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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal **Docketing Division** The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

> PRE-APPLICATION NOTIFICATION LETTER 138 kV Transmission Line Relocations at Richland Substation Project Case No. 18-1661-EL-BNR

Dear Ms. McNeal:

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-6-03(A) and OAC Chapter 4906-6 generally, this letter will serve as the pre-application notice letter of the applicant American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), a FirstEnergy company, for the above referenced Project. The Applicant expects to file a Construction Notice application with the Ohio Power Siting Board shortly.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to relocate 3 transmission line exits at the Richland Substation. The Project will involve the installation of 4 new wood pole structures and 1 new steel pole structure. The Project will be located in the City of Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio.

The construction schedule for this Project is expected to begin as early as February 4, 2019 and completed by May 3, 2019.

Please be advised that pursuance to Ohio Administrative Code 4906-6-04, ATSI is requesting expedited review of this Project.

Sincerely.

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Engineer III

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