2014, *Massillon Independent*.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Schmidt, Jr.
Attorney for Applicant American Transmission Systems, Inc.

Enclosure

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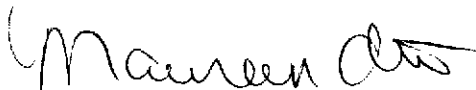
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To Whom it May Concern;

This letter is to verify that the First Energy 'Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility' advertisement was published in The Independent on Thursday, January 2, 2014. The ad was included on page A-8 into the full circulation of the newspaper.

Regards,



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He declared a state of emergency Wednesday in Jonglei Unity, two states where rebel forces have gained the upper hand in recent fighting.

Ilestinian nbassador Prague is killed

PRAGUE The Palestinian ambassador to the Czech Republic died Wednesday in an explosion that occurred when he opened an old safe that had been left untouched for more than 20 years, officials said. Ambassador Jamal al-Jamal was at home with his family at the time of the explosion, according to Palestinian Embassy spokesman Nabil El-Faleh. Al-Jamal was seriously injured and rushed to a hospital where he died, according to police spokeswoman Andrea Zoulova. Palestinian Foreign Minister of Maliki said no foul play was suspected, noting that the safe had been left untouched for more than 20 years. It also appeared that the safe had been booby-trapped, according to al-Jamal. It was unclear how al-Jamal tried to open it or what the safe contained.

ur bombs kill 6 Somali capital

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA A car bomb exploded Wednesday night outside a hotel in Somalia's capital that officials said was used by foreigners and government officials, killing at least six people and wounding 10, police said. Gen. Abdulkadir Mohamed, Somalia's police chief, told a local radio station two men who appeared to be suicide bombers died during the attack when they tried to force their way into the Jazeera Hotel as cars exploded, and security forces shot and killed them. Police Capt. Mohamed Hussein told The Associated Press shortly after the first explosion occurred outside the heavily guarded hotel near Mogadishu's international airport. Bombs and hotel guards died to the scene. At that point, he said, the second car bomb exploded, causing most of the casualties.

riel Sharon's alth worsens

JERUSALEM The medical condition of the comatose former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sharply deteriorated Wednesday, the hospital treating him said. Sharon, 85, has been in a coma since 2006 when a devastating stroke incapacitated him. His family has said that sometimes opens his eyes and moves his fingers. Amir Marom, a spokesman for Tel Hashomer hospital, where Sharon has been treated most of the past eight years, said Wednesday that Sharon's medical condition has "deteriorated in the past few days." He used to elaborate. Israeli media reported that Sharon was suffering from kidney problems and that his family was at the hospital.

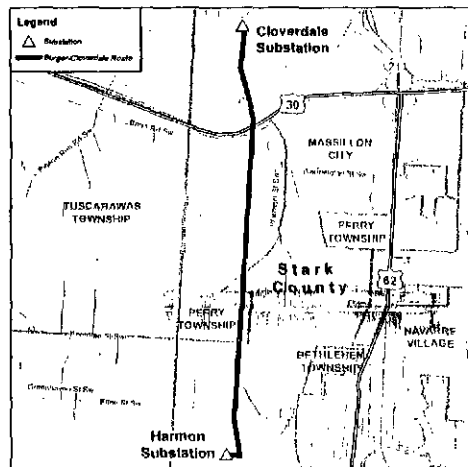
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PANAMA CITY, PANAMA A consortium at the heart of a historic Panama Canal expansion project threatened Wednesday to suspend work due to financial problems caused by a \$5 billion cost overrun. The group issued a statement Tuesday saying the Panama Canal Authority 21 days to settle the dispute, arguing that the Authority was responsible for covering the costs, but said it will continue working in the meantime. National Administrator Jorge L. Moreno responded with his communiqué saying the authority will continue to defend the companies' "respectful contract that they themselves accepted and signed." He said the purpose of the consortium was "to force the government to negotiate the terms established in the contract."

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, proposes to construct the Burger - Cloverdale #2 and #3 138 kV Transmission Line Reconnector Project (Project), a major utility facility. In a Letter of Notification Application submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. The proposed Project is located in the City of Massillon, Bethlehem Township, and Perry Township in Stark County, Ohio. The proposed Project involves reconnector approximately 3.4 miles of both the existing Burger - Cloverdale #2 and #3 transmission lines and includes installing higher capacity conductors, and intermediate wood pole structures, replacing one tower located adjacent to the Harmon Substation with a steel pole, and reinforcing some existing steel lattice structures to accommodate the new conductors. The general Project location is shown on the accompanying map of the area.



The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

The Honorable Tom Bernabei, Stark County Commissioner
The Honorable Janet Weir Creighton, Stark County Commissioner
Mr. Brent Luther, Stark County Administrator
Ms. Jean Young, Stark County Clerk
Mr. Keith A. Bennett, Stark County Engineer
Mr. Bob Fonte, Stark County Park District Director
Ms. Patricia Winkhart, Bethlehem Township Fiscal Officer
Mr. Ronald L. Wendling, Bethlehem Township Trustee
Mr. David O. Regula, Bethlehem Township Trustee
Ms. Lori L. Manack, Bethlehem Township Trustee
Mr. Joe Schlegel, Perry Township Fiscal Officer
Mr. Doug Haines, Perry Township Trustee
Mr. Craig Chesser, Perry Township Trustee
Mr. Lee Laubacher, Perry Township Trustee
The Honorable Kathy Calzavara-Perry, City of Massillon Mayor
Mr. Tony M. Townsend, City of Massillon Council President
Mr. Donnie Peters, Jr., City of Massillon Ward 5 Council Member
Mr. Keith A. Dylewski, City of Massillon Engineer
Ms. Elaine Campbell, City of Massillon Planning Commission

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, c/o Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Utilities Department, 12th Floor, Borden Building, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, www.opstb.ohio.gov. A copy of the application has also been sent to the following libraries:

Massillon Public Library, 208 Lincoln Way E., Massillon, Ohio 44665

Barry Askren Memorial Branch Library, 1200 Market Street NE, Navarre, Ohio 44662

A Letter of Notification Application for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the above named electric transmission line facility is now pending before the Board. The application has been assigned Docket No. 13-2329-EL-BLN, and the docket number should be referenced in all communications about this proceeding.

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (Admin. Code Rule 4906-5-08), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code, plus additional information, are shown below.

Section 4906.10(A) Basis for decision granting or denying certificate

(A) The power siting board shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the major utility facility as the board considers appropriate. The certificate shall be conditioned upon the facility being in compliance with standards and rules adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 and Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code. The period of initial operation under a certificate shall expire two years after the date on which electric power is first generated by the facility. During the period of initial operation, the facility shall be subject to the enforcement and monitoring

powers of the director of environmental protection under Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code and to the emergency provisions under those chapters. If a major utility facility constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of its certificate is unable to operate in compliance with all applicable requirements of state laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, the facility may apply to the director of environmental protection for a conditional operating permit under division (G) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder. The operation of a major utility facility in compliance with a conditional operating permit is not in violation of its certificate. After the expiration of the period of initial operation of a major utility facility, the facility shall be under the jurisdiction of the environmental protection agency and shall comply with all laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, water pollution, and solid and hazardous waste disposal.

The board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the board, unless it finds and determines all of the following:

- (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas or natural gas transmission line;
- (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact;
- (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- (5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under section 4561.341 of the Revised Code
- (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
- (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929. of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site
- (8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

Section 4906.07. Public hearing on application

(A) Upon the receipt of an application complying with section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the power siting board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.

(B) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternatives set forth in the application.

(C) The chairman of the power siting board shall cause each application filed with the board to be investigated and shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date any application is set for hearing submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

At this time, no public hearing has been scheduled.

4906.08(C). Parties - testimony

(C) The board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony.

Intervention

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 10 days following publication of this notice as required by Finding and Order 5(c) issued on December 17, 2012 in Docket No. 12-1981-GE-BRO or later, if good cause is shown. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene to file their petitions as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 160 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number. (Docket No. 13-2329-EL-BLN)