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April 3, 2014

Ms. 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
Hayes-West Fremont 138 kV Transmission
Line Project Project
Case No. 12-1636-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 March 28, 2014, Sandusky Register.

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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Notary Public

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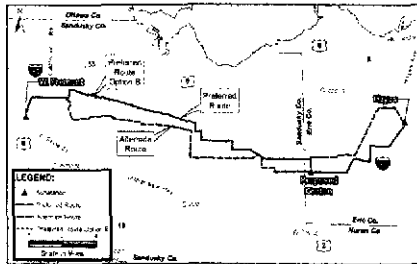
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, has proposed to construct the Hayes-West Fremont 138 kV Transmission Line Project, a new major utility facility, in an Application submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. The proposed Preferred and Alternate Routes for the Hayes-West Fremont 138 kV Transmission Line Project involve approximately 30 miles of new 138 kV transmission line construction that will extend from the Hayes Substation (currently under construction) to the existing West Fremont Substation in a new transmission line corridor. The Preferred transmission line route is located in Sandusky, Riley, Townsend and York Townships in Sandusky County, Ohio and Groton, Oxford, and Perkins Townships in Erie County, Ohio. The Alternate transmission line route is located in Sandusky, Riley, Green Creek, Townsend and York Townships and the City of Fremont in Sandusky County, Ohio and Groton, Margaretta, and Perkins Townships in Erie County, Ohio. Specific detailed information on the proposed project is included in the Application. The general location of the Preferred and Alternate routes for the transmission line are 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 Danny Polter, Sandusky County Commissioner
The Honorable Terry Thatcher, Sandusky County Commissioner
The Honorable Matt Demaschneider, Sandusky County Commissioner
Mr. James Moyer, P.E., P.S., Sandusky County Engineer
Ms. Kay Reiter, Executive Director, Economic Development, Sandusky County
The Honorable Jim Ellis, Mayor, City of Fremont
Mr. James Weaver, President, Fremont City Council
City of Fremont Engineering Department
Mr. Roy E. Yeager, Chair, City of Fremont Planning Commission
Mr. Gilbert Overmyer, Sandusky Township Trustee
Mr. Joseph Luc, Sandusky Township Trustee
Mr. Marcus A. Williams, Sandusky Township Trustee
Ms. Cynthia K. Zienta, Sandusky Township Fiscal Officer
Mr. Tim King, Rice Township Trustee
Mr. William C. Larnick, Rice Township Trustee
Mr. Don Atkinson, Rice Township Trustee
Ms. Kathleen M. Roosen, Rice Township Fiscal Officer
Mr. Gary Overmyer, Riley Township Trustee
Mr. David Sachs, Riley Township Trustee
Mr. John W. Anersberger, Riley Township Trustee
Mr. Joseph A. Halbesen, Riley Township Fiscal Officer
Mr. Jeffrey Miller, Townsend Township Trustee
Ms. Jean Leber, Townsend Township Trustee
Mr. Bruce Meggitt, Townsend Township Trustee
Ms. Cathy Bales, Townsend Township Fiscal Officer
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Mr. Lee Patten, York Township Trustee
Mr. Doug Keegan, York Township Trustee
Ms. Cynthia Fierman, York Township Fiscal Officer
Mr. Kenneth J. Bonnington, Green Creek Township Trustee
Mr. Eugene Siotto, Green Creek Township Trustee
Mr. Thomas Jennings, Green Creek Township Trustee
Ms. Mary Jo Gill, Green Creek Township Fiscal Officer
The Honorable Pat Shengo, Erie County Commissioner
The Honorable Tom Ferrell, Erie County Commissioner
The Honorable William Monaghan, Erie County Commissioner
Mr. John Farschman, P.E., P.S., Erie County Engineer
Mr. Steve Poggiali, Director, Erie County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Mike Jay, Director, Erie County Economic Development
Mr. Michael J. Priddy, Perkins Township Trustee
Mr. Jeff Ferrell, Perkins Township Trustee
Mr. Timothy Coleman, Perkins Township Trustee
Ms. Jane Gidewrester, Perkins Township Trustee
Mr. Gary Pooch, Margaretta Township Trustee
Mr. Joe Bias, Jr., Margaretta Township Trustee
Mr. Tim Riesterer, Margaretta Township Trustee
Ms. Mary Ann Undsley, Margaretta Township Fiscal Officer
Mr. Roger Rowland, Groton Township Trustee
Mr. Ronald Brown, Groton Township Trustee
Mr. Roger Russell, Groton Township Trustee
Ms. Linda Jett, Groton Township Fiscal Officer
Mr. Mike Parker, Oxford Township Trustee
Mr. James Stewart, Oxford Township Trustee
Mr. Scott Leber, Oxford Township Trustee
Mr. Philip M. David, Oxford Township Trustee

Copies of this application are 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, and at www.opsb.ohio.gov. Copies of the application are also available for public inspection at the following libraries:
Birkhard Public Library, 423 Croghan Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420
Clyde Public Library, 222 W. Buckeye Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410
Bellevue Public Library, 224 E. Main Street, Bellevue, Ohio 44811
Sandusky Public Library, 114 West Adams Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

An application for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the Hayes-West Fremont 138 kV Transmission Line Project is now pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board. This application has been assigned Docket No. 12-1636-EL-BTX, which should be referenced in all communications about these proceedings.

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.

Section 4906.10(A)

(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.

As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:

A. A local public hearing, pursuant to Section R.C. 4906.08(C), where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person, commencing on May 21, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at Fremont Middle School Gymnasium, 1256 North Street, Fremont, Ohio, 43420.

B. An adjudicatory hearing to commence on June 2, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906.5-08(C)(1), or later if good cause is shown. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible but by no later than May 1, 2014. Petitions should be addressed to the Docketing Division, Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number (Case Number 12-1636-EL-BTX).