

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application by)
American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for the)
for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and) 15-0283-EL-BNR
Public Need for the Avon-Crestwood Q-3 138 kV)
Transmission Line Reconductor)

Members of the Board:

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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 **March 5, 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 **March 5, 2015**, which is the automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 15-0283-EL-BNR
Project Name: Avon-Crestwood Q-3 138 kV
Transmission Line Reconductor
Project Location: Lorain County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: February 11, 2015
Filing Type: Expedited Construction Notice
Inspection Date(s): February 13, 2015
Report Date: February 25, 2015
Automatic Approval Date: March 5, 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 replacing approximately 960 feet of aluminum steel reinforced conductors with high-temperature aluminum steel supported conductors. The project is needed to ensure reliability of the local transmission system during peak loads.

Site Description

The project is located in the city of Avon Lake. The supporting structures are situated within a transmission line corridor, adjacent to the Avon Lake Power Plant and the Avon Substation. No new easements or right-of-way are required. Access is readily available from nearby roads.

Conclusion

No forested areas, streams, or wetlands are present. The project's location in an established transmission line corridor removes the need for any vegetative clearing. The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts. Staff recommends automatic approval of this case on March 5, 2015.

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Summary: Staff Report of Investigation electronically filed by Mr. Matt Butler on behalf of Staff of OPSB