

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) 17-1673-EL-BNR
Need for the Allen Junction-Westgate 138 kV)
Transmission Line Switch Replacement 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 Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 4906.03 and Ohio Administrative Code 4906-6-04.

Staff recommends the application for automatic approval on September 1, 2017, unless suspended by the Board, an administrative law judge, or the chairperson or executive director of the board for good cause shown. 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 September 1, 2017, which is the automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 17-1673-EL-BNR
Project Name: Allen Junction-Westgate 138 kV Transmission
Line Switch Replacement Project
Project Location: Lucas County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: August 10, 2017
Filing Type: Expedited Construction Notice
Inspection Date: August 18, 2017
Report Date: August 25, 2017
**Recommended Automatic
Approval Date:** September 1, 2017
Waiver Requests: None
Staff Assigned: J. O'Dell, J. Cross

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

Application: ☒ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☐ Approval with Conditions
Waiver: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Not Applicable

Project Description

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (Applicant or ATSI) proposes to replace an existing switch structure on the Allen Junction-Westgate 138 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line. The replacement structure would be located approximately 15 feet to the west of the current pole. The project is needed to replace a non-operational switch. The existing switch ensures reliability on the associated Flowers Hospital 138 kV Transmission Line Tap. The replacement structure would utilize an upgraded design that requires less maintenance. The estimated capital costs of the project total \$181,248.

Upon replacement, ATSI plans to remove the defective transmission structure. The project area is located in the city of Sylvania, Lucas County. Land use in proximity to the project area consists of multiple urban commercial uses, located adjacent to a high volume urban road. The project area is located on existing right-of-way and no new easements would be required. Adequate access is available for construction.

Nature of Impacts

Land Use

The project area is located in the city of Sylvania. 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 conducted an ecological review in preparation of their application. This study revealed that it is unlikely that the proposed project would have a significant adverse impact on ecological resources. No significant vegetative removal would be required, and no work is proposed within wetlands or streams.

Conclusion

Staff's review of the application included consideration of the requirements listed in R.C. 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 September 1, 2017.

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