

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application by)
American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for a)
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public) 15-0288-EL-BNR
Need for the Avon-Beaver No. 1 and No. 2 345 kV)
Transmission Line Extensions to Lake Avenue)
Substation**

Members of the Board:

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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 **May 13, 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 **May 13, 2015**, which is the automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 15-0288-EL-BNR
Project Name: Avon-Beaver No. 1 and No. 2 345 kV Transmission
Line Extensions to Lake Avenue Substation
Project Location: Lorain County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: March 31, 2015
Filing Type: Construction Notice
Inspection Date(s): April 9, 2015
Report Date: May 6, 2015
Automatic Approval Date: May 13, 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 installation of two transmission line loops. The transmission line loops would be approximately 320 feet in length. The project is needed to provide a 345 kV interconnection source to the proposed Lake Avenue Substation. The Lake Avenue Substation is currently under investigation by the Board (ref: 14-2162-EL-BSB). Additionally, two related filings (ref: 15-0289-EL-BNR and 15-0464-EL BLN) are associated with the overall substation project. These associated filings will be processed by the Board at a later date.

Site Description

The project is located in the city of Elyria and Elyria Township. Five new steel poles would be installed within the right-of-way of the existing transmission lines or within the proposed substation boundaries. With the exception of an aerial crossing easement from the Norfolk & Western Railroad, no new right-of-way is required. Access is readily available from nearby roads.

Conclusion

Any vegetative clearing or stream and wetland crossings would be addressed as part of the overall Lake Avenue Substation project. Cultural resources and protected species are not present within the project area. The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts. Staff recommends automatic approval of this case on May 13, 2015.

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