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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215


RE: **In the Matter of the Letter of Notification for  
Toronto and Sammis Area 138 kV  
Transmission Line Rebuild and  
Reconfiguration  
Case No. 14-0037-EL-BLN**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 1 copy of the proof of publication in the above-captioned case. The public notice appeared in the January 15, 2014, Steubenville Herald Star.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Schmidt, Jr.  
Attorney for Applicant American Transmission Systems, Inc.

Enclosure

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# Classic Atlantic City casino closes its doors

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey's Atlantic Club Casino Hotel shut down early Monday morning, the victim of a glut of casinos in the northeastern U.S.

Once Atlantic City's top-earning casino, where then-owner Steve Wynn clowned with Frank Sinatra in commercials, bringing the legendary singer an armful of fresh towels, the Atlantic Club went out with a whimper. In the hours before the 12:01 a.m. closing, its restaurants and bars had all shut down, and many gamblers and employees had already left.

The few die-hards that stayed on the casino floor until the end counted down its final five seconds as dealers who were suddenly unemployed burst into tears and hugged each other. Within moments, casino staff began stacking and counting chips and preparing to remove cash boxes from the casino floor.

"Where was our support?" asked Kathy Buonasorte, a cocktail server for 28 of the casino's 33 years. "They all left us. No politician helped us. No one came to save us."

On the sidewalk outside the casino, she hugged Beth DeLuccia, another veteran cocktail server, who she described as the first friend she made at the casino. Nearby, server Maurice Cohen had just finished her final shift.

"I served my last drink at 4 this afternoon," she said. "It was incredibly sad. Can you believe how pathetic it's going to be to come over (a nearby bridge) and see a closed casino?" She said people who used to work at the casino but hadn't been there for 20 years came back Sunday to say goodbye.

The employees were among the 1,600 workers who lost their jobs. Cohen planned to attend an outreach session Monday morning by the casino workers'

union that would help them file for unemployment, food stamps and other assistance.

"It's a sad day," said David Rebeck, director of the state Division of Gaming Enforcement, who watched the shut-down process begin right after midnight. Dealers and security personnel set to work counting the take from the casino's final day. Oversight workers were to read the meter on each of the hundreds of slot machines, empty the cash containers and secure them in the counting room. At some point on Monday, armored cars were to remove the remaining cash.

The hotel's safe deposit boxes had been emptied hours before the shutdown as the final hotel guests checked out, and front-desk cashier drawers were already removed, leaving gaping holes.

By Wednesday, crews from the Tropicana, one of two rival casinos who bought the Atlantic

Club intending to put it out of business, will begin removing the slot machines and table games. The casino floor will be bare by the end of the month, Rebeck said.

Guests helped themselves to souvenirs as well, digging up or ripping out potted plants and even six-foot-tall trees from planters on their way out the door.

It was the first casino closure in Atlantic City since the Sands shut down in 2006. But that was intended to make way for a bigger, better casino that Pinnacle Entertainment planned, but never actually built.

Struggling for years against newer, bigger casinos in Atlantic City and in neighboring states, the Atlantic Club sought a buyer for the last few years but was unable to attract one. It filed for bankruptcy in November and was sold for a combined \$23.4 million just

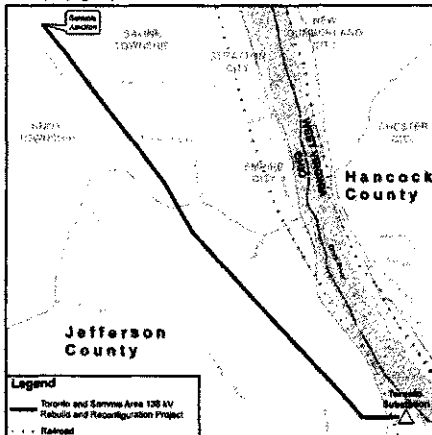
before Christmas to Tropicana Entertainment and Caesars Entertainment. Tropicana bought the customer lists in addition to the table games and slot machines while Caesars bought the 801-room hotel, for which it has no immediate plans.

The Atlantic Club opened in December 1980 as the Golden Nugget, owned at the time by casino magnate Steve Wynn. Over the years, as the Atlantic City casino market expanded, the casino changed hands several times and went through a handful of names: The Grand, Bally's Grand, the Atlantic City Hilton, ACH and finally the Atlantic Club.

As newer casinos opened with 2,000 rooms and hot nightclubs, pools and spas, it was no longer so special. It lost market share to its local competitors, and the decline was hastened when the first Pennsylvania casino opened in 2006.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), a FirstEnergy Company, in the proposed Toronto and Sammis Area 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild and Reconfiguration Project ("Project"), plans to rebuild approximately 4.5 miles of the existing Sammis - Lowellville 138 kV Transmission Line. The proposed Project is located in existing right-of-way and includes installing higher capacity conductors (wires), new wood H-frame structures and new steel monopole structures. The Project is located in Saline and Knox Townships in Jefferson County, Ohio. ATSI has proposed this Project, a major utility facility, in a Letter of Notification Application submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. The general Project location is shown on the accompanying map of the area.



The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

The Honorable David Maple, Jr., Jefferson County Commissioner  
 The Honorable Thomas Gentile, Jefferson County Commissioner  
 The Honorable Thomas Graham, Jefferson County Commissioner  
 Mr. John Conigan, Jefferson County Clerk of Court  
 Mr. Jim Branagan, Jefferson County Engineer  
 Mr. Dornenick Mucci, Jr., Jefferson County Regional Planning Commission Director  
 Mr. Donald R. Elder, Knox Township Trustee  
 Mr. Donald L. Miller, Knox Township Trustee  
 Mr. John M. Danko, Knox Township Trustee  
 Ms. Angie Renee Allison, Knox Township Fiscal Officer  
 Mr. Charles E. Crawford, Saline Township Trustee  
 Mr. Danny Lee Householder, Saline Township Trustee  
 Mr. Donald Samuel Wilson, Saline Township Trustee  
 Mr. Donald F. Frisley, Saline Township Fiscal Officer

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, c/o Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Utilities Department, 12th Floor, Borden Building, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. www.opsb.ohio.gov. A copy of the application has also been sent to the following library:

Toronto Public Library, 607 Daniels Street, Toronto, Ohio 43964

A Letter of Notification Application for a certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the above named electric transmission line facility is now pending before the Board. The application has been assigned Docket No. 14-0037-EL-BLN, and the docket number should be referenced in all communications about this proceeding.

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (Admin. Code Rule 4906-5-06), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are shown.

**Section 4906.10(A) Basis for decision granting or denying certificate**  
 (A) The power siting board shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the major utility facility as the board considers appropriate. The certificate shall be conditioned upon the facility being in compliance with standards and rules adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 and Chapters 3704., 3734., and 8111. of the Revised Code. The period of initial operation under a certificate shall expire two years after the date on which electric power is first generated by the facility. During the period of initial operation, the facility shall be subject to the enforcement and monitoring powers of the director

of environmental protection under Chapters 3704., 3734., and 8111. of the Revised Code and to the emergency provisions under those chapters. If a major utility facility constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of its certificate is unable to operate in compliance with all applicable requirements of state laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, the facility may apply to the director of environmental protection for a conditional operating permit under division (5) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder. The operation of a major utility facility in compliance with a conditional operating permit is not in violation of its certificate. After the expiration of the period of initial operation of a major utility facility, the facility shall be under the jurisdiction of the environmental protection agency and shall comply with all laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, water pollution, and solid and hazardous waste disposal.

The board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the board, unless it finds and determines all of the following:

- (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas or natural gas transmission line;
- (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact;
- (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- (5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704., 3734., and 8111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under section 4561.341 of the Revised Code.
- (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
- (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the visibility as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929. of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site.
- (8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

### Section 4906.07. Public hearing on application

(A) Upon the receipt of an application complying with section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the power siting board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.

(B) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternatives set forth in the application.

(C) The chairman of the power siting board shall cause each application filed with the board to be investigated and shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date any application is set for hearing submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

At this time, no public hearing has been scheduled.

### Section 4906.09(C). Parties - testimony

(C) The board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony.

### Intervention.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 10 days following publication of this notice as required by Finding and Order 5(c) issued on December 17, 2012 in Docket No. 12-1961-GE-BRO or later, if good cause is shown. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene to file their petitions as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 160 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and cite the Project case number. (Docket No. 14-0037-EL-BLN).