

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) 16-1704-EL-BNR
Need for the Hanna-Shalersville 138 kV Transmission)
Line Structure 12229 Replacement Project)**

Members of the Board:

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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 Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) rules. The 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 recommended for automatic approval on October 14, 2016, unless suspended by the Board's chairperson 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 October 14, 2016, which is the automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 16-1704-EL-BNR
Project Name: Hanna-Shalersville 138 kV Transmission Line
Structure 12229 Replacement Project
Project Location: Portage County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: September 1, 2016
Filing Type: Construction Notice
Inspection Date: September 7, 2016
Report Date: October 7, 2016
Recommended Automatic Approval Date: October 14, 2016
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 replacement of one single-pole 138 kV wood structure with a two-pole wood structure. The project is needed to accommodate the installation of a new 69 kV circuit. The 69 kV circuit would be installed onto the open arm side of the Hanna-Shalersville 138 kV Transmission Line. The Applicant originally anticipated the need for this project during the certification of the Hanna-Shalersville 138 kV Transmission Line (Case Number 00-0099-EL-BTX). The Applicant also needs to replace one additional structure located approximately 3.8 miles to the north on this same transmission line. The replacement of the second structure is being processed concurrently by the Board under Case Number 16-1703-EL-BNR.

Nature of Impacts

Land Use

Structure 12229 is located approximately 0.5 miles southeast of the intersection of Hayes Road and Hatrick Road in Rootstown Township. Land use in proximity to the project consists of low density residential and planned residential development uses. Adequate access is readily available for construction and minimal vegetative clearing is required. The project is expected to cost \$32,000.

The Applicant has investigated the area surrounding the project for potential impacts to cultural resources. The construction of the proposed facility is not expected to present any significant adverse impact to architectural structures, archaeological sites or cemeteries.

Ecological Impacts

Tree clearing will not be necessary for project construction. The Applicant conducted an ecological assessment of the project area. The assessment concluded that no significant impacts are expected to wetlands, streams and ponds. The Applicant has employed a state approved herpetologist to determine if there are any potential adverse impacts to listed species. The findings and recommendations of the herpetologist will be provided to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for concurrence.

Conclusion

Staff's review of the application included consideration of the requirements listed in Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.10. Based on Staff's review, the application meets the necessary criteria for granting a certificate. Staff recommends automatic approval of this application on October 14, 2016.

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