

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Letter of Notification Application by )  
American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for the )  
for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and ) Case Number:  
Public Need for the 138 kV Transmission Line ) 14-2173-EL-BLN  
Extensions to AEP Holloway Substation )**

Members of the Board:

Chairman, Public Utilities Commission	Ohio House of Representatives
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Director, Department of Health	
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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 January 22, 2015, 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.

Please present any concerns you or your designee may have to my office at least four business days prior to January 22, 2015, which is the automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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Ohio Power Siting Board  
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## OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

**Case Number:** 14-2173-EL-BLN  
**Project Name:** 138 kV Transmission Line Extensions to  
AEP Holloway Substation  
**Project Location:** Belmont County  
**Applicant:** American Transmission Systems, Incorporated  
**Application Filing Date:** December 24, 2014  
**Filing Type:** Expedited Letter of Notification  
**Inspection Date:** January 7, 2015  
**Report Date:** January 14, 2015  
**Automatic Approval Date:** January 22, 2015  
**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 extending six existing transmission lines into American Electric Power's previously approved Holloway Substation (ref: 14-0141-EL-BLN). The proposed extensions range in length from approximately 700 to 1,300 feet. Each line would be constructed using wood pole structures. The project is needed to provide service to the Holloway Substation.

### Site Description

The project is located on substation property or within existing right-of-way. The Applicant has coordinated with the appropriate state and federal agencies regarding tree clearing activities. Land use in proximity to the project consists of light density rural uses. The project terrain is steeply sloping, with no agricultural land present.

### Conclusion

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