

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) Case Number:
Need for the Beaver-Black River 138 kV Transmission) 14-0470-EL-BLN
Line Reconductoring and Structure Replacement Project)

Members of the Board:

Chairman, Public Utilities Commission	Ohio House of Representatives
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Director, Department of Health	
Director, Department of Agriculture	
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 **July 15, 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 **July 15, 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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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 14-0470-EL-BLN
Project Name: Beaver-Black River 138 kV Transmission Line
Reconductoring and Structure Replacement
Project Location: Lorain County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: April 15, 2014
Filing Type: Letter of Notification
Inspection Date: April 21, 2014
Report Date: July 2, 2014
Automatic Approval Date: July 15, 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 reconductoring approximately 0.7 miles of 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. Additionally, 13 double circuit transmission line structures would be replaced. The project is needed to reduce potential line overloading during summer emergency rating conditions.

Site Description

The project originates at the Black River Substation. New structures would be installed entirely within an existing urban transmission line easement. No new right-of-way is required.

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