

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) 17-1151-EL-BNR
Need for the Emily-Fox Q-14 138 kV Transmission Line)
Relocation 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.

Staff recommends the application for automatic approval on August 11, 2017, 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 August 11, 2017, which is the automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 17-1151-EL-BNR
Project Name: Emily-Fox Q-14 138 kV
Transmission Line Relocation Project
Project Location: Cuyahoga County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: May 12, 2017
Filing Type: Construction Notice
Inspection Date: June 14, 2017
Report Date: July 21, 2017
**Recommended Automatic
Approval Date:** August 11, 2017
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

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI or Applicant) proposes to relocate five structures on the Emily-Fox Q-14 138 kilovolt Transmission Line. Three existing span guy stub poles would be shifted 20 to 25 feet to the southwest, from their current location. Additionally, ATSI plans to relocate one wooden tangent structure approximately 10 feet to the southwest and also one wooden angle pole approximately 10 feet to the southwest. The Applicant remains in negotiations for guying rights for the angle structure. If guying rights can not be obtained, then the Applicant would install a wood laminated pole instead.

The project is needed to accommodate the city of North Royalton's State Route 82/Royalton Road widening project. The project is located between West 130th Street and York Road. The estimated capital costs of the project total \$111,807.

Nature of Impacts

Land Use

Land use in proximity to the project is primarily comprised of industrial and highway uses. No institutional or other sensitive land uses are present in the vicinity. The Applicant conducted a cultural resource survey to ascertain potential impacts to historical properties and archaeological sites. The survey determined that adverse impacts to historical properties and archaeological sites are not expected.

Ecological Impacts

The Applicant consulted with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in preparation of their application. The consultation revealed that it is unlikely that the proposed project would have a significant adverse impact on ecological resources. No significant vegetative removal is required, and no work is proposed within wetlands or streams.

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 August 11, 2017.

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