**BEFORE**

**THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

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| In the Matter of the Application of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for a Certificate to Construct the East-Springfield London-Tangy 138 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project. | ::::: | Case No. 11-4884-EL-BTX |
| In the Matter of the Application of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for a Certificate to Expand the London Substation to Include a Transmission Switch. | ::::: | Case No. 11-4885-EL-BSB |

**Prefiled testimony**

**of**

**JIM O’DELL**

**on behalf of the staff of**

**the ohio power siting board**

**STAFF EX. \_\_\_\_\_**

**January 17, 2013**

1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

 A. My name is Jim O’Dell, and my business address is 180 East Broad Street, Columbus OH 43215.

2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

 A. I am employed by the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) as a siting special­ist.

3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

A. I have Bachelor’s degrees from The Ohio State University in Political Science (1988) and Sociology (1997). Additionally, I graduated with a Master’s Degree in City and Regional Planning from the College of Engi­neering at The Ohio State University in 1992. I also have significant course work completed towards a Master’s Degree in Public Policy from Central Michigan University.

 I have been employed at the OPSB since 1991. I have worked almost exclusively on power siting activities during that time. I have been involved in, and developed analysis for, over 300 proceedings before the OPSB. My responsibilities typically include application review and the preparation of analysis for major utility facilities in Ohio. Additionally, I process and review minor filings such as Letters of Notification and Con­struction Notices. I also have been a primary author of the Board’s annual reports. I have been the lead analyst in approximately three dozen applica­tions, responsible for the preparation of staff reports and coordination of Staff review and field work for major utility facilities.

4. Q. Describe your role in this proceeding?

 A. I am the lead analyst for the East-Springfield-London-Tangy Transmission Line and London Substation projects in these cases. I was responsible for the preparation of the Staff Report of Investigation. I coordinated the Staff’s review of the application, including the conduct of the field work.

5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

 A. I am sponsoring the Staff Report of Investigation in this proceeding.

6. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to supplement my testimony as new information subsequently becomes available or in response to posi­tions taken by other parties.

# PROOF OF SERVICE

 I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Jim O’Dell**, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board,was served by regu­lar U.S. mail, postage prepaid, hand-delivered, and/or delivered via elec­tronic mail, upon the follow­ing par­ties of record, this 17th day of January, 2013.

/s/ John H. Jones

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