

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Letter of Notification Application by  
American Transmissions Systems, Incorporated for a  
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public  
Need for the East Akron – Sammis and Lowelville –  
Sammis 138 kV Transmission Lines Relocation**

) **Case Number:**  
) **13-341-EL-BLN**  
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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 the Board's rules.

The applicant's accelerated certificate application in this case is subject to an automatic approval process as required by Section 4906.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The application will be automatically approved on **March 1, 2013**, unless suspended by the Board's chairperson, the Executive Director, or an administrative law judge. If suspended, the Board must render a decision on the application within 90 days from the date of suspension.

Any concerns you or your designee may have with this case must be presented to the Executive Director of the Power Siting Board at least four business days prior to **March 1, 2013**, which is the automatic approval date. To contact the Executive Director with concerns, reply to the email to which this document was attached, or use the ContactOPSB email address listed below.

Sincerely,



Kim Wissman  
Executive Director  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
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## OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

**Case Number:** 13-341-EL-BLN  
**Project Name:** East Akron – Sammis and Lowelville – Sammis 138 kV  
Transmission Lines Relocation  
**Project Location:** Knox Township, Jefferson County, Ohio  
**Applicant:** American Transmission Systems, Incorporated  
**Application Filing Date:** 31 January 2012  
**Filing Type:** **Expedited** Letter of Notification  
**Inspection Date:** 8 February 2013  
**Report Date:** 21 February 2013  
**Automatic Approval Date:** 1 March 2013  
**Projected Docket Closure Date:** 1 June 2015  
(if approved by the Board)  
**Waiver Requests:** none  
**Staff Assigned:** J. O'Dell & D. Rostofer

### Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

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

### Project Description

This project involves removing three structures and associated conductors at the former Toronto Generating Station. The structures must be removed because the northern land parcel for the generating station has been sold. The existing lines would be shortened approximately 300 feet and re-connected to new structures located adjacent to State Highway 7.

### Site Description

No new easements are necessary to complete the project. Land use in proximity to the project primarily includes industrial, railroad and Highway uses.

### Conclusion

Staff has verified that the Applicant will access the construction area from State Highway 7, thus avoiding two nearby wetlands. No significant vegetative clearing is required. The construction of this project should pose only minimal negative social and ecological impacts.

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