

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Letter of Notification Application by )  
American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for the )  
for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and ) Case Number:  
Public Need for the Babb-East Akron/Aetna 138 kV ) 14-2161-EL-BLN  
Transmission Line Structure Replacement )**

Members of the Board:

Chairman, Public Utilities Commission	Ohio House of Representatives
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Director, Department of Health	
Director, Department of Agriculture	
Director, Environmental Protection Agency	
Director, Department of Natural Resources	
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To the Honorable Power Siting Board:

Please review the attached Staff Report of Investigation, which has been filed in accordance with the Board's rules.

The applicant's accelerated certificate application in this case is subject to an automatic approval process as required by Section 4906.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The application will be automatically approved on January 3, 2015, unless suspended by the Board's chairperson, the Executive Director, or an administrative law judge. If suspended, the Board must render a decision on the application within 90 days from the date of suspension.

Please present any concerns you or your designee may have with this case to my office at least four business days prior to January 3, 2015, which is the automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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Ohio Power Siting Board  
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## OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

**Case Number:** 14-2161-EL-BLN  
**Project Name:** Babb-East Akron/Aetna 138 kV  
Transmission Line Structure Replacement  
**Project Location:** Summit County  
**Applicant:** American Transmission Systems, Incorporated  
**Application Filing Date:** December 5, 2014  
**Filing Type:** Expedited Letter of Notification  
**Inspection Date:** December 9, 2014  
**Report Date:** December 11, 2014  
**Automatic Approval Date:** January 3, 2015  
**Waiver Requests:** none  
**Staff Assigned:** J. O'Dell

### Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

Application: ☒ Approval    ☐ Disapproval    ☐ Approval with Conditions  
Waiver: ☐ Approval    ☐ Disapproval    ☒ Not Applicable

### Project Description

This project involves the replacement of one steel lattice tower structure. Tower Number 688 would be replaced with a wood pole H-frame structure. The soil underneath the existing tower has been subject to erosion.

### Site Description

The new structure would be installed within the existing transmission line right-of-way, approximately 100 feet north of the existing lattice tower. No new easements are required.

### Conclusion

Access is readily available for construction. No significant vegetative clearing is required. The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts.

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Summary: Staff Report of Investigation electronically filed by Mrs. Yvonne W Cooper on behalf of Staff of OPSB