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Senator Lou Gentile seeks re-election to Ohio Senate

STEUBENVILLE — State Senator Lou Gentile (D-Steubenville) announced today he is seeking a second term in the Ohio Senate. Gentile serves as the Assistant Minority Whip and is a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

"We have accomplished many things, working together, over the past four years. I'm running for re-election because there is still more to do," Senator Gentile said.

Senator Gentile said he will continue to focus on creating living wage jobs in the region, noting he played a pivotal role in bringing in Carroll County Energy an \$800 million project that is expected to generate 700 construction jobs in eastern Ohio and an additional 25-30 operational jobs once the plant goes online.

In addition, Sen. Gentile pointed to plans to develop a \$5 billion ethanol cracker that will contribute to economic growth and more jobs for our communities.

"I am optimistic about our future, and I want to continue my work to bring good jobs to the region to our young people and raise their families here," Gentile said.

Senator Gentile has consistently urged out-of-state oil and gas companies to use local workers on new energy projects while working to keep revenues from the industry in the local communities.

As a Senate Finance Committee member, Senator Gentile successfully secured scholarship funding for college students seeking new energy jobs, and he delivered additional funding for economic development in the Appalachian Region through Ohio's Appalachian Development Districts.

"I have a strong record of



standing up for local workers, fighting for fair school funding and advocating for investment in our local communities and infrastructure," Senator Gentile said.

Senator Gentile has been a vigorous advocate for Ohio's veterans. He promoted a bill that gives college credit to veterans for their military service, which became law in 2014. He is also sponsoring a bill that would give small businesses a tax credit for hiring veterans.

"We have a moral obligation to provide educational and job opportunities to our heroes," Senator Gentile said.

Lou Gentile is serving his first full term in the Ohio Senate after winning election to the seat in 2012. Gentile was elected to the Ohio House in 2010 after serving as the Assistant Director in former Gov. Ted Strickland's Office of Appalachia. Ohio's 30th Senate district includes Belmont, Carroll, Harrison, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Noble, and Washington counties, and parts of Adams and Union counties. Gentile has served as the District's Senator since his appointment in December 2014.

For more information, contact Joe Rettoff, 614-266-5238.

Ohio's deer-gun season opens with more than 22,000 deer harvested

COLUMBUS, OH — Hunters checked 22,256 white-tailed deer on Monday, Nov. 30, the opening day of Ohio's deer-gun hunting season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Ohio's deer-gun season remains open through Sunday, Dec. 6. Now this year, an additional two days (Monday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 29) have been added to increase the opportunity for people to hunt with firearms. Find more information about deer hunting in the Ohio 2015-2016 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at wildlife.gov. For more harvest numbers and weekly updates, hunters can be found at wildlife.gov/deerhunts.

Deer Management Goals: The ODNR Division of Wildlife remains committed to properly managing Ohio's deer population through a combination of regulatory and programmatic changes. The goal in Ohio's Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists.

Until recently, deer populations in nearly all of Ohio's counties were well above goal. In the last few years, through increased antlerless harvests, most counties are now at or near goal. Therefore, to help stabilize deer populations, bag limits were reduced, and antlerless permit use has been eliminated in most counties for the 2015-2016 season.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife is in the process of resetting Ohio's population goals and is asking hunters that receive the survey to help by completing and returning the survey as soon as they are done hunting or at the end of the season. Landowner surveys have already been distributed, and hunter surveys should arrive in the mail later this week. Hunters for this year's survey were randomly selected from the list of hunters who purchased a license and deer permit by Nov. 16. Public input is an important part of Ohio's deer management program, and survey responses are used to complete and return deer surveys.

Ohio ranks 11th nationally in antlerless harvest and 11th in the number of jobs associated with hunting-related industries. Hunting has a more than \$853 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, feed, food, lodging and more, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation publication.

ODNR ensures a balance between use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohio.gov.

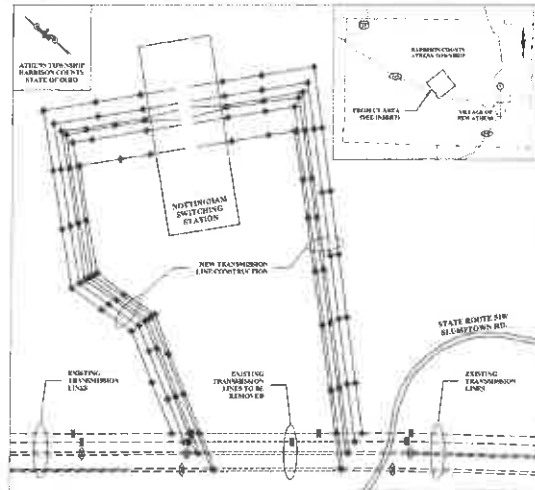
A list of all white-tailed deer checked by hunters during opening day of the 2015 deer-gun hunting season is as follows:

Adams: 373; Allen: 116; Ashland: 483; Ashland: 772; Athens: 420; Auglaize: 99; Belmont: 429; Brown: 248; Butler: 56; Carroll: 571; Champaign: 104; Clark: 52; Clermont: 154; Clinton: 79; Columbiana: 522; Coshocton: 888; Crawford: 177; Cuyahoga: 7; Darke: 74; Deane: 316; Delaware: 110; Erie: 76; Fairfield: 219; Fayette: 34; Franklin: 41; Fulton: 150; Gallia: 272; Geauga: 167; Greene: 54; Guernsey: 647; Hamilton: 41; Hancock: 145; Hardin: 149; Harrison: 556; Henry: 125; Highland: 300; Jackson: 521; Holmes: 552; Huron: 367; Jackson: 477; Jefferson: 586; Knox: 619; Lake: 44; Lawrence: 224; Licking: 505; Logan: 249; Lorain: 195; Lucas: 27; Madison: 28; Mahoning: 165; Marion: 120; Medina: 152; Meigs: 418; Mercer: 76; Miami: 52; Monroe: 434; Montgomery: 28; Morgan: 487; Morrow: 183; Muskingum: 722; Noble: 452; Ottawa: 20; Paulding: 157; Perry: 399; Pickaway: 167; Pike: 209; Portage: 157; Preble: 80; Putnam: 93; Richland: 462; Ross: 320; Sandusky: 207; Seneca: 273; Shelby: 97; Stark: 248; Summit: 25; Tarrant: 468; Tuscarora: 658; Union: 97; Van Wert: 65; Vinton: 401; Warren: 61; Washington: 405; Wayne: 211; Williams: 527; Wood: 87; Wyandot: 227; Total: 22,256.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), a FirstEnergy company, proposes to construct the 138-kV Transmission Line Loop to Nottingham Switching Station Project ("Project"), in a Letter of Notification Application submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need.

The Project is located within existing and new transmission line right-of-way in Athens Township, Harrison County, Ohio. ATSI proposes to loop the existing Brookside-Holloway, Cloverdale-Holloway, Harmon-Holloway #1, Harmon-Holloway #2, Knox-Holloway, and Longview-Holloway 138 kV Transmission Lines into AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.'s proposed Nottingham Substation. These transmission lines will create the Holloway-Nottingham #1, Holloway-Nottingham #2, Holloway-Nottingham #3, Holloway-Nottingham #4, Holloway-Nottingham #5, Holloway-Nottingham #6, Brookside-Nottingham, Harmon-Nottingham, Knox-Nottingham, Longview-Nottingham, Nottingham-Yager #1, and the Nottingham-Yager #2 138 kV Transmission Lines.



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

Commissioner Dale Ray Norris, Chairman Harrison County Commissioners
Commissioner William H. Host, Harrison County Commissioners
Commissioner Don Ray Bethel, Harrison County Commissioners
Mr. Robert Kendall Sterling, Harrison County Engineer
Ms. Elizabeth Ann Dealon, Athens Township Trustee
Mr. David E. Butler, Athens Township Trustee
Mr. Michael Thomas Saffell, Athens Township Trustee
Mr. David Allan Watson, Athens Township Fiscal Officer

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 43215-3793, www.opspb.ohio.gov. A copy of the Application has also been sent to the following library: Puskach Public Library, 200 East Market St. Cadiz, Ohio 43907.

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. Project Application has been assigned Docket No. 15-1761-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 4906-5-08), 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 bases 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 529 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 such 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 Case No. 12-1981-GE-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 43215-3793 and cite the above-listed case number: Case No. 15-1761-EL-BLN.

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