

BEFORE THE POWER SITING BOARD OF THE STATE OF OHIO

**In the Matter of the Letter of Notification Application by)
American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for a)
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public) Case No. 18-1394-EL-BLN
Need for the Bayshore-Jeep No. 2 138 kV Tap to Cliffs)
Natural Resources Substation 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 Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 4906.03 and Ohio Administrative Code 4906-6.

Staff recommends the application for automatic approval February 7, 2019, 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 7, 2019, which is the recommended automatic approval date.

Sincerely,



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OPSB STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case Number: 18-1394-EL-BLN
Project Name: Bayshore-Jeep No. 2 138 kV Tap to
Cliffs Natural Resources Substation Project
Project Location: Lucas County
Applicant: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
Application Filing Date: November 8, 2018
Filing Type: Letter of Notification
Inspection Date: November 20, 2018
Report Date: January 11, 2019
**Recommended Automatic
Approval Date:** February 7, 2019
Applicant's Waiver Requests: none
Staff Assigned: J. O'Dell and 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) proposes to construct a new 138 kilovolt single circuit transmission line tap, approximately 1,400 feet in length. The line would be installed using six wood pole structures and a single steel pole, and would be located in the city of Toledo, around the intersection of Millard Avenue and Tiffin Street.

The project is needed to supply electrical service to Cleveland-Cliffs, Incorporated (Cleveland-Cliffs), a new customer. The Cleveland-Cliffs facility would be involved in iron production.

The capital costs of this proposed transmission project total approximately \$694,000, and those costs would be borne by the Applicant. This project was not included in the Applicant's most recent Long-Term Forecast Report filing.

Nature of Impacts

Land Use

The project area is located in the city of Toledo. Land use in proximity to the project consists of industrial, railroad and port authority land uses.

Cultural Resources

ATSI conducted a cultural resource survey to ascertain potential impacts to historical properties and archaeological sites. The survey determined that adverse impacts to historical properties and archaeological sites are not expected.

Ecological Impacts

The Applicant's investigation concluded that it is unlikely that the proposed project would have a significant adverse impact on ecological resources. Adequate ingress and egress are available from adjacent roadways for construction. No removal of vegetation would be required. No woodlots, wetlands, ponds, or waterbodies are present. Best management practices would be employed to prevent soil erosion.

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 February 7, 2019.

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