

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application by)
American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for a)
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public) Case No. 17-1241-EL-BNR
Need for the 138 kV Structure Additions to GM)
Powertrain Transmission Lines Project)**

Members of the Board:

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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 Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) rules. The 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 recommended for automatic approval on June 12, 2017, unless suspended by the Board's chairperson 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 with this case to my office at least four business days prior to June 12, 2017, which is the automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 17-1241-EL-BNR
Project Name: 138 kV Structure Additions to GM
Powertrain Transmission Lines Project
Project Location: Lucas County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: May 19, 2017
Filing Type: Expedited Construction Notice
Inspection Date: May 31, 2017
Report Date: June 2, 2017
**Recommended Automatic
Approval Date:** June 12, 2017
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

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI or Applicant) proposes to replace two existing wood pole tangent structures with two new single circuit wood pole 3-way deadend structures. Also, a temporary wood pole and approximately 90 feet of 138 kV transmission line would be installed to provide an interconnection to a mobile substation. The project is needed to facilitate the replacement of two main transformers at the GM Powertrain Substation. The existing transformers would be upgraded to accommodate increased load. The temporary facilities would be removed after the installation of the upgraded transformers. The estimated capital costs of the project total \$353,434.

Nature of Impacts

Land Use

The project is located within the city of Toledo. The project area is surrounded by industrial land use at the GM Powertrain plant. Agricultural land is not present. Residential, institutional, or other sensitive land uses are not located in proximity to the project. The Applicant conducted a cultural resource survey to ascertain potential impacts to historical and archaeological sites. The survey determined that impacts to historical properties are not expected. No additional right-of-way is required.

Ecological Impacts

The Applicant consulted with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in preparation of their application to the Board. This consultation revealed that it is unlikely that the proposed project would have a significant impact on ecological resources. No significant vegetative removal is required, and no work is proposed within wetlands, streams, or regulated flood plains.

Conclusion

Staff's review of the application included consideration of the requirements listed in Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.10. Based on Staff's review, the application meets the necessary criteria for granting a certificate. Staff recommends automatic approval of this application on June 12, 2017.

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