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5 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

6 PUBLIC HEARING

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8 CASE NUMBER: 14-2162-EL-BSB

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10 Wednesday, August 12, 2015

11 6:00 P.M. in Elyria, Ohio

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13 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

14 Local Public Hearing, in The Matter of the

15 Application of American Transmission Systems,

16 Inc., for a certificate of environmental

17 compatibility and public need for the

18 construction of the Lake Avenue Substation

19 Project.

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1 MS. PARROT: Let's go on the
2 record. The Ohio Power Siting Board has
3 assigned for public hearing at this time
4 and place, Case Number 14-2162-EL-BSB,
5 which is captioned: In the Matter of
6 the Application of American Transmission
7 Systems, Inc., for a certificate of
8 environmental compatibility and public
9 need for the construction of the Lake
10 Avenue Substation Project.

11 Good evening. My name is Sarah
12 Parrot. I'm an administrative law judge
13 in the Board's legal department. I will
14 be presiding at this hearing. Also with
15 me this everything are some of the
16 personnel from the Ohio Power Siting
17 Board.

18 At this time I'm going to take the
19 appearance of counsel for ATSI.
20 Mr. Schmidt.

21 MR. SCHMIDT: Good evening. Robert
22 Schmidt. Porter, Wright, Morris and
23 Arthur, 41 South High Street, Columbus,
24 Ohio, 43215 on behalf of ATSI, American
25 Transmission Systems, Incorporated.

1 MS. PARROT: Thank you very much.

2 The subject of today's hearing is
3 an application filed by ATSI for
4 certificate of environmental
5 compatibility and public need for the
6 purpose of constructing the Lake Avenue
7 Substation Project, a new substation
8 with 345 kilovolt to 138 kilovolt
9 transformation in the City of Elyria,
10 Ohio and adjacent to Elyria Township in
11 Lorain County, Ohio.

12 ATSI filed its application on March
13 6th, 2015. I would also note that the
14 board staff filed a report of
15 investigation on July 28th, 2015. It is
16 a recommendation of the board staff and
17 does not necessarily reflect what the
18 Board's final determination in this case
19 will be.

20 The purpose of this evening's local
21 public hearing is to receive comments
22 from the public regarding ATSI's
23 application in this case. It's not a
24 question-and-answer session, but it is
25 an opportunity for interested persons to

1 let the Board know what they think about
2 the proposed project. It is only one
3 aspect of the process in this case.

4 An evidentiary hearing is scheduled
5 to commence on August 26th, 2015 at the
6 Board's offices in Columbus, Ohio.

7 At this point I would note for the
8 record that it is 6:20 p.m. This
9 hearing was scheduled to start at 6:00
10 this evening. We have waited
11 approximately 20 minutes for interested
12 persons to appear. We do have a number
13 of personnel from both the Ohio Power
14 Siting Board staff here, as well as
15 company personnel here on behalf of
16 ATSI; however, we have no other
17 interested persons here, so I would like
18 the record to reflect that there is no
19 one present who wishes to testify this
20 evening.

21 Anything else to come before us
22 from the company?

23 MR. SCHMIDT: No, ma'am.

24 MS. PARROT: All right. Very good.

25 Then this public hearing is concluded

1 and we are adjourned. Thank you all for
2 coming. Have a good evening.

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1 The State of Ohio,)
) SS: CERTIFICATE
 2 County of Cuyahoga.)

3 I, Katrina L. Dearborn, Notary Public within
 4 and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and
 5 qualified, do hereby certify that the within-
 6 named witnesses were first duly sworn to testify
 7 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
 8 truth in the cause aforesaid; that the testimony
 then given by him/her was by me reduced to
 stenotypy in the presence of said witnesses,
 afterwards transcribed on a computer, and that
 the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of
 the testimony so given by him/her as aforesaid.

9 I do further certify that this arbitration
 10 was taken at the time and place in the foregoing
 caption specified and was completed without
 adjournment.

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12 I do further certify that I am not a
 13 relative, employee of, or attorney for any of the
 parties in the above-captioned action; I am not a
 14 relative or employee of an attorney for any of
 the parties in the above-captioned action; I am
 15 not financially interested in the action; I am
 not, nor is the court reporting firm with which I
 am affiliated, under a contract as defined in
 Civil Rule 28(D); nor am I otherwise interested
 16 in the event of this action.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my
 18 hand and affixed my seal of office at Cleveland,
 Ohio on this 6th day of July, 2012.

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Katrina L. Dearborn, Notary Public
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