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Docketing Division The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Construction Notice Galion-Roberts South 138 kV Line Switch Replacement Project Case No. 19-1453-EL-BNR

Dear Ms. McNeal:

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-2-04(A)(3) and OAC Chapter 4906-6, American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), a FirstEnergy company, transmits one (1) original and eleven (11) copies of the enclosed Construction Notice application.

In this Project, ATSI" proposes to add two (2) steel single pole switch structures to the Galion-Roberts South 138 kV Transmission Line along the same centerline as the existing transmission line. In addition, ATSI proposes to convert an existing inoperable 2-way switch structure to a standard 3-way tap structure. The Project will be located in Marion Township, Marion County Ohio.

ATSI is requesting an expedited review of this Project. However, since construction is not scheduled to begin until September 30 at the earliest, ATSI does not need approval within 21 days, rather it would like to respectfully request approval on or before September 29. This provides the board with 51 days from the date of filing to review the application. ATSI will pay the necessary fees for expedited review.

Pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-2-04(A)(3), please be advised of the following:

a) Name and address of the applicants:

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated 76 South Main Street Akron, Ohio 44308

b) Name and location of proposed facilities:

Galion-Roberts South 138kV Line Switch Replacement Project.

The Project area is located in Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio.

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c) Applicant's representative:

Robert J. Maggiore, Transmission Specialist II Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design FirstEnergy Service Company 76 South Main Street Akron, OH 44308-1890

- d) No information that was provided in the pre-application letter required by OAC Rule 4906-6-03 has been amended or changed in the attached Construction Notice application.
- e) A notarized statement that the information contained in the application is complete and accurate is provided as Attachment 1.

We have provided a copy of the Construction Notice application by certified mail, with return receipt requested, to each official of the political subdivisions immediately affected by the proposed Project as listed in Exhibit 1. Copies of the transmittal letters addressed to the local government representatives of Marion Township, Marion County and enclosed. In addition to the local officials, this Construction Notice application is being provided to the libraries listed in Exhibit 1. These materials are being provided as proof of compliance with OAC Rule 4906-6-07.

After docketing this filing, please return one time-stamped copy of the Construction Notice application to us in the enclosed envelope. Should staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board desire further information or to discuss this submittal, please contact me at (330) 384-2743.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Maggiore Transmission Specialist II

Energy Delivery

Transmission and Substation Design

FirstEnergy Service Company

Galion-Roberts South 138 kV Line Switch Replacement Project Case Number 19-1453-EL-BNR

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Attachment 1
Affidavit of Robert J. Maggiore

BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In The Matter Of: The Application of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction for the Galion- Roberts South 138 kV Line Switch Replacement Project))) Case No. 19-1453-EL-BNR))
AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT J. MAGGIORE	
I, Robert J. Maggiore, state the following:	
	Rule 4906-2-04(A)(3)(e), I am the authorized and I affirm that the Construction Notice application best of my information and belief.
	Robert J. Maggiore Transmission Specialist II Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design FirstEnergy Service Company
State of Ohio) ss: County of Summit)	

Sworn and subscribed before me this 2 day of August 2019.

Motary Public



Terese M. Miller Resident Summit County Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires: 04/07/2020

Exhibit 1

Officials Served Copy of Letter of the Construction Notice Galion-Roberts South 138kV Line Switch Replacement Project Case No. 19-1453-EL-BNR

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AMERICAN TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED A FIRSTENERGY COMPANY

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

GALION-ROBERTS 138 kV LINE SWITCH REPLACEMENT

OPSB CASE NO.: 19-1453-EL-BNR

August 8, 2019

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated 76 South Main Street Akron, Ohio 44308 CONSTRUCTION NOTICE
GALION-ROBERTS SOUTH 138 kV LINE
SWITCH REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The following information is being provided in accordance with the procedures in the Ohio

Administrative Code ("OAC") Chapter 4906-6 for the application and review of Accelerated

Certificate Applications. Based upon the requirements found in Appendix A to OAC Rule 4906-

1-01, this Project qualifies for submittal to the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB") as a

Construction Notice application.

4906-6-05: ACCELERATED APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

4906-6-05: Name and Reference Number

Name of Project:

Galion-Roberts South 138 kV Line Switch Replacement

Project ("Project").

4906-6-05 (B)(1): Brief Description of the Project

In this Project, American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), a FirstEnergy

company, proposes to add two (2) steel single pole switch structures to the Galion-Roberts

South 138 kV Transmission Line along the same centerline as the existing transmission

line. In addition, ATSI proposes to convert an existing inoperable 2-way switch structure

to a standard 3-way tap structure. The Project will be located in Marion Township, Marion

County Ohio.

The general location of the Project is shown in Exhibit 1, a partial copy of the United States

Geologic Survey, Richland County OH, Quad Map. Exhibit 2 is a copy of ESRI aerial

imagery of the Project area. The Project is located at approximately 606 Likens Road,

Marion, OH 43302. The general layout is shown in Exhibit 3. The Project will be located

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in Marion Township, Marion County Ohio.

4906-6-05 (B)(1): Construction Notice Requirement

The Project meets the requirements for a Construction Notice application because the Project is within the types of projects defined by Item (2)(a) of the Application Requirement Matrix for Electric Power Transmission Lines, Appendix A of OAC Rule 4906-1-01. This item states:

(2) Adding new circuits on existing structures designed for multiple circuit use, replacing conductors on existing structures with larger or bundled conductors, adding structures to an existing line or replacing structures with a different type of structure, for a distance of:

(a) two miles or less

The proposed Project is within the requirements of Item (2)(a) as it involves adding two (2) steel poles on the same centerline as the existing transmission line within the existing right-of-way.

4906-6-05 (B)(2): Need For the Project

The project is to replace one (1) inoperable and non-repairable 2-way switch on the Galion-Roberts South 138 kV Transmission Line tap to the Hamilton mod substation 138kV/12.47kV. The existing switch is obsolete, non-repairable, and does not meet current FirstEnergy standards. The 2-way switch at this tap is used for operational flexibility, system restoration, and to provide safe and reliable electrical service. In the case of an outage on the Galion – Roberts South 138 kV line, which may be caused by equipment failure, having the line switches at Hamilton mod substation tap allow for quicker restoration of the line. With two switches on either side of the tap, one switch can be opened on the side of the fault, while the other switch is closed allowing Hamilton to be fed from the other direction. With an inoperable switch at this location, there is no way to

sectionalize the line to feed the substation without forcing an unplanned outage to

approximately 2,800 customers and approximately 23 MWs of load in the event of an

emergency. If an inoperable switch is stuck open, it will create a radial line (feeding

customers from one source instead of a networked line with two sources) which puts other

customers on the line at risk.

4906-6-05 (B)(3): Location of the Project Relative to Existing or Proposed Lines

The location of the Project relative to existing or proposed lines is shown in the ATSI

Transmission Network Map, included as part of the confidential portion of the FirstEnergy

Corp. 2019 Long-Term Forecast Report. This map was submitted to the PUCO in Case No.

19-1453-EL-BRN under Rule 4901:5-5:04 (C)(2)(b) of the Ohio Administrative Code. The

map is incorporated by reference only. This map shows ATSI's 345 kV and 138 kV

transmission lines and transmission substations including the Galion-Roberts South 138

kV Transmission Line. The Project area is located approximately 6.2 inches (11" x 17"

printed version) from the left edge of the map and 5.5 inches (11" x 17" printed version)

from the top of the map. The general location and layout of the Project area is shown in

Exhibits 1 and 2.

The Project is not included in ATSI's LTFR filed in 2019 as it was not confirmed at the

time of filing.

4906-6-05 (B)(4): Alternatives Considered

No alternatives to the design were considered.

4906-6-05 (B)(5): Public Information Program

ATSI's manager of External Affairs will advise local officials of the proposed Project as

necessary.

4906-6-05 (B)(6): Construction Schedule

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The construction schedule for this Project is expected to begin as early as September 30, 2019 and completed by November 30, 2019.

4906-6-05 (B)(7): Area Map

Exhibit 1 depicts the general location of the Project. This Exhibit provides a partial copy of the United States Geologic Survey, Marion County OH, Quad Map. Exhibit 2 is a copy of ESRI aerial imagery of the Project area.

4906-6-05 (B)(8): Property Owner List

The Project is located on Ohio Edison owned property. No new right-of-way or easements are required for the Project.

4906-6-05 (B)(9): TECHNICAL FEATURES OF THE PROJECT

4906-6-05 (B)(9)(a): Operating Characteristics

The transmission line construction will have the following characteristics:

Voltage:

138 kV

Conductors:

477 kcmil 26/7 ACSR (existing)

Static Wire: Insulators: OPGW Porcelain 100 feet

ROW Width: Structure Types:

Exhibit 4: Single Circuit, Switch Structure,

Two (2) steel structures are needed.

Exhibit 5: Single Circuit, 138 kV Tap Structure,

One (1) Structure Needed.

4906-6-05 (B)(9)(b): Electric and Magnetic Fields

The closest occupied residence or institution is approximately 1,370 feet from the transmission line centerline. As this distance is greater than 100 feet, Electric and Magnetic Field ("EMF") calculations have not been estimated.

4906-6-05 (B)(9)(c): Estimated Cost

The estimated capital cost for the proposed Project is approximately \$1,102,900.

4906-6-05 (B)(10): SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(a): Land Uses

The Project is located in Marion Township, Marion County Ohio. The main land use

around the Project area is zoned as commercial. The Project is located in the existing right-

of-way and no changes or impacts to the current land use are anticipated.

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(b): Agricultural Land

Agricultural land does not exist within the Project's disturbance area.

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(c): Archaeological or Cultural Resources

As part of the investigation, a search of Ohio Historic Preservation Office ("OHPO") online

database was conducted to identify the existence of any significant archeological or cultural

resource sites within 0.5 miles of the Project Area. A map of the results of the search is

shown in Exhibit 6.

The OHPO database includes all Ohio listings on the National Register of Historic Places

("NRHP"), including districts, sites, building, structures, and objects that are significant in

American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. The results of the

search indicate that no listed NRHP sites and no NRHP eligible sites were identified within

0.5 miles of the Project potential disturbance area.

The OHPO database also includes listing of the Ohio Archaeological Inventory ("OAI"),

the Ohio Historic Inventory ("OHI"), previous cultural resource surveys, and the Ohio

Genealogical Society ("OGS") cemetery inventory. There are no OAI listed archeological

resource that has been previously inventoried within 0.5 miles of the Project area. There is

one listed structural resource located within 0.5 miles of the Project area. The resource is

listed as a single dwelling original construction structure (OHI#MAR0037409). No previous cultural resource surveys were conducted within 0.5 miles of the Project area. No OSG cemeteries are located within 0.5 miles of the Project area.

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(d): Local, State, and Federal Requirements

There are no known additional government agency requirements for the Project.

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(e): Endangered, Threatened, and Rare Species Investigation

Nine (9) wildlife species and nine (9) plant species designated by the State of Ohio as threatened or endangered and eleven (11) wildlife species listed as a species of concern are identified as potentially occurring in Marion County. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists six (6) wildlife species designated as federally threatened or endangered as potentially occurring in Marion County. The Project work limits will be contained to an area located along an existing maintained transmission line right-of way. This area consists of herbaceous vegetation and grass that is routinely mowed and otherwise maintained as a transmission line corridor. No trees are located within the Project area. Due to the location of the Project and the scope of work, therefore, the Project is not anticipated to adversely impact any of the listed species.

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(f): Areas of Ecological Concern

The Project area is industrial and an existing maintained right-of-way. All work will be limited to the existing right-of-way and will be accessed from Hamilton Mod Substation. No areas of ecological concern as located within the Project work area.

4906-6-05(B)(10)(g): Other Information

Construction of the proposed Project will be in accordance with the requirements specified in the latest revision of the National Electric Safety Code as adopted by the PUCO and will meet all applicable safety standards established by the Occupational Safety and Health

Administration. No other or unusual conditions are expected that will result in significant environmental, social, health or safety impacts.

4906-6-07: Documentation of Construction Notice Transmittal and Availability for Public Review

This Construction Notice application is being provided concurrently to the following officials in Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio.

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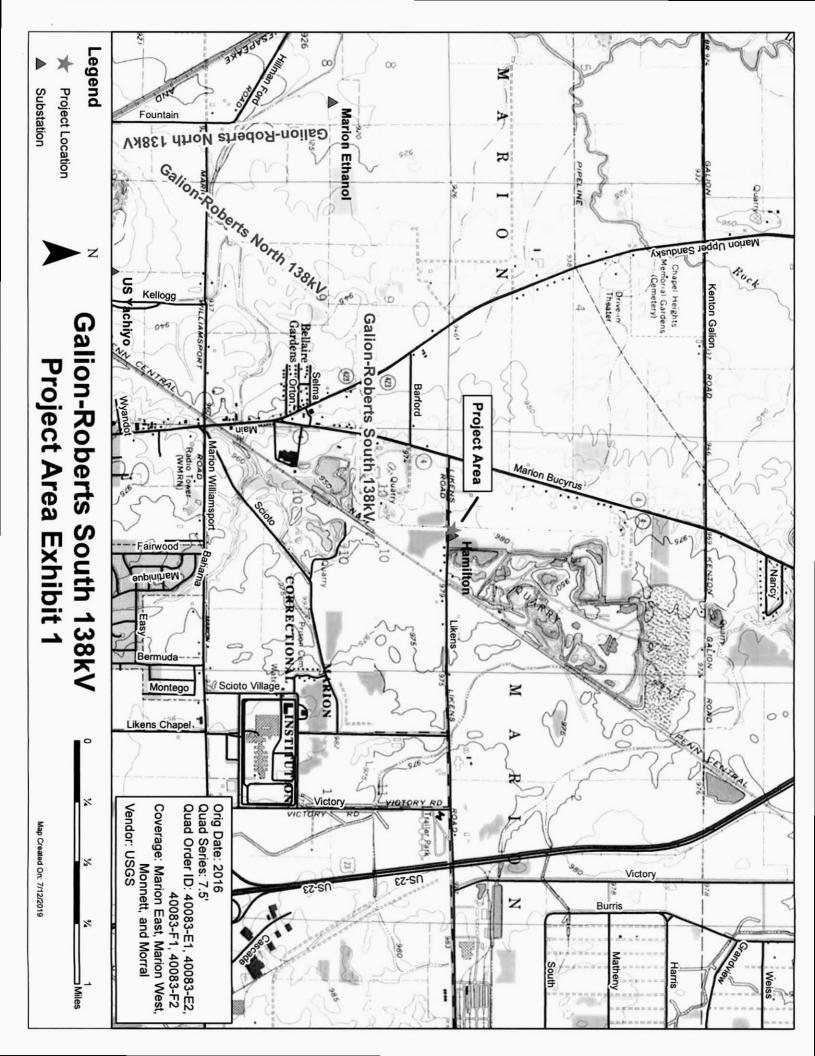
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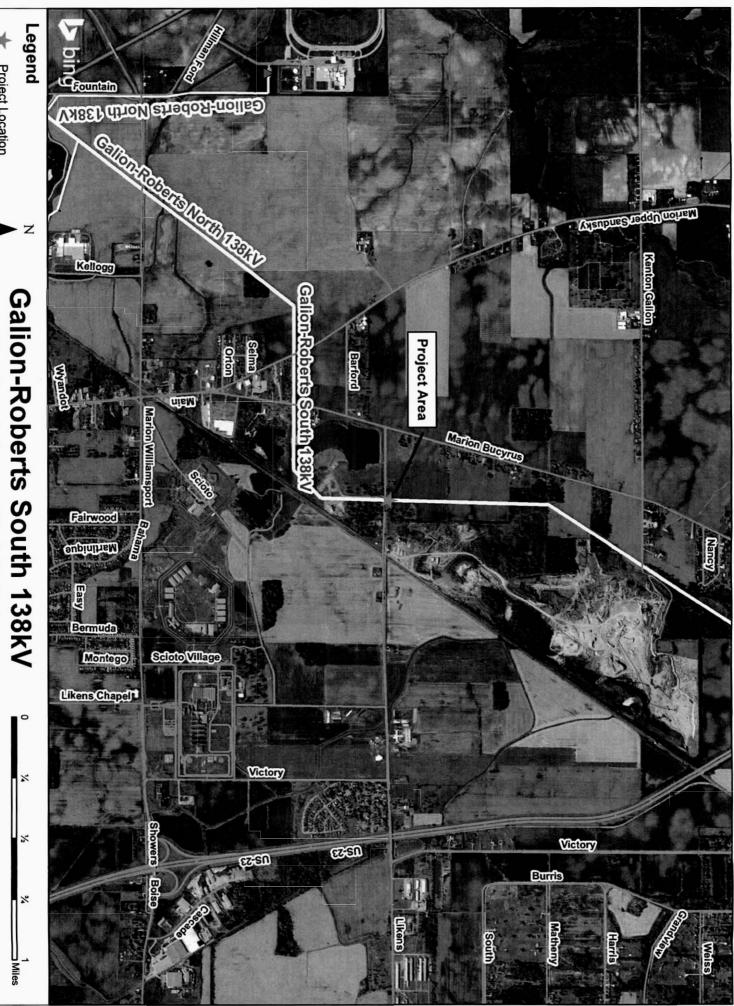
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Copies of the transmittal letters to these officials have been included with the transmittal letter submitting this Construction Notice application to the OPSB and are being provided to meet the requirement of OAC Rule 4906-6-07 (B) to provide the OPSB with proof of compliance with the notice requirement to local officials in OAC Rule 4906-6-07 (A)(1) and to libraries in OAC Rule 4906-6-07 (A)(2).

Information is posted on www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_project/ohio.html on how to request an electronic or paper copy of this Construction Notice application. The link to website is being proved to meet the requirement of OAC Rule 4906-6-07 (B) and to provide the OPSB with proof of compliance with the notice requirements in OAC Rule 4906-6-07 (A)(3).



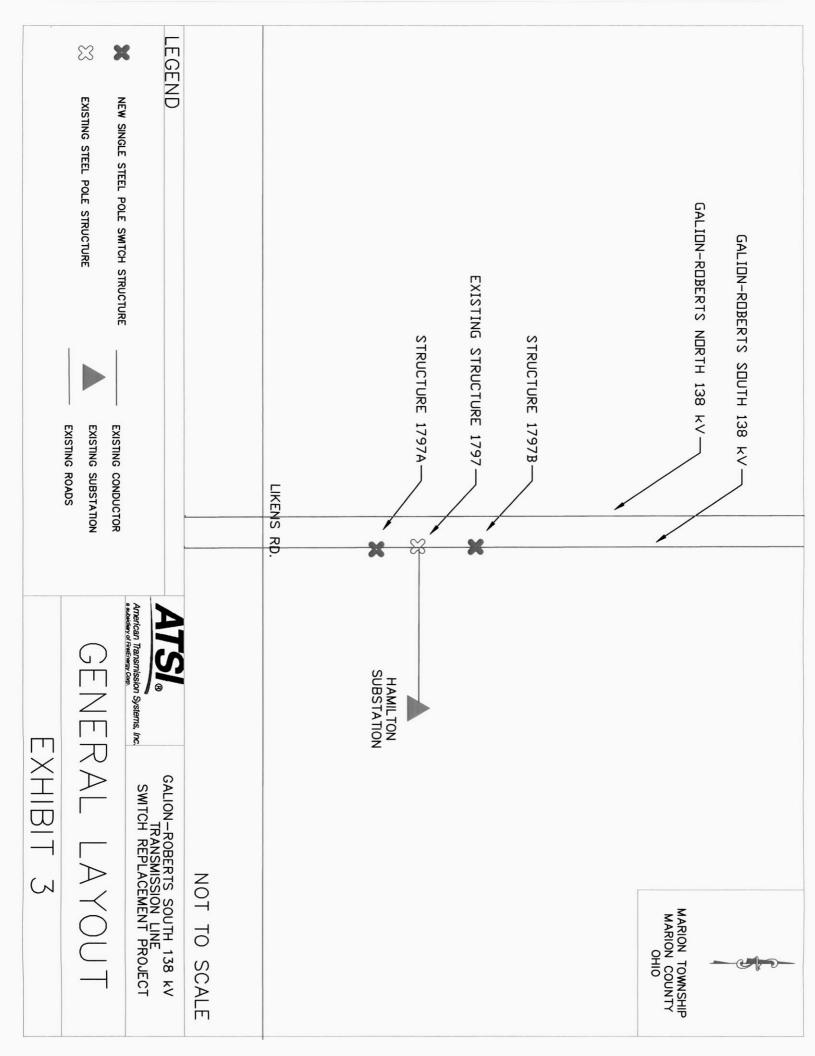


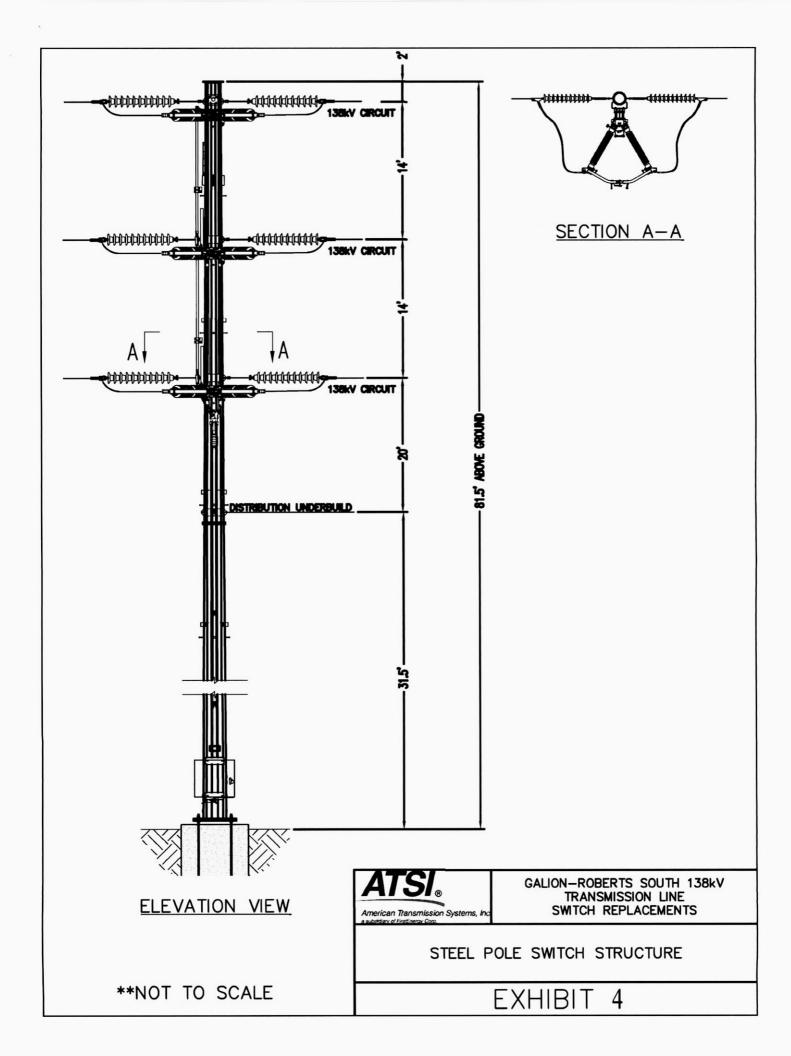
Project Area Exhibit 2

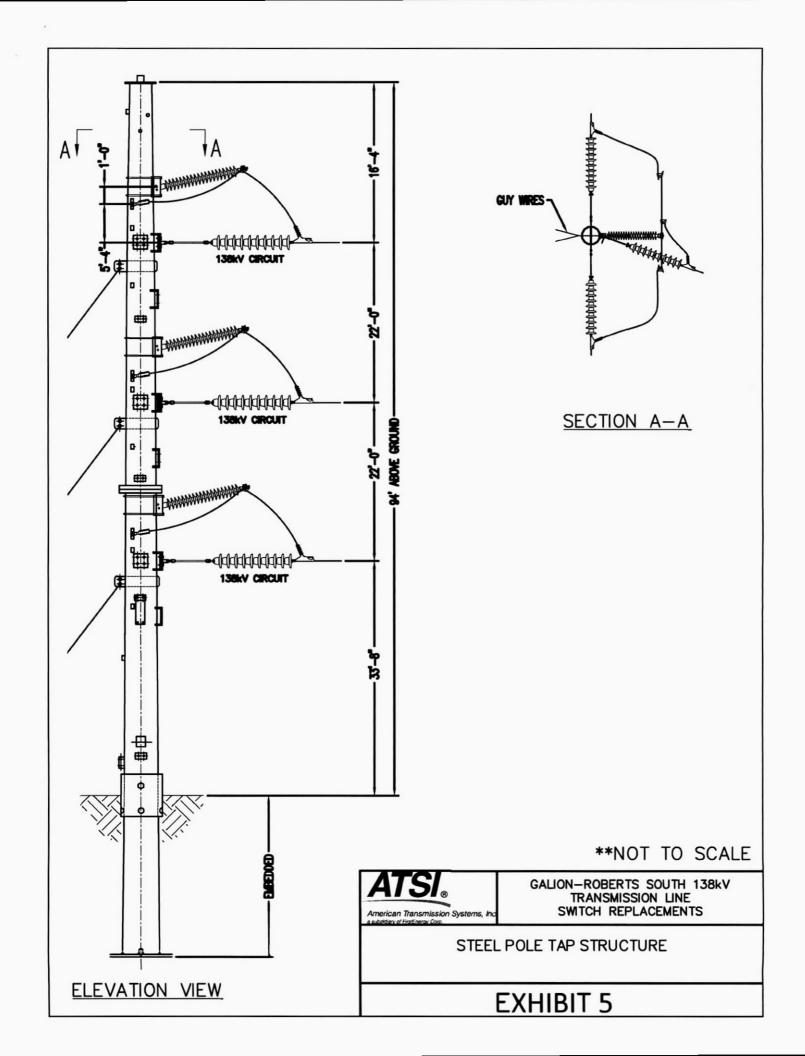
Project Location Substation

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State Historic Preservation Office

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NR Listings

- Listed
- National Historic LandmarkDelisted

- NR Determinations of Eligibi
- Historic Structures
- Historic Bridges
- **OGS** Cemeteries Historic Tax Credit Projects
- ↑ Not Confident
- UTM Zone Split

Dams

- NR Boundaries
- Historic Previously Surveyed Phase3

Phase2

Phase1

0.61 Miles

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This Project requires the approval of the OPSB and in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-1-01, this Project falls within the OPSB's requirements for a Construction Notice application. In compliance with OAC Chapter 4906-6, we have filed the attached Construction Notice application with the OPSB for their review and approval. The Construction Notice application contains a description of the Project and is provided for your information.

I will be happy to answer your questions concerning this matter. You can contact me at (330) 384-2743.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Maggiore, Transmission Specialist II

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August 8, 2019

Mr. Gary Branson, Executive Director Marion Public Library 445 East Church Street Marion, OH 43302

Construction Notice Galion-Roberts South 138 kV Line Switch Replacement Project

Case No. 19-1453-EL-BNR

Dear Mr. Branson,

Enclosed please find one copy of the Construction Notice application of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), a FirstEnergy company, for the Galion-Roberts South 138 kV Line Switch Replacement Project ("Project") that has been filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). Please make the Construction Notice application available for public reference in the Marion Public Library.

We are providing a copy of the Construction Notice application for placement in your library in response to the requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-6-07(A)(2). This rule requires us to place a copy of the Construction Notice application in the main public libraries of the political subdivisions in which any portion of the Project is to be located.

As described in the Construction Notice application, the Project proposes to add two (2) steel single pole switch structures to the Galion-Roberts South 138 kV Transmission Line along the same centerline as the existing transmission line. In addition, ATSI proposes to convert an existing inoperable 2-way switch structure to a standard 3-way tap structure. The Project will be located in Marion Township, Marion County Ohio.

Please feel free to call me with any question you may have on making the Construction Notice application available to your patrons. My phone number is (330) 384-2743.

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