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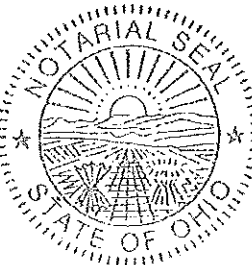
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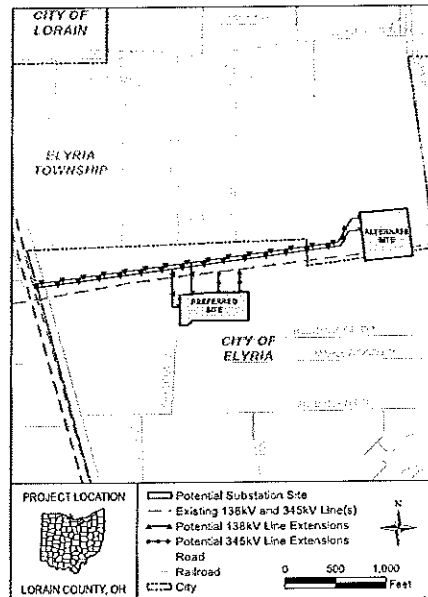
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., proposes to construct the Lake Avenue Substation Project (Project), a new major utility facility, in an Application submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. The proposed Project is located in the City of Elyria and Elyria Township in Lorain County, Ohio. The proposed Project involves installing a new electric transmission substation with 345-kilovolt (kV) to 138-kV transformation. Preferred and Alternate Sites have been proposed for the substation in the Application. The Project also includes extending the nearby 345-kV overhead electric transmission line to the new substation, extending the nearby 138-kV overhead electric transmission line to the new substation, and reconductoring nearby transmission lines. This Project and associated transmission line projects will include rebuilding existing transmission line structures and the installation of intermediate structures. The majority of new construction extends the existing circuits to the proposed Lake Avenue Substation and involves installing new, double-circuit 138-kV transmission line, primarily supported on 75-100 foot tall single wooden poles and 110-145 foot tall single steel poles, and new, double-circuit 345-kV transmission line, primarily supported on 115-145 foot tall single steel poles. At the Preferred Site this new construction will occur partially in new right-of-way and on land acquired for substation. At the Alternate Site, the new construction will occur in new right-of-way and on land acquired for the substation. The general locations of the Preferred and Alternate Substation Sites for the Project are shown on the accompanying map of the area.

Applications for the transmission line portions of the project associated with the Preferred Site of the Substation have been submitted separately to the Ohio Power Siting Board and have been assigned Case Numbers 15-0289-EL-BLN, 15-0464-EL-BLN and 15-0288-EL-BNR.



The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

Ms. Lori Kokoski, President, Lorain County Board of Commissioners
Mr. James Cordes, Lorain County Administrator
Mr. Don Romanack, Lorain County Director of Community Development
Mr. Ken Carney, P.E., P.S., Lorain County Engineer
Mr. William Holtzman, Elyria Township Trustee
Mr. Rick Hulman, Elyria Township Trustee
Mr. Rob Scheithauer, Elyria Township Trustee
Mr. Robert J. Repas, Elyria Township Fiscal Officer
Ms. Holly G. Brinda, MPA, Mayor, City of Elyria
Mr. Michael Lotko, President, City of Elyria Council
Mr. Forrest L. Bullocks, City of Elyria Council Clerk
Ms. Ashley Scott, City of Elyria Planner
Mr. Timothy Ujvari, P.E., P.S., City of Elyria, City Engineer

A copy of the Application is available for public inspection at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, c/o Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Utilities Department, 12th Floor, Borden Building, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, www.opsb.ohio.gov. A copy of the Application was also sent to the following libraries:

Main Library, Lorain Public Library, 351 West Sixth Street, Lorain, Ohio 44052
South Lorain Branch, Lorain Public Library, 2121 Homewood Drive, Lorain, Ohio 44055
West River Branch Library, Elyria Public Library, 1184 West River Road N, Elyria, OH 44035

Application for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the above named electric substation is now pending before the Board. The Application has been assigned Case No. 14-2162-EL-BSB, and the case number should be referenced in all communications about the proceeding.

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (Admin. Code Rule 4906-5-08), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are shown.

Section 4906.10(A)

(A) The Power Siting Board shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the Application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the major utility facility as the Board

considers appropriate. The certificate shall be conditioned upon the facility being in compliance with standards and rules adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 and Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 of the Revised Code. The period of initial operation under a certificate shall expire two years after the date on which electric power is first generated by the facility. During the period of initial operation, the facility shall be subject to the enforcement and monitoring powers of the director of environmental protection under Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 of the Revised Code and to the emergency provisions under those chapters. If a major utility facility constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of its certificate is unable to operate in compliance with all applicable requirements of state laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, the facility may apply to the Director of Environmental Protection for a conditional operating permit under division (G) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder. The operation of a major utility facility in compliance with a conditional operating permit is not in violation of its certificate. After the expiration of the period of initial operation of a major utility facility, the facility shall be under the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency and shall comply with all laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, water pollution, and solid and hazardous waste disposal.

The Board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the Board, unless it finds and determines all of the following:

- (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas or natural gas transmission line;
- (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact;
- (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- (5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the Board shall consult with the Office of Aviation of the Division of Multi-modal Planning and Programs of the Department of Transportation under section 4561.341 of the Revised Code.
- (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
- (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site.
- (8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

Section 4906.07. Public hearing on application

(A) Upon the receipt of an application complying with section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the Power Siting Board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.

(B) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the Board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternates set forth in the application.

(C) The Chairman of the Power Siting Board shall cause each application filed with the Board to be investigated and shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date any application is set for hearing submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

As scheduled by the Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:

A. A local public hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on August 12, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at the Splitzer Conference Center, Room 117, Lorain County Community College, Main Campus, 1005 North Abbe Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on August 26, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

4906.08(C). Parties - testimony

(C) The Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the Board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony.

Intervention

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by July 13, 2015, whichever is later. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number. (Case No. 14-2162-EL-BSB).

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