76 South Main Street Akron, Ohio 44308

1-800-646-0400



December 27, 2011

Ms. Betty McCauley
Director, Administration Department
Secretary to the Commission
Docketing Division
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

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Letter of Notification
Galion-Longview 138 kV Transmission Line
New Structure Installation Project
Case No. 11-4043-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. McCauley:

In accordance with Rule 4906-1-11 American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp, transmits one (1) original and eleven (11) copies of the enclosed Letter of Notification for the above captioned project. In this project, ATSI is proposing to install one (1) new single pole switch structure in the Galion-Longview 138 kV Transmission Line. The Project is located northwest of the intersection of West 4th Street and Stumbo Road North in the city of Ontario, Richland County Ohio.

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 of proposed facilities:

Galion-Longview 138 kV Transmission Line New Structure Installation Project

c) Location of proposed project:

The Project is located northwest of the intersection of West 4th Street and Stumbo Road North in the city of Ontario, Richland County Ohio.

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d) Description of proposed facilities:

The Project involves installing one (1) new structure in the existing Galion-Longview 138 kV Transmission Line.

e) Applicant's representative:

Scott M. Humphrys
Transmission Specialist
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design
FirstEnergy Service Company
76 South Main Street
Akron, OH 44308-1890

After docketing this filing, please return one time-stamped copy of the Letter of Notification for our records to us in the enclosed envelope. We have provided a copy of the Letter of Notification by certified mail, with return receipt requested, to each official of the political subdivisions immediately affected by the proposed project as listed in the attached Exhibit 1. Copies of the transmittal letters addressed to the local government representatives of the city of Ontario and Richland County are enclosed for your file.

Should the Ohio Power Siting Board desire further information or discussion of this submittal, please contact me at (330) 384-2526.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Humphrys

Transmission Specialist

Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation

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EXHIBIT 1 OFFICIALS SERVED COPY OF LON

Galion-Longview 138 kV Transmission Line New Structure Installation Project Case No. 11- -EL-BLN

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LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

GALION-LONGVIEW
138 kV TRANSMISSION LINE
NEW STRUCTURE INSTALLATION
PROJECT

OPSB CASE NO.: 11- 6063 -EL-BLN

December 27, 2011

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

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION GALION-LONGVIEW 138 kV TRANSMISSION LINE NEW STRUCTURE INSTALLATION PROJECT

The following information is being provided in accordance with the procedures delineated in Ohio Administrative Code Section 4906-11-01: <u>Letter of Notification Requirements</u> of the Rules and Regulations of the Ohio Power Siting Board.

4906-11-01 (B): General Information

4906-11-01 (B) (1): (a) Name and Reference Number

Name of Project: Galion-Longview 138 kV Transmission Line New Structure

Installation Project ("Project")

2011 LTFR Reference: This Project is not identified in FirstEnergy Corp.'s 2011

Electric Long-Term Forecast Report ("LTFR") submitted to the Public Utility Commission of Ohio in Case Number 11-

1435-EL-FOR.

4906-11-01 (B) (1): (b) Brief Description of Project

In the Galion-Longview 138 kV Transmission Line New Structure Installation Project, American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI") a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., is proposing to install one (1) single pole switch structure in the existing Galion-Longview 138 kV Transmission Line between structures 1964 and 1966. The Project is located northwest of the intersection of West 4th Street and Stumbo Road North in the city of Ontario, Richland County Ohio.

The general location of the Project is shown in Exhibit 1, which is a partial copy of the United States Geologic Survey, Richland County, Ohio, Quad Map, ID number 40082-G5. Exhibit 2 shows the general layout. Exhibit 3 shows the general typical details of the single pole switch structure to be installed in this Project.

4906-11-01 (B) (1): (c) Why the Project Meets the Requirements for a Letter of Notification

The Project meets the requirements for a Letter of Notification because the Project is within the types of project defined by Items (4) (a) of the Application Requirement Matrix for Electric Power Transmission Lines in Appendix A of 4906-1-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code. This item states:

- (4) Replacing electric power transmission line structure(s) with a different type of structure(s) or adding structure(s) within an existing electric power transmission line and:
 - (a) Two miles or less of new right-of-way required.

The proposed Project involves installing one (1) new structure in the existing Galion-Longview 138 kV Transmission Line and requires no new right-of-way.

4906-11-01 (B) (2): Need for the Project

This Project is needed to prevent network disruption from a customer substation. The GM Stamping Plant Substation, located adjacent to the Project area, has historically been fed by a 138 kV loop. The addition of the transmission switch and switch structure in this project, accompanied by the removal of the disconnectable taps and addition of jumpers from conductor to conductor, allows ATSI to bypass the GM Stamping Plant Substation, and feed it as a 138 kV tap. Bypassing the GM facilities will prevent breaker failure that could disrupt the current transmission network.

4906-11-01 (B) (3): Location Relative to Existing or Proposed Lines

The location of the Project relative to existing or proposed transmission lines is shown in the FirstEnergy System Facilities map, included as the last page of Chapter 3 of the confidential portion of the FirstEnergy Corp. 2011 Long-Term Forecast Report submitted to the PUCO in case no. 11-1435-EL-FOR under rules 4901:5-5:04 (C) of the Ohio Administrative Code. This map shows ATSI's 345 kV and 138 kV transmission lines and transmission substations, including the location of the Galion-Longview 138 kV Transmission Line. The project area is located approximately 6 ½

inches (11 by 17 inch printed version) from the left edge of the map box and 5 inches (11 by 17 inch printed version) from the bottom of the map box. The general location of the Project is shown on Exhibit No. 1.

4906-11-01 (B) (4): Alternatives Considered

There were no other alternatives considered.

4906-11-01 (B) (5): Construction Schedule

Construction on the Project is expected to begin on approximately April 1, 2012 and is expected to be completed and placed in-service by May 31, 2012.

4906-11-01 (B) (6): Area Map

Exhibit No. 1 is a map depicting the general location of the project site. To locate and view the project site from the Columbus, Ohio area, travel north on Interstate 71 North for approximately 55 miles. Take exit 165 for OH-97 toward Lexington/Bellville. Turn left onto OH-97 W and go 2.7 miles. Turn left onto East Main Street and go 0.7 miles. Turn right onto Plymouth Street and go 0.6 miles. Continue onto Lexington Springmill Road South and go 6.1 miles. Turn left onto W 4th St. The Project area will be on the left.

4906-11-01 (B) (7): Property Owner List

The Project will be constructed within existing easements in an existing transmission corridor. No new easements or rights of way are needed.

4906-11-01 (C): Technical Features of the Project

4906-11-01 (C) (1): Operating Characteristics

The new transmission line structure will be designed and constructed for 138 kV operations. The transmission line intermediate structure will have the following characteristics:

Voltage:

138 kV

Conductor:

477 MCM ACSR 26/7 101.8 MCM ACSR 12/7

Static Wire: Insulators:

Polymer Horizontal

Structure types:

Exhibit No. 3 – Single Pole Switch Structure

4906-11-01 (C) (2): (a) Calculated Electric and Magnetic Fields

The following table itemizes the line loading of the transmission lines at the section where the intermediate structure is being installed in this Project. The normal line loading represents FirstEnergy's peak system load for the transmission lines. The emergency line loading represent the maximum line loading under contingency operation. The winter rating amps is based on the continuous maximum conductor ratings (MCR) of the circuits for an ambient temperature of zero degrees centigrade (32 deg. F), wind speed of 1.3 miles per hour, and a circuit design operating temperature of 100 degrees centigrade (212 deg. F).

Line Name	Normal Loading	Emergency	Winter Rating
	Amps	Loading Amps	Amps
Galion-Longview 138 kV Transmission Line	557	674	946

The following EMF calculations were performed using the EPRI EXPOCALC program software. This program software assumes the input transmission line configuration is located on flat terrain. Also, a balanced, three-phase circuit loading is assumed. The model is based on a 75-foot wide right-of-way on fee owned property and a minimum conductor ground clearance of 24-feet and includes the nearby parallel circuits.

EMF	CALCULATIONS	Electric Field kV/meter	Magnetic Field mGauss
Normal Loading	Under Lowest Conductors	0.60	25.33
	At Right-of-Way Edge	0.19	16.86
Emergency Loading	Under Lowest Conductors	0.60	30.65
	At Right-of-Way Edge	0.19	20.42
Winter Rating	Under Lowest Conductors	0.60	43.02
	At Right-of-Way Edge	0.19	28.80

4906-11-01 (C) (2): (b) EMF Discussion

Background Information

Electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) are naturally occurring in the environment and can be found in the Earth's interior and in the human body. EMFs are generated essentially anywhere there is a flow of electricity, including electrical appliances and power equipment. Electric fields are associated with the voltage of the source; magnetic fields are associated with the flow of current in a wire. The strength of these fields decreases rapidly with distance from the source. EMFs associated with electricity use are not disruptive to cells like x-rays or ultraviolet rays from the sun. These fields are thought to be too weak to break molecules or chemical bonds in cells. Extensive research has been conducted over the past three decades to determine whether EMFs are associated with adverse health effects. A number of independent scientific panels have reviewed the research and have stated that there is no basis to conclude that EMFs cause adverse health effects nor has it been shown that levels in everyday life are harmful.

Recent Developments

As a part of the National Energy Policy Act of 1992, the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination (EMF RAPID) program was initiated within the five-year effort under the National EMF Research Program. The culmination of this five-year effort resulted in a final RAPID Working Group report, which was released for public review in August 1998. The Director of the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) then prepared a final report to Congress after receiving public comments.

The NIEHS' Director's final report, released to Congress on May 4, 1999, concluded that extremely low frequency electric and magnetic fields (ELF-EMF) exposure cannot be recognized at this time as entirely safe because of weak scientific evidence that exposure may pose a leukemia hazard. The Director further stated that the conclusion of this report is insufficient to warrant aggressive regulatory concern.

Sources for Additional Information

The following websites sponsored by federal agencies or other organizations provide additional information on EMF:

- Centers for Disease Control/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health: http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emf/
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) EMF Rapid Program: http://www.niehs.nih.gov/emfrapid/home.htm

4906-11-01 (C) (3): Estimated Costs

The estimated capital costs by FERC Accounts for the proposed Project are:

Account	Cost
350 Land Rights, Engineering, Cons	struction, etc. \$ 40,000
355 Poles and Fixtures	\$ 6,000
356 Overhead Conductors & Device	s \$ 30,000
Removal	\$ 0
Total	\$ 76,000

4906-11-01 D: Socioeconomic Data

4906-11-01 (D) (1): Land Use

The Project area is located in an area occupied by commercial activity with some industrial activity also. Based on the U.S. Bureau of Census estimates, the 2000 population of the city of Ontario was 5,303, and the 2010 population of Richland County, Ohio was 124,475.

4906-11-01 (D) (2): Agricultural Land

There is no agricultural land use within or near the footprint of this project. As such, this project will have no impact on agricultural land use.

4906-11-01 (D) (3): Archaeological or Cultural Resources

As part of ATSI's investigation of the project site, a search of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) National Register of Historic Places on-line database was conducted. This search did not identify the existence of any historic sites within the

project area. Properties in the OHPO database include all Ohio listings on the National Register of Historic Places as well as districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture.

4906-11-01 (D) (4): (a) Documentation of Letter of Notification Transmittal

This Letter of Notification is being provided concurrently to the following officials of the city of Ontario and Richland County, Ohio.

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Copies of the transmittal letters to these officials have been included with the transmittal letter submitting this Letter of Notification to the Ohio Power Siting Board.

4906-11-01 (D) (4): (b) Public Information Program

Ohio Edison's, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., Manager of External Affairs will advise local officials of features and the status of the proposed transmission line Project as necessary.

4906-11-01 (D) (5): Current or Pending Litigation

There is no known current or pending litigation involving this Project.

4906-11-01 (C) (6): Local, State, and Federal Requirements

There are no known local, state, or federal requirements that must be met prior to commencement of construction on the proposed transmission line Project.

4906-11-01 (E): Environmental Data

4906-11-01 (E) (1): Endangered, Threatened, and Rare Species Investigation

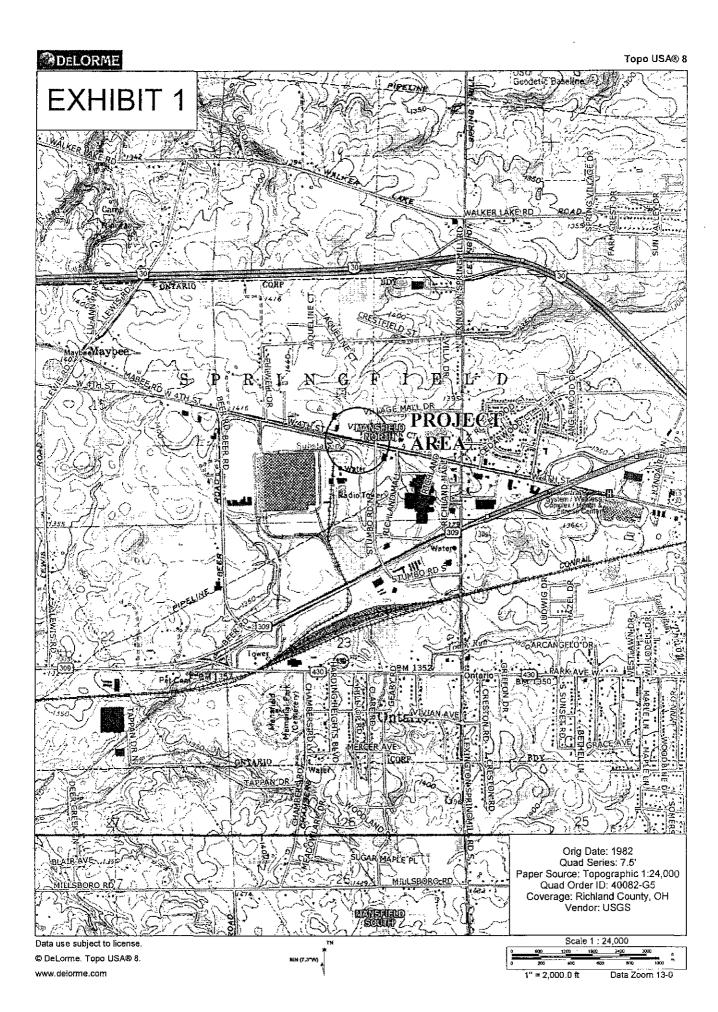
A written request was submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) on November 16, 2011 to research the presence of any endangered, threatened, or rare species within the Project area. Based on the ODNR's response of November 17, 2011, shown in Exhibit 4, indicated that they have no records of rare or endangered species within one mile of the identified Project area.

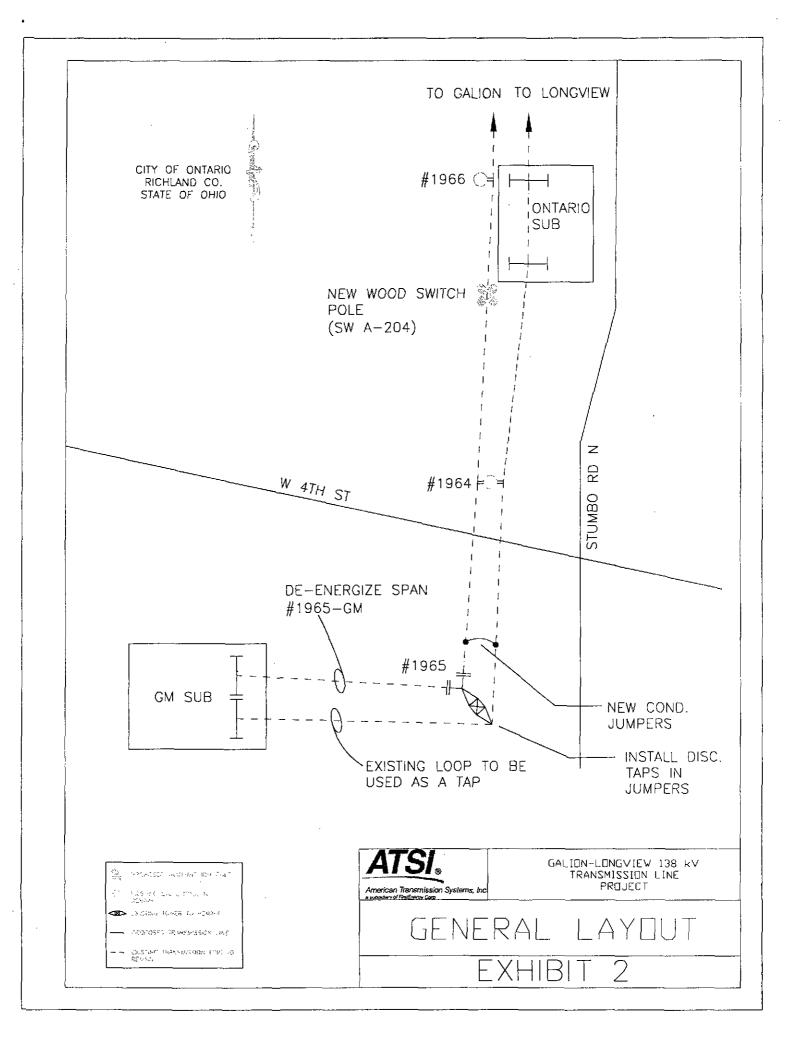
4906-11-01 (E) (2): Areas of Ecological Concern

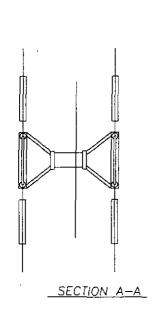
The project is located in an open area along an established transmission line right-ofway. Visual observations of the project area did not indicate areas of ecological concern near the project.

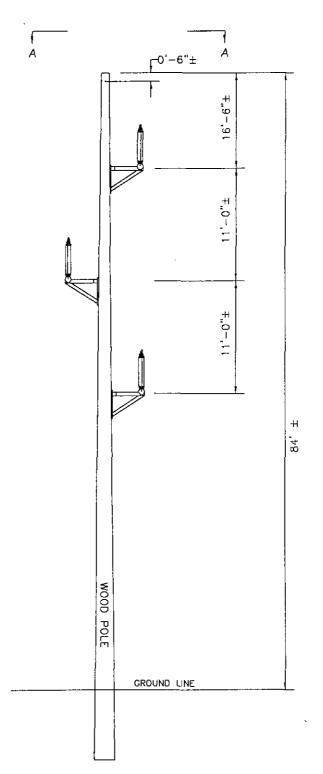
4906-11-01 (E) (3): Additional Information

Construction and operation of the proposed Project will be in accordance with the requirements specified in the latest revision of the NESC as adopted by the PUCO and will meet all applicable safety standards established by OSHA.











American Transmission Systems, Inc.

GALION-LONGVIEW 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

SINGLE CIRCUIT SWITCH STRUCTURE

EXHIBIT 3



Ohio Department of Natural Resources

JOHN R. KASICH, GOVERNOR

JAMES ZEHRINGER, DIRECTOR

Ohio Division of Wildlife Scott A. Zody, Chief 2045 Morse Rd., Bldg. G Columbus, OH 43229-6693 Phone: (614) 265-6300

November 17, 2011

Jessica Thacker First Energy Services Co. 76 S. Main St. Akron, OH 44308

Dear Ms. Thacker:

After reviewing the Biodiversity Database, I find the Division of Wildlife has no records of rare or endangered species in the New Galion-Longview 138 kV Line project area, including a one mile radius, at 2525 W. 4th St. in Springfield Township, Richland County, and on the Mansfield North Quad. We are unaware of any unique ecological sites, geologic features, animal assemblages, scenic rivers, state wildlife areas, nature preserves, parks or forests, national wildlife refuges, parks or forests or other protected natural areas within a one mile radius of the project area.

Our inventory program has not completely surveyed Ohio and relies on information supplied by many individuals and organizations. Therefore, a lack of records for any particular area is not a statement that rare species or unique features are absent from that area. Although we inventory all types of plant communities, we only maintain records on the highest quality areas.

Please contact me at 614-265-6818 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Debbie Woischke, Ecological Analyst Ohio Biodiversity Database Program

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