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January 22, 2015

Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: **In the Matter of the Notification for the
West Akron-Pleasant Valley East 138 kV
Transmission Line Tap to the Bath
Substation Project
Case No. 14-1309-EL-BLN**

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 1 copy of the proof of publication in the above-captioned case. The public notice appeared in the August 7, 2014 in The Akron Beacon Journal.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Schmidt, Jr.
Attorney for Applicant American Transmission Systems, Inc.

Enclosure

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The ads for First Energy were distributed to Publisher's full circulation on August 7, 2014.

By: Lisa Toth

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This 8th day of August, 2014.

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Mary Lou Woodcock
Notary Public



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My Commission Expires Sept. 29, 2015

Negotiators seek to extend Gaza cease-fire

Truce between Israel, Hamas enters third day.
Palestinians begin returning to damaged homes

By Sam Abu Ramadan
and Jonathan Feingold
Bloomberg News

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP: A truce in Gaza is set to enter a third day, with negotiators in Cairo seeking to extend the cease-fire and working for a peace agreement.

Palestinian, Egyptian and U.S. diplomats are in the Egyptian capital for the talks. Riyad Mansour, the Palestinian ambassador to the United Nations, told Bloomberg Television that Israeli officials are also there and "negotiating through the Egyptians," though Israel's government hasn't confirmed their presence.

The initial truce was due to last for three days and no agreement to extend it has been announced, though Mansour said he was hopeful that one would be reached. Israel withdrew troops from the territory on Tuesday after four weeks of fighting. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told reporters in Jerusalem late Tuesday that the army is stationed outside Gaza, ready to deal with any cease-fire violation.

The Gaza offensive, which Israel said was intended to end rocket attacks and destroy cross-border tunnels militants constructed to stage raids, has been the deadliest in the territory since Israeli soldiers and soldiers left in 2005. At least 1,568 Palestinians lost their lives, the majority of them civilians, according to Gaza Health Ministry spokesman Ashraf al-Qudra. Israel says 750 to 1,000 militants were killed and that 67 people died on the Israeli side, 64 of them soldiers.

About a quarter of Gaza's 1.8 million people had been displaced by the fighting. In some cases taking refuge in U.N. schools. They've begun returning to find homes damaged or destroyed by Israeli missiles and shells.

Foreign ministers from Arab countries including Egypt, Jordan and Kuwait will visit Gaza in the coming days as part of an Arab League delegation that will assess what is needed to begin reconstruction of the coastal strip. Arab League Secretary-General Nabil al-Arabi said, according to the United Arab



Palestinians crowd a window for food aid at a United Nations distribution center in the Shati refugee camp in Gaza City on Wednesday as a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas continues.

Emirates news agency WAM. The Israeli military has urged citizens who left their homes near the border to return. "Just like it was quiet here before, it will be quiet again afterward," army chief

Lieutenant-General Benny Gantz said. Gantz said Israel doesn't rule out future strikes on leaders of Hamas, the Islamist group that controls Gaza. Israel and Hamas are press-

ing for a cease-fire that addresses larger earlier accords didn't resolve. Hamas wants to lift an Israeli and Egyptian blockade, while Israel wants to eliminate the threat of future attacks from the territory by demilitarizing it.

An accord may hinge on expanding the influence of the Palestinian Authority, headed by President Mahmoud Abbas, in Gaza at the expense of Hamas, said Martin Indyk, vice president of the Brookings Institution and a former U.S. peace negotiator.

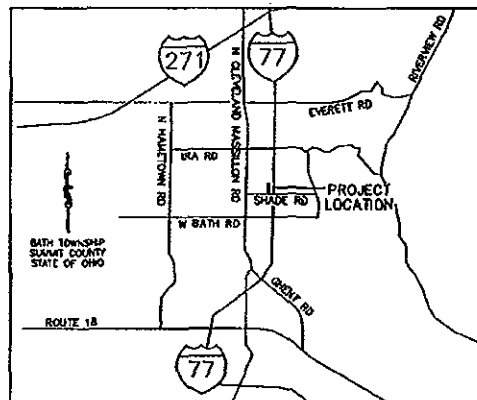
That could start with control over border crossings and eventually ensure that "the guns can only be in the hands of the Palestinian Authority," Indyk said. He said he was skeptical such an accord could be reached. Abbas' Fatah faction runs the West Bank and split with Hamas seven years ago, though the groups have sought to reconcile since the breakdown of U.S.-brokered peace talks in April. Assam al-Ahmad from Fatah is the head of the Palestinian delegation in Cairo, which also includes Hamas officials. Israel, like the U.S. and European Union, considers Hamas a terrorist organization.

Netanyahu said Tuesday that Israel and the Palestinian Authority are coordinating on the cease-fire and intend to work together on rebuilding Gaza, providing humanitarian aid and security.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy Company, proposes to construct the West Akron-Pleasant Valley East 138 kV Transmission Line Tap to Bath Substation (Project), in a Letter of Notification Application submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) for a Certificate of Environmental Competency and Public Need.

The Project is proposed to extend the existing West Akron-Pleasant Valley East 138 kV Transmission Line as a tap approximately 0.02 mile (118 feet) to Bath Substation. As part of the Project, two (2) new switch structures will be placed in-line in the existing West Akron-Pleasant Valley East 138 kV Transmission Line, one (1) new corner dead-end structure will be installed, and one (1) new static structure will be installed as part of the tap.



The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

Ms. Rene Shapiro, Summit County Commissioners President
Mr. Russell Fry, Summit County Executive
Mr. Frank Comenale, Summit County Commissioner
Mr. Alan Brubaker, Summit County Engineer
Ms. Kristin Sealtee, Summit County Fiscal Officer
Ms. Elaine Goodrich, Bath Township Board of Trustees President
Mr. James Nelson, Bath Township Board of Trustees Vice President
Ms. Becky Corbett, Bath Township Board of Trustees
Ms. Sharon Troche, Bath Township Fiscal Officer
Mr. Vito Sinopoli, Bath Township Administrator

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, c/o Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Utilities Department, 12th Floor, Borden Building, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216-3783, www.opeb.ohio.gov. A copy of the application has been sent to the following libraries:

Fairview-Bath Library Branch, 3101 Smith Road, Akron, Ohio 44333

A Letter of Notification Application for a certificate to construct, operate and maintain the above named electric transmission line facility is now pending before the Board. The West Akron-Pleasant Valley East 138 kV Transmission Line Tap to the new Bath Substation Project application has been assigned Docket No. 14-1309-EL-BLN, and the docket number should be referenced in all communications about this proceeding.

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (Admin. Code Rule 4906.5-06), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are shown.

Section 4906.10(A)

(A) The power siting board shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the major utility facility as the board considers appropriate. The certificate shall be conditioned upon the facility being in compliance with standards and rules adopted under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 and Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111, of the Revised Code. The period of initial operation under a certificate shall expire two years after the date on which electric power is first generated by the facility. During the period of initial operation, the facility shall be subject to the enforcement and monitoring powers of the director of environmental protection under Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111, of the Revised

Code and to the emergency provisions under those chapters. If a major utility facility constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of its certificate is unable to operate in compliance with all applicable requirements of state laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, the facility may apply to the director of environmental protection for a conditional operating permit under division (G) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder. The operation of a major utility facility in compliance with a conditional operating permit is not in violation of its certificate. After the expiration of the period of initial operation of a major utility facility, the facility shall be under the jurisdiction of the environmental protection agency and shall comply with all laws, rules, and standards pertaining to air pollution, water pollution, and solid and hazardous waste disposal.

The board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the board, unless it finds and determines all of the following:

- (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas or natural gas transmission line;
- (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact;
- (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- (5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111, of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under sections 1501.33, 1501.34, and 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under section 4561.341 of the Revised Code.
- (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
- (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929, of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site.
- (8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

Section 4906.07. Public hearing on application

(A) Upon the receipt of an application complying with section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the power siting board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after each receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable.

(B) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the board shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternatives set forth in the application.

(C) The chairman of the power siting board shall cause each application filed with the board to be investigated and shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date any application is set for hearing submit a written report to the board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

At this time, no public hearing has been scheduled.

4906.08(C). Parties - testimony

(C) The board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony.

Intervention

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 10 days following publication of this notice as required by the order issued in Docket No. 12-1981-BE-BRO or later if good cause is shown. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene to file their petitions as early as possible. Petitions should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216-3783 and cite the above-listed case number. (Docket No. 14-1309-EL-BLN)