

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 Allen Junction-East Fayette 138 kV ) 14-1244-EL-BLN**  
**Transmission Line Rebuild )**

Members of the Board:

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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 August 18, 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 18, 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  
Executive Director  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
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## OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

**Case Number:** 14-1244-EL-BLN  
**Project Name:** Allen Junction-East Fayette 138 kV  
Transmission Line Rebuild  
**Project Location:** Lucas and Fulton counties  
**Applicant:** American Transmission Systems, Incorporated  
**Application Filing Date:** July 18, 2014  
**Filing Type:** Expedited Letter of Notification  
**Inspection Date:** July 30, 2014  
**Report Date:** August 11, 2014  
**Automatic Approval Date:** August 18, 2014  
**Waiver Requests:** none  
**Staff Assigned:** J. O'Dell & D. Rostofer

### Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

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

### Project Description

This project involves rebuilding approximately 31.3 miles of 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. Existing structures would be replaced with taller wood poles that are designed to accept a future 2<sup>nd</sup> circuit. The new structures would be installed immediately adjacent to the existing pole locations. Existing distribution circuits would then be transferred from the old poles to the new poles, typically with no interruption in distribution service.

This segment of transmission line is approaching its expected end-of-life. The existing line has three types of conductors and differing associated hardware. The rebuilt line would utilize standard wires and insulators that are routinely stocked the Applicant. This would improve maintenance practices and response time for unplanned outages.

### Site Description

No new right-of-way or easements are needed. The application contains a typographical error regarding the right-of-way width. Staff has verified that the correct right-of-way width is 60 feet. The dominant surrounding land use is agricultural. With the exception of a few hundred feet, the entire project is directly adjacent to flat, sparsely populated county roads.

### Conclusion

No significant vegetative clearing is required. 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