

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application by)
American Transmissions Systems, Incorporated for a)
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public) **Case Number:**
Need for the Bluebell-Niles 138 kV Transmission Line) **14-0267-EL-BNR**
Loop to Berlin Lake Substation)

Members of the Board:

Chairman, Public Utilities Commission	Ohio House of Representatives
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Director, Environmental Protection Agency	
Director, Department of Natural Resources	
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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 **April 22, 2014**, 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 **April 22, 2014**, 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,



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Ohio Power Siting Board
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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 14-0267-EL-BNR
Project Name: Bluebell-Niles 138 kV Transmission Line
Loop to Berlin Lake Substation
Project Location: Mahoning County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: March 10, 2014
Filing Type: Construction Notice
Inspection Date: March 14, 2014
Report Date: April 10, 2014
Automatic Approval Date: April 22, 2014
Waiver Requests: none
Staff Assigned: J. O'Dell

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

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

Project Description

This project involves the installation of approximately 500 feet of 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The new line would be installed in a loop configuration, creating the Berlin Lake-Bluebell and Berlin Lake-Niles 138 kV transmission lines. The proposed project is needed to provide service to a new substation. The substation would provide relief to potential low voltage conditions and increase local area reliability.

Site Description

The substation and interconnecting loop are situated adjacent to vacant land. The surrounding land use is primarily light density rural residential.

Conclusion

Access is readily available for construction. 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. Adam S Bargar on behalf of Staff of OPSB