

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application of)
American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for the)
Clark-Urbana 138 kV Loop Eastern Connection) 18-0100-EL-BNR
Centerline Adjustment to Broadview Substation Project)

Members of the Board:

Chairman, Public Utilities Commission	Ohio House of Representatives
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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 Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) rules. The accelerated certificate application in this case is subject to an automatic approval process as required by Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 4906.03 and Ohio Administrative Code 4906-6.

Staff recommends the application for automatic approval on February 27, 2018, unless suspended by the Board, an administrative law judge, or the chairperson or executive director of the board for good cause shown. 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 February 27, 2018, which is the recommended automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 18-0100-EL-BNR
Project Name: Clark-Urbana 138 kV Loop Eastern Connection Centerline Adjustment to Broadview Substation Project
Project Location: Clark County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: February 5, 2018
Filing Type: Expedited Construction Notice
Inspection Date: February 7, 2018
Report Date: February 20, 2018
Recommended Automatic Approval Date: February 27, 2018
Waiver Requests: None
Staff Assigned: G. Zeto, J. Cross

Summary of Staff Recommendations (see discussion below):

Application: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Approval with Conditions
Waiver: ☐ Approval ☐ Disapproval ☒ Not Applicable

Project Description and Need

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (Applicant or ATSI) seeks to revise a segment of the transmission line route presented in Case No. 16-2282-EL-BLN, which was previously approved by the Board on April 14, 2017. The previously approved filing is a component of the Applicant's Springfield Area 138 kilovolt (kV) Reinforcement Project, which is needed to upgrade and strengthen the 138 kV transmission system in Clark County. This adjustment to approximately 0.2 miles at the eastern terminus of the previously approved route is being proposed to accommodate property owners' requests.

The proposed adjustment would avoid one previously impacted land owner, while impacting one new landowner. All affected landowners have agreed to the proposed adjustment. The total estimated capital cost of the overall project remains unchanged, at approximately \$5,650,000.

Nature of Impacts

Land use in proximity to the proposed adjustment includes agricultural, and woodlots. The proposed transmission line would not impact any Agricultural District lands. No institutional or other sensitive land uses are present in the vicinity. The Applicant conducted a cultural resource assessment to ascertain potential impacts to historical and archaeological sites as part of the original project and has supplemented the report to reflect the proposed adjustment. Based upon that assessment, additional impacts to cultural resources are not expected. The proposed

adjustment would not result in additional impacts to streams or wetlands or the habitat of federal or state listed species.

Conclusion

Staff's review of the application included consideration of the requirements listed in R.C. 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 February 27, 2018, provided that the following condition is satisfied:

Condition:

The Applicant shall continue to adhere to all conditions of the certificate in Case No. 16-2282-EL-BLN.

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