

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 Chamberlin-West Akron 138 kV) 14-1346-EL-BLN
Transmission Line Tap to Sourek Substation)**

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	
Public Member	

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 September 27, 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 September 27, 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: 14-1346-EL-BLN
Project Name: Chamberlin-West Akron 138 kV
Transmission Line Tap to Sourek Substation
Project Location: Summit County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: August 29, 2014
Filing Type: Expedited Letter of Notification
Inspection Date: September 4, 2014
Report Date: September 17, 2014
Automatic Approval Date: September 27, 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 350 feet of 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and five associated structures. The project is needed to provide an interconnection for a new distribution substation. The Sourek Substation interconnection is part of two related transmission projects that are needed to replace the Ira Substation. The Ira Substation has been subject to flooding. The Board previously approved the related substation project (ref: Bath Substation, Case No. 14-1309-EL-BLN) on September 2, 2014.

Site Description

Existing vegetation is sufficient to effectively screen the proposed facility from nearby housing. No new right-of-way (r-o-w) or easements are needed. The project would be constructed in an open field, directly adjacent to the r-o-w of an existing transmission line. An existing, controlled-access road is available for construction and operation of the facility.

Conclusion

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 Mrs. Yvonne W Cooper on behalf of Staff of OPSB