

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 Burger-Knox 138 kV Transmission Line) 14-1144-EL-BLN
Tap to Polo Road Substation)

Members of the Board:

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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 **August 1, 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 **August 1, 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: 14-1144-EL-BLN
Project Name: Burger-Knox 138 kV Transmission Line
Tap to Polo Road Substation
Project Location: Carroll County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: July 3, 2014
Filing Type: Expedited Letter of Notification
Inspection Date: July 18, 2014
Report Date: July 24, 2014
Automatic Approval Date: August 1, 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 construction of approximately 234 feet of 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The Applicant's proposed line would provide a tap source for a planned American Electric Power transmission line that received Ohio Power Siting Board approval on June 19, 2014 (ref: 14-0787-EL-BLN).

Site Description

The Applicant has obtained easements for all necessary right-of-way. As part of American Electric Power's application, the entire corridor was studied for ecological resources. There are no streams or wetlands within the right-of-way of this project. Any required clearing activities have been previously approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The surrounding land use is agricultural.

Conclusion

Access is readily available for construction. 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