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Mr. Patrick Donlon Executive Director Ohio Power Siting Board Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Certificate Application – Pre-Application Notification Lake Avenue Substation and Associated Transmission Lines Extensions Project <u>Case No. 14-2162-EL-BTX</u>

Dear Mr. Donlon,

In accordance with Admin. Code Rule 4906-5-08(A), American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), a FirstEnergy company, is submitting this letter as pre-application notification of the Public Information Meeting being scheduled for the proposed Lake Avenue Substation Project, Case No. 14-2162-EL-BTX, a new substation with 345kV to 138kV transformation. The new substation, as proposed, will be approximately 203,000 sq. feet in size and will be located in the City of Elyria, Lorain County. The attached map provides the location of the substation.

Please be advised that the public information meetings for the Lake Avenue Substation will take place on January 5, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the first floor conference room at the Ohio Edison Company Elyria Service Center located at 6326 Lake Avenue in Elyria, Ohio 44035. ATSI will file a full application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the proposed new substation.

In addition to the proposed new Lake Avenue Substation, ATSI anticipates filing related Letter of Notification applications for the extension of both the Avon-Beaver 1&2 345kV transmission lines and the Black River-Johnson 1&2 138kV transmission lines to the new substation. Although a public information meeting is not required for these proposed Letter of Notification applications, due to the interrelationship of these transmission line extensions to the proposed new substation, ATSI will be including information on the proposed transmission line extensions at the Public Information Meeting.

. The installation of the new substation and the corresponding transmission line extensions are needed to meet electric load requirements for the project area transmission system and to provide adequate supply to meet planning requirements for the transmission system. The installation of the new substation and related transmission line extensions in needed to ensure the long term reliability of transmission service and operation in the project area.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (330) 761-4473.

Sincerely,

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