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) Need for the Avon-Fowles Q1 and Q3 138 kV) Transmission Lines Dual Tap to Bentley Substation)

Case Number: 14-1085-EL-BNR

Members of the Board:

Chairman, Public Utilities Commission Director, Development Services Agency Director, Department of Health Director, Department of Agriculture Director, Environmental Protection Agency Director, Department of Natural Resources Public Member Ohio House of Representatives Ohio Senate

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 31, 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 31, 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,

Patrick Donlon Interim Executive Director Ohio Power Siting Board (614) 644-8932 <u>ContactOPSB@puc.state.oh.us</u>

OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number:	14-1085-EL-BNR	
Project Name:	Avon-Fowles Q1 and Q3 138 kV Transmission	
	Lines Dual Tap to Bentley Substation	
Project Location:	City of Avon, Lorain County	
Applicant:	American Transmission Systems, Incorporated	
Application Filing Date:	June 18, 2014	
Filing Type:	Construction Notice	
Inspection Date(s):	July 17, 2014	
Report Date:	July 24, 2014	
Automatic Approval Date:	July 31, 2014	
Waiver Requests:	none	
Staff Assigned:	J. O'Dell	

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

Application: X Approval	Disapproval	Approval with Conditions
Waiver: Approval	Disapproval	Not Applicable

Project Description

This project involves the installation of approximately 44 feet of 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, supported on a steel three-pole structure. The project is needed to provide load relief and to prevent potential transformer outages. Additionally, the project would support future load growth that is associated with a planned I-90 interchange.

Site Description

No new easements or right-of-way are required. The project is adjacent to a commercial/light industrial park.

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