

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application by)
American Transmissions Systems, Incorporated and the)
Ohio Edison Company for a Certificate of) Case Number:
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the) 14-1422-EL-BNR
Wadsworth Muni Silvercrest-West Akron 138 kV)
Transmission Line By-Pass at Pine Substation**

Members of the Board:

Chairman, Public Utilities Commission	Ohio House of Representatives
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Director, Department of Health	
Director, Department of Aging	
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 October 22, 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 October 22, 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: 14-1422-EL-BNR
Project Name: Wadsworth Muni Silvercrest-West Akron 138 kV
Transmission Line By-Pass at Pine Substation
Project Location: Summit County
Applicants: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Ohio Edison Company
Application Filing Date: September 9, 2014
Filing Type: Construction Notice
Inspection Date: September 22, 2014
Report Date: October 10, 2014
Automatic Approval Date: October 22, 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

The Applicants have requested approval to change a temporary tap to a permanent tap. The temporary tap was approved under Case Number 13-1018-EL-BNR. The Pine Substation has recently undergone several improvements. These improvements are designed to enhance the reliability of a nearby System Control Center that is under construction. The permanent tap would allow for operational and maintenance flexibility at the Pine Substation.

Site Description

No new right-of-way or easements are required. The tap is located entirely on the Applicants' property adjacent to the existing service center.

Conclusion

Access is readily available for operation and maintenance. No vegetative clearing is required. The conversion of this project to a permanent facility 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