

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tanowa Troupe  
Docketing Division, Ohio Power Siting Board  
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
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Columbus, OH 43215-3793

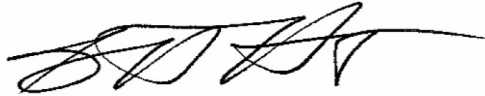
**Letter of Notification**  
**Fostoria West End (AEP)-Lemoyne-West Fremont 138 kV Transmission Line**  
**and Woodville No. 2 Substation Upgrade Project**  
**Case No. 19-1337-EL-BLN**  
**Supplemental Information**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Enclosed for docketing and Staff's review, as required by Condition (1) of the Construction Certificate issued in the above-referenced case, is authorization from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for a limited number of trees to be removed prior to October 1, 2023. ATSI received concurrence from USFWS on July 28, 2023 that no impacts are anticipated to federally protected bat species from the proposed tree clearing work.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 330-384-2526.

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Transmission and Substation Design FirstEnergy Service  
Company

Attachments

**From:** Applegate, Jeromy <[jeromy\\_applegate@fws.gov](mailto:jeromy_applegate@fws.gov)> **On Behalf Of** Ohio, FW3  
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Hello Philip,

These trees do not appear to provide suitable roosting or foraging habitat for federally listed bats. We do not object to clearing these trees prior to October 1.

Jeromy Applegate  
Fish and Wildlife Biologist

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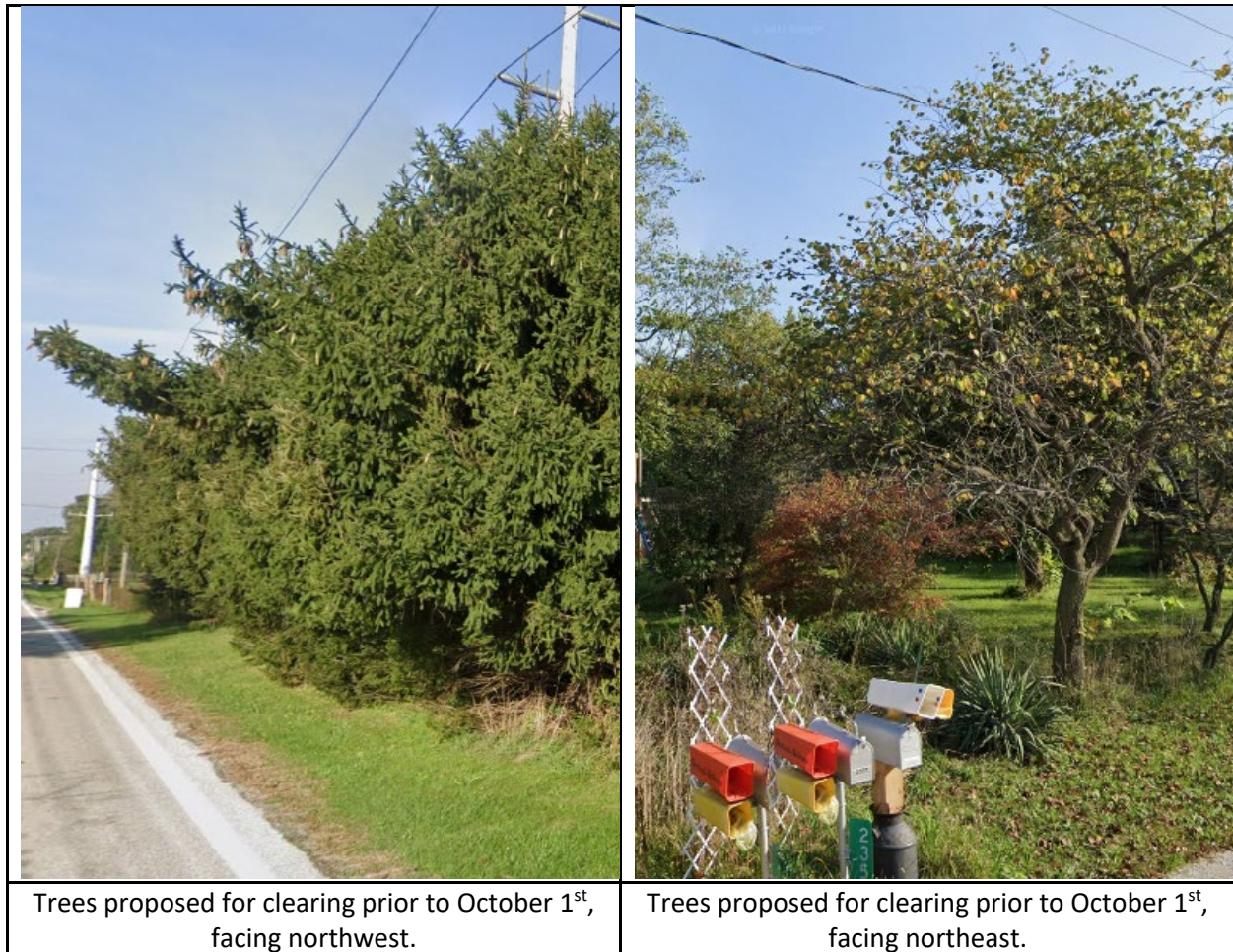
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To Whom It May Concern:

On June 11, 2019, WSP USA (WSP) and American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, received recommendations from the USFWS regarding the proposed Lemoyne-Woodville #2-Fostoria 138 kV Transmission Line Project (Project), referenced as TAILS# 03E15000-2019-TA-1298 (see attached). This document indicated that “Due to the project type, size, location, and the proposed implementation of seasonal tree cutting (clearing of trees ≥3 inches diameter at breast height between October 1 and March 31),” the USFWS did not anticipate impacts to Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). This correspondence was included with ATSI’s pre-construction filing with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) and the October 1 through March 31 seasonal clearing dates were included as conditions in OPSB’s approval. OPSB requires USFWS concurrence for any changes to the Project which would include tree cutting outside of the seasonal clearing dates prior to OPSB approval.

As a result of recent developments and the imminent start to construction, the Project will now require the removal of a limited number of trees and shrubs near approximate coordinate 41.4500, -83.4412 prior to October 1, 2023. This general location is displayed on the attached Proposed Clearing Map. Representative photographs have been included below. Clearing will include approximately five ornamental spruce (*Picea sp.*) trees and four small apple (*Malus domestica*) trees greater than 3" dbh. Due to the small number of trees, their proximity to a well-travelled roadway and residential structures, and the lack of exfoliating bark and cavities, WSP and ATSI do not anticipate impacts to federally protected bat species resulting from the clearing of these trees prior to October 1. In order to gain OPSB approval, WSP and ATSI request USFWS concurrence that clearing of the aforementioned trees prior to October 1 will not result in adverse effects to federally protected bat species. If any additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me at the information listed below.



Best Regards,

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USFWS electronically filed by Ms. Devan K. Flahive on behalf of American  
Transmission Systems Incorporated.