BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In The Matter Of:)	
The Application of American Transmission)	Case No. 12-1636-EL-BTX
Systems, Incorporated for a Certificate of Environmental)	
Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction)	
of the Hayes – West Fremont 138 kV Transmission)	
Line)	

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF ISSUES AMERICAN TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED HAYES – WEST FREMONT 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), in accordance with the Order issued on March 18, 2014 by the Administrative Law Judge, files this statement regarding concerns or issues about which ATSI may be interested in pursuing cross-examination of witnesses at the evidentiary hearing. ATSI has reviewed the Staff Report of Investigation, filed with Docketing on May 6, 2014. Further, ATSI is planning on meeting with Staff and representatives for Stokes Farms, Inc. and AMP, entities that have petitioned for intervention in these proceedings, in the near future to discuss the proposed conditions in the Staff Report and to propose stipulations related to this matter, the conditions proposed by Staff and any specific concerns any Party granted intervention may have with the Project. Based upon the Staff Report, ATSI anticipates developing with Staff and any party grated intervention a Joint Stipulation and Recommended Conditions to be filed with the Board.

At this time, therefore, because ATSI has not had a chance to engage Staff concerning the proposed conditions in the Staff Report, and due to the fact that no party has been granted intervenor status, there do not appear to be any issues of specific concern about which ATSI may need to seek cross-examination of any witness at the evidentiary hearing. ATSI must reserve the right, however, to provide both testimony and cross examination related to any testimony

presented by any other Party or regarding recommended conditions in the Staff Report in the event Parties are not able to reach a final agreement on all the proposed conditions.

ATSI further reserves the right to amend this statement in advance of the evidentiary hearing in response to any concerns that may be raised at the Public Hearings, scheduled for May 21, 2014, pursuant to the Order of the Administrative Law Judge, or any specific issues raised by any party granted intervenor status.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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