

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) 16-1930-EL-BNR
Need for the London-Tangy 138 kV Transmission Line)
Tap to National Substation Project)**

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 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 November 3, 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 November 3, 2016, which is the automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 16-1930-EL-BNR
Project Name: London-Tangy 138 kV Transmission Line
Tap to National Substation Project
Project Location: Madison County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: October 12, 2016
Filing Type: Expedited Construction Notice
Inspection Date: October 19, 2016
Report Date: October 27, 2016
Recommended Automatic Approval Date: November 3, 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

In this project, American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (Applicant) proposes to install approximately 260 feet of 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and five associated wood pole structures. One adjacent existing 69 kV pole structure would be removed. The project would provide electrical service to a new distribution substation. The estimated capital cost for the proposed project is \$554,055.

Nature of Impacts

Land Use

The project is located on land that was formerly used for agricultural purposes. Land use in proximity to the project consists of large scale commercial uses and a small mobile home park. Adequate access is readily available for construction. 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

The Applicant conducted an ecological assessment of the project area. The assessment concluded that no significant impacts are expected to listed species, wetlands, streams, and ponds.

Additionally, vegetative clearing is minimal and tree clearing will not be necessary for construction.

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 November 3, 2016.

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