

April 29, 2019

FILE

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

**Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate")**  
**Wood County 138-kV Reinforcement Project**  
**Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX**

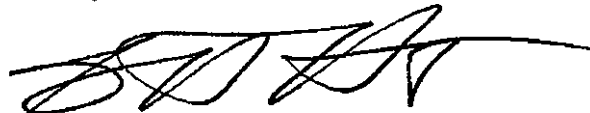
Dear Ms. McNeal:

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-10(A), please find attached copies of the initial notices required by OAC Rule 4906-3-9(A)(1) of the complete and accepted application for this Project.

On April 18, 2019, the required notice letters were mailed via US Postal First Class Mail to each of the addressees listed in the attached Exhibit 1, which is a list of the public officials and other persons or entities entitled to notice pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-7-03. The initial notice letters to property owners required by OAC Rule 4906-3-09(A) were sent by US Postal First Class Mail on April 23, 2019 to the recipients listed in Exhibit 2. Copies of the letters as well as all attachments are included in Exhibits 1 and 2.

Should the Ohio Power Siting Board desire further information or discussion of this submittal, please contact me at 330-384-2526.

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

cc: J. O'Dell

This is to certify that the enclosed document is a true and accurate and complete reproduction of the original document delivered in the regular course of business.  
Technician A Date Processed 4/29/19

PUCO

2019 APR 29 PM 1:05

RECEIVED-DOCKETING DIV

**Exhibit 1**  
**Officials to Be Served a Copy of the Certified Application**  
**Wood County 138-kV Reinforcement Project**  
**Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX**

**Wood County**

Board of County Commissioners  
Dr. Theodore Bowlus  
One Courthouse Square, 5th Floor  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. John Musteric  
One Courthouse Square, 5th Floor  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Board of County Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw  
One Courthouse Square, 5th Floor  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Director  
One Courthouse Square, 5th Floor  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Board of County Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote  
One Courthouse Square, 5th Floor  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Wood County Soil & Water District  
Mr. Jim Carter, District Admin.  
1616 E. Wooster St.  
Suite 32  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

**Middleton Township**

Middleton Township Officials  
Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Trustee Chairman  
19210 Haskins Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Middleton Township Officials  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee  
11440 Devils Hole Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Middleton Township Officials  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee  
216 E. Greenwood Dr.  
Haskins, OH 43525

Middleton Township Officials  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Fiscal Officer  
15228 Cross Creek Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

**Plain Township**

Plain Township Officials  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Trustee  
16375 Sand Ridge Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Plain Township Officials  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Trustee  
15821 Green Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Plain Township Officials  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Trustee  
13370 Union Hill Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Plain Township Officials  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Fiscal Officer  
18617 Brim Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

### **Center Township**

Center Township Officials  
Mr. Dale Brown, Trustee  
17441 Carter Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Center Township Officials  
Mr. Rick Engle, Trustee  
17123 Barr Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Center Township Officials  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Trustee  
11300 E Kramer Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Center Township Officials  
Ms. Jill Foos, Fiscal Officer  
17100 Carter Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

### **City of Bowling Green**

City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mayor Richard Edwards  
304 North Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers  
304 North Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. William Herald  
1030 Conneaut Ave  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Bowling Green City Council - Public  
Utilities Committee  
Mr. Michael Aspacher  
25 Parkwood Drive  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Mr. Jason Sisco, City Engineer  
304 North Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Bowling Green Planning Commission  
Attn: Planning Commission  
304 North Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

### **Libraries**

Wood County District Public Library  
Mr. Michael Penrod, Director  
251 N. Main Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

April 18, 2019

Board of County Commissioners  
Dr. Theodore Bowlus  
One Courthouse Square, 5th Floor  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Dr. Theodore Bowlus,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and send in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Board of County Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw  
One Courthouse Square, 5th Floor  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Ms. Doris Herringshaw,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

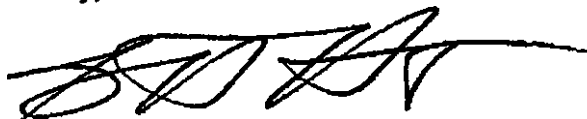
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Board of County Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote  
One Courthouse Square, 5th Floor  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Craig LaHote,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. John Musteric  
One Courthouse Square, 5th Floor  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. John Musteric,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and send in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

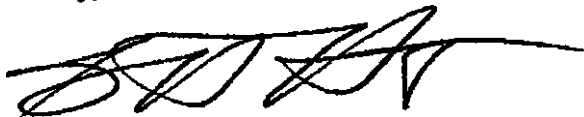
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Director  
One Courthouse Square, 5th Floor  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Dave Steiner,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

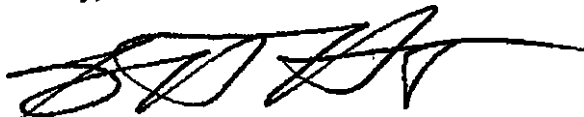
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Wood County Soil & Water District  
Mr. Jim Carter, District Admin.  
1616 E. Wooster Street, Suite 32  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Jim Carter,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

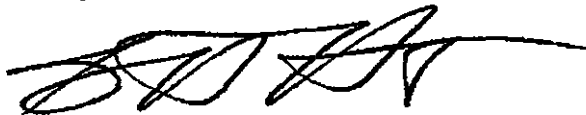
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Middleton Township Officials  
Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Trustee Chairman  
19210 Haskins Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Jim Bostdorff,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

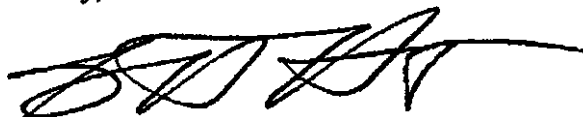
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Middleton Township Officials  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee  
216 E. Greenwood Dr.  
Haskins, OH 43525

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Ms. Penny Getz,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

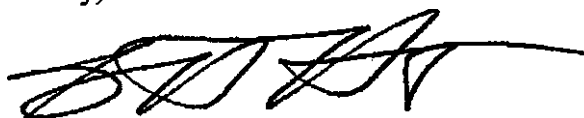
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Middleton Township Officials  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee  
11440 Devils Hole Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Fred Vetter,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

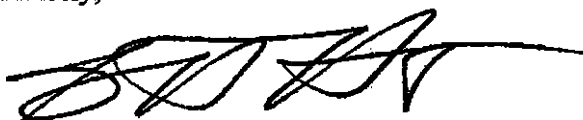
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Middleton Township Officials  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Fiscal Officer  
15228 Cross Creek Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Ms. Laurie Limes,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

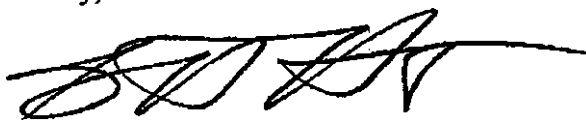
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Plain Township Officials  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Trustee  
16375 Sand Ridge Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Donald Bechstein,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

**Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer**  
**Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer**  
**Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer**  
**Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office**  
**Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council**  
**Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4**  
**Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee**  
**Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division**  
**Bowling Green Planning Commission**

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

**Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402**

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Plain Township Officials  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Trustee  
13370 Union Hill Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Gary Cromley,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and send in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



**Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer**  
**Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer**  
**Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer**  
**Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office**  
**Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council**  
**Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4**  
**Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee**  
**Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division**  
**Bowling Green Planning Commission**

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

**Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402**

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

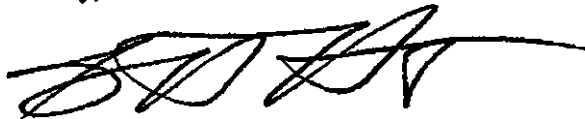
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Plain Township Officials  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Trustee  
15821 Green Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Jim Rossow,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

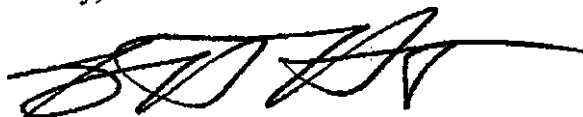
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Plain Township Officials  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Fiscal Officer  
18617 Brim Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and send in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

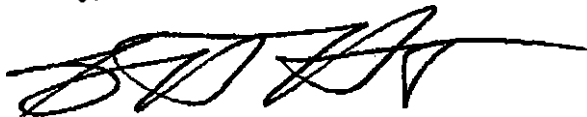
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Center Township Officials  
Mr. Dale Brown, Trustee  
17441 Carter Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Dale Brown,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

**Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer**  
**Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer**  
**Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee**  
**Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee**  
**Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer**  
**Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office**  
**Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council**  
**Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4**  
**Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee**  
**Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division**  
**Bowling Green Planning Commission**

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

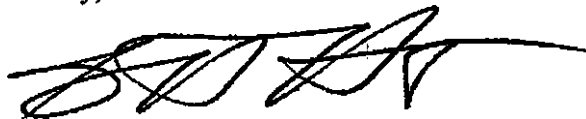
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Center Township Officials  
Mr. Rick Engle, Trustee  
17123 Barr Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Rick Engle,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

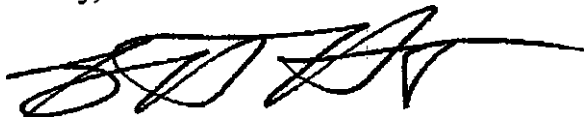
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Center Township Officials  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Trustee  
11300 E Kramer Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

**Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")**

Dear Mr. Doug Wulff,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

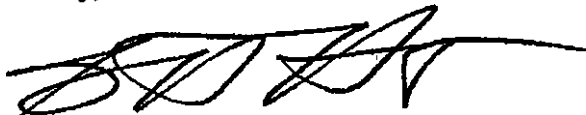
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Center Township Officials  
Ms. Jill Foos, Fiscal Officer  
17100 Carter Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

**Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")**

Dear Ms. Jill Foos,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

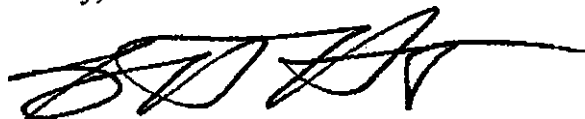
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mayor Richard Edwards  
304 North Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mayor Richard Edwards,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and send in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

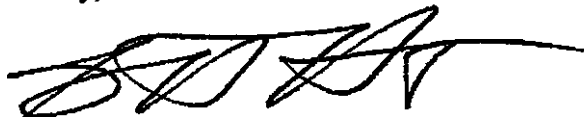
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers  
304 North Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Bruce Jeffers,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

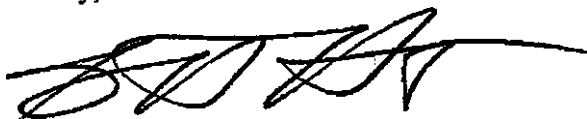
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. William Herald  
1030 Conneaut Ave  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

**Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")**

Dear Mr. William Herald,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and send in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

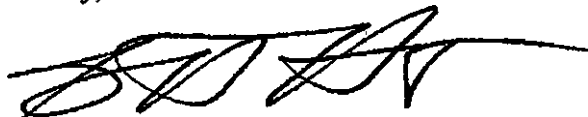
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Michael Aspacher  
25 Parkwood Drive  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for  
a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County  
138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Michael Aspacher,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and sent in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

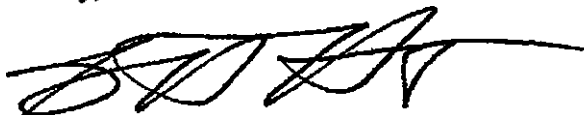
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Mr. Jason Sisco, City Engineer  
304 North Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Jason Sisco,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and send in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District

Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

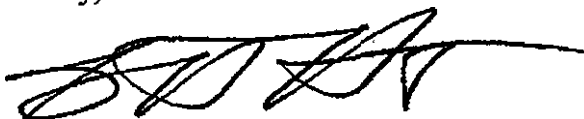
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Bowling Green Planning Commission  
Attn: Planning Commission  
304 North Church Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for  
a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County  
138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Planning Commission,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). Before ATSI can proceed with construction of this Project, it must obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). An application with the OPSB for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is currently pending at the OPSB. This letter briefly describes the Project, the OPSB certification process and provides you with notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project.

This letter is being prepared and send in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) which requires ATSI to send a letter describing the proposed facility to those persons that received a service of a copy of the application pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-07 within fifteen days of the filing of the accepted, completed application. We are providing this letter and the attached materials to meet this requirement.

In this Project, ATSI is proposing to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District



Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

A copy of the application for the Project also has been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided for your convenience below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

**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.

**As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

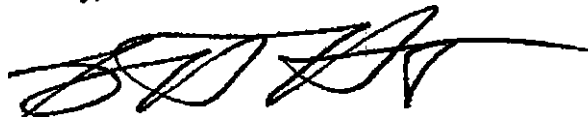
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date Project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

April 18, 2019

Wood County District Public Library  
Mr. Michael Penrod, Director  
251 N. Main Street  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for  
a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County  
138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Penrod,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). This letter briefly describes the Project, the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) certification process and provides notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing on the Project. We respectfully request that you include a copy of this letter and the Application, with the balance of Project materials already provided for public review at your library.

ATSI is proposing in this Project to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The proposed Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and will help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio.

By Order dated April 11, 2019, the OPSB initiated its detailed review of the impacts of the Project, as required by Ohio law. More information on the OPSB can be found on their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>. The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX.

The following public officials and agencies have been served with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District  
Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer

Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

In accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code plus additional information are provided below.

**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 basis 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 929. 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 alternates 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.

#### **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.

***As scheduled by Board, the public hearing of this case consists of two parts:***

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**

**B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

The OPSB will issue a final decision after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. ATSI representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, the OPSB strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

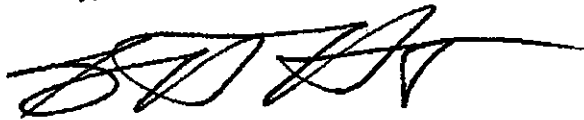
Please note that the case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, should include in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that comments are included in the record of the proceeding.

If you have questions regarding this project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Up-to-date project information also can be found online at:

[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SMH', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

**Exhibit 2**  
**Property Owners Served Notice on the Application**  
**Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project**  
**Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX**

<b>PID</b>	<b>PROPERTY OWNER</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
J34-611-190000006000	A SCHALLER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	850 STRAWBERRY HILL RD COLUMBUS, OH 43213
J34-610-270000014000	AGOSTI RUDOLPH D JR & CATHERINE L	20440 HASKINS RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-310000002500	AMBASSADORS LIGHT LP	650 HASKINS RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-611-190000025000	AMOS BRADLEY D & JACQUELYN ANN	21186 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-300000008503	ARC RMBLGOH001 LLC	PO BOX 54467 LEXINGTON, KY 40555
J34-610-270000002000, J34-610-260000020000	ASMUS RONALD & SUZANNE M TRUSTEES	328 MOTTS FOREST RD WILMINGTON, NC 28412
C11-511-060000029000, C11-511-070000005500	AVERY JEFFREY T & JAMES ALAN & BECHSTEIN JENNIFER L	14361 GREENSBURG PIKE PORTAGE, OH 43451
J37-611-180000010000	BAKER WILLIAM S	22263 N DIXIE HWY PERRYSBURG, OH 43551
R63-510-120102027000	BALLEZ RAMONA P & RINA M	13755 LARCH CT BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103125000	BEAVERSON DUSTIN D & KRISTEN N	1720 WEXFORD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103017000	BEODDY THOMAS	755 GREYSTONE DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103021000	BIHN MICHAEL A & DARLENE	803 GREYSTONE DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-300000014000	BLACK SWAMP FARMERS LLC	20590 HULL PRAIRIE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120101003500	BLUE CREEK LLC	6255 SUGAR RIDGE RD PEMBERVILLE, OH 43450
R63-510-110000017000, R63-510-110000018000	BOMELI JASON C & RIFE EMILY	14634 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020000003001	BOSTDORFF CHARLES L	18745 BRIM ROAD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R62-510-030001001000	BOSTDORFF JAMES D, SELENE M & JAMES F	19210 HASKINS RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-270000016000, J34-610-340000022002, R62-510-020000007001, R62-510-030001014000, R62-510-020000006000, R62-510-030001015002	BOSTDORFF JAMES F	19210 HASKINS RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-511-060000019000, R63-510-010301018000	BOSTDORFF RICHARD S & MARY ANN	18150 BRIM RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R62-510-030001002000	BOSTDORFF ROGER & BARBARA	18622 ST RT 199 PEMBERVILLE, OH 43450
R63-510-110000015000, R63-510-110000016000	BRADFORD MARY E	14592 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120000014000	BUCKINGHAM RUAH E TRUSTEE	221 BIDDLE ST BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120000024000, R63-510-120000027000	BURKHART DOUGLAS L & FLORENCE E	14654 POWELL RD PORTAGE, OH 43451



PID	PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS
J34-611-190000021000	BUSCH RICHARD NORMAN	13130 MIDDLETON PIKE BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-611-190000029000, J34-611-190000020000	BUSCH VICTORIA LYNN ATTN: NORMAN BUSCH	2710 MCCORD RD TOLEDO, OH 43615
R63-510-120000001000	BUSHMAN BARBARA A	5317 ALEXANDER RD PEMBERVILLE, OH 43450
R63-510-120102031000	CARMONA ROBERT & DARLENE	13882 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103023000	COCKE KAY L	811 GREYSTONE DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-010000030000	COE RANDALL S	7004 E 207TH ST BRADENTON, FL 34211
B08-510-120103002000, B08-510-120103001000, B08-510-120103003000	COGAN'S CROSSING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION	PO BOX 323 BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020000001000	COLCORD ROGER D & DONNA J	14510 HANNAH RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020206014000	COPE JAMES M & PAHL-COPE KAITLYN C	14470 HANNAH RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120101002500	CROMLEY GERALD R & DOROTHY E	720 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103024000	DANIELS SHARON K	815 GREYSTONE DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103022000	DAUTERMAN KAREN G	115 N ENTERPRISE BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103025000	DIEGEL WILLIAM J & PAMELA J	817 GREYSTONE DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103009000	DISHOP TERESA KAY	1513 COGANS LN BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120000021000, B08-510-120000004500, B08-510-120000020000	DIXIE COMMERCIAL BUILDING LLC	445 WOOSTER E ST BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-310000004000	DSJN PLL	28300 WHITE RD PERRYSBURG, OH 43551
C11-511-060000018000, C11-611-310000039000, C11-611-310000018000	DUNIPACE MICHAEL J & MARY L	12587 CROSS CREEK RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-611-310000036000, C11-611-310000035000	DUNIPACE MICHAEL JAMES TRUSTEE ET AL	12587 CROSS CREEK RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-300000016000, J34-610-150000001000	ECKEL BERNARD C & MARGARET A	2192 OLD TRAIL RD PERRYSBURG, OH 43551
J36-611-310000011000	EMCH MICHAEL & EMCH PATTI	21450 DUNBRIDGE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R62-510-020000011500	EULER JANEEN L	14853 HANNAH RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-110000044000, R63-510-110000043000	FIEBELKORN BARBARA A	14401 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-110000045000, R63-510-110000046000, R63-510-110000047000, R63-510-110000042000	FIEBELKORN BARBARA A TRUSTEE	15505 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-110000006500, R63-510-110000006501	FIEBELKORN DOUGLAS A & SUSAN K	14212 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402

<b>PID</b>	<b>PROPERTY OWNER</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
C11-511-070000003000	FOOS BERNARD F & ANGIE L	10637 SUGAR RIDGE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-611-190000019000	FULFORD GREGORY E & BURKE LORIE A	21378 DIXIE HY N BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-350000013500	FULLENKAMP ADAM	14909 CROSS CREEK RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103020000	GARCIA DAVID J TRUSTEE	767 GREYSTONE DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120102025000	GARN KAREN L	13795 LARCH CT BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120000031000	GERETY DAVID D & SANDRA J	13423 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-611-310000020000	GETZ PENELOPE S TRUSTEE	216 E GREENWOOD DR HASKINS, OH 43525
C11-611-310000019000	GONZALEZ ALBERTO & JOANNE E	12615 CROSS CREEK RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-511-060000023500	GRAY SHARON L TRUSTEE	18516 DIXIE N HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020000002000	GREEN KENZI & CLOUSE MICHAEL	14582 HANNAH RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-611-190000023500	HAAS JAMES	420 WALNUT ST PERRYSBURG, OH 43551
J34-611-190000023501	HAAS JAMES A & HELEN S	420 WALNUT ST PERRYSBURG, OH 43551
J34-610-140000005001	HALL JEFFREY A & CATHY D	14746 KING RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120102028000	HAMMON JAMES R & MARILYN L	17573 BRIM RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R62-510-020000004000, C11-511-060000023502, R62-510-020000005000	HANNA DREW A TRUSTEE	700 N MAIN ST BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020000017002	HARRIS BRUCE E & KRISTINA L	14227 HANNAH RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020000017004	HARRIS MICHAEL W & LISA C	18404 HULL PRAIRIE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-611-310000037000, C11-611-310000038000	HART CLIFFORD L JR & KRISTIN A	12680 SUGAR RIDGE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J37-611-180000011000	HARTMAN LORETTA M & PETERS CHERYL S TRUSTEES	14423 OVITT RD PERRYSBURG, OH 43551
R63-510-020000015000	HELLER JANEEN L	14583 HANNAH RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-511-060000024000	HENRY MARY DELLA	10105 ROACHTON RD PERRYSBURG, OH 43551
C11-511-060000025000, C11-511-070000006000	HENRY PHYLLIS E TRUSTEE	25102 LIME CITY RD PERRYSBURG, OH 43551
B08-510-120101005500	HINTZ KIRK W & CAROL A	13518 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
P60-400-310000018003, P60-400-310000018002	HINTZ NORBERT A & CONNIE L	12824 DOWLING RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103005000	HOCKLEY SHIRLEY J	1514 COGANS LN BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103008000	HOVER RONALD L & JANET S	1509 COGANS LN BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402

PID	PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS
J36-611-310000009000, J36-611-310000008000	HOWGIN LLC	19953 TWP RD 66 ARLINGTON, OH 45814
R63-510-110000001000	HUDSON SHAWN J & TERESA M	14260 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-300000012000	JOHNSON RODERICK J	20354 DIXIE N HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J37-611-180000009000	JOHNSON SHERROD H TRUSTEE	12698 NEWTON E RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120101001000	JORGENSEN DONALD R	17942 BRIM RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-511-060000020000	KARR ROBERT A	18778 DIXIE N HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-610-360000027002, R63-510-010000001000	KAZMAIER TERRY L & CHARLES	975 ROCA PALCE CHULA VISTA, CA 91910
R63-610-360000025000	KAZMAIER TERRY LEE	975 ROCA PLACE CHULA VISTA, CA 91910
R63-510-110000012000	KIEFER JOSHUA J & AMANDA M	14510 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-010000026000	KIEFFER CHRISTINE M TRUSTEE	13207 UNION HILL RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-610-360000027000	KIEFFER RUSSELL W	4910 TIEDEMAN RD BROOKLYN, OH 44144
B08-510-120103019000	KLINK DANIEL L	763 GREYSTONE BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-110000014000, R63-510-110000013000	KONECNY CHARLES F & MARTHA J	14526 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-260000020001	KUBACKI MATTHEW S	20190 ASMUS RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-110000024000	LEGALLEY DOUGLAS R	812 CHERRY HILL DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020000016000, R63-510-110000010000	LEGALLEY DOUGLAS R & TONI M	812 CHERRY HILL DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-260000004000	LEWIS CAROL M 1/2 & RENEE C 1/2	29160 CHARLOTTE SW LN WILSONVILLE, OR 97070
R63-510-120000030000	LEWIS PATRICIA A	13451 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-260000006000	LIMES DONALD WAYNE & KATHY LYNN TRUSTEES	20590 HULL PRAIRIE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-350000002500, J34-610-350000008001	LIMES GALEN E & NANCY L	19867 HULL PRAIRIE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-350000009000, J34-610-350000008000, J34-610-350000013000, J34-610-350000018000, J34-610-350000017000, J34-610-340000002000, J34-610-350000019000, J34-610-340000003000, J34-610-350000015000, J34-610-350000016000, J34-610-350000014000, J34-610-22000	LIMES RODNEY A ETAL	19625 ASMUS RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120000025000, R63-510-120000026000	LINDAHL BURKHART R TRUSTEE	5116 ABEL MERRIL RD COLUMBUS, OH 43221

PID	PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS
C11-611-310000032000, C11-611-310000031000	LORENZEN ROBERT A & PATRICIA	19316 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-511-060000023000	LUIDHARDT JON	9738 NELSON RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-300000013000, J36-611-310000003000	LW INVESTMENT GROUP LLC	20590 HULL PRAIRIE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-611-310000022000	MARSHALL STEVEN J & PAMELA L	19486 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103026000	MARTINEZ JAVIER HOYOS & HOYOS LAURIE A	1603 WATERFORD DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-611-190000017000	MASON CLARENCE W	19486 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-511-070000007000	MAURER JAMES A	17910 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-010000030500	MAURER MOBILE HOME COURT INC	17910 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120102032000	MAURER ROBERT W	445 E WOOSTER ST BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120102030000	MAURER ROBERT W & GREEN ALLEN A	445 E WOOSTER ST BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120000002001, B08-510-120000002000	MAURER ROBERT W & PATRICIA A	445 WOOSTER E ST BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-611-310000023000	MCCARTHY CINDY A TRUSTEE	19454 DIXIE N HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103018000	MCCREERY DANIEL S & DIANE M	759 GREYSTONE DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-190000003000, J36-611-190000005000, J36-611-190000002500, J36-611-190000004000, J34-611-190000007000	MEIER SALLY H MEIER SALLY H TRUSTEE	21793 MERCER RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-611-310000029000	MEYER AARON	19350 DIXIE N HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-611-190000015000	MILLER ERIC A & BETH ANN	21542 DIXIE N HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-010000033000	MJ MCHAFFIE LLC	18237 DIXIE N HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-140000009000, J34-610-260000017000, J34-610-260000018000	MOSER K DALE	17388 HANNAH RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-260000019000	MOSER LAURA MAE	20540 ASMUS RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103127000	MURPHY DANIEL W	1712 WEXFORD DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-010000031000	NEWTON LANDING LLC	445 WOOSTER E ST BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402

PID	PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS
R63-510-110000009500, R63-510-110000033001, R63-510-120102033000, R63-510-110000003000, R63-510-110000041000, R63-510-110000009501, R63-510-120102035000, R63-510-110000008001, R63-510-110000032000, R63-510-110000002000, R63-510-110000033000, R63-510-11000	NIETZ CHRISTIANA K TRUSTEE	15505 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-110000042001	NIETZ JOHN C & BETSY L	14435 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-110000020000, R63-510-110000019000	NIETZ RONALD C & MESSENGER JILL S	15505 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-300000003000	O C INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES LTD	25730 FIRST ST WESTLAKE, OH 44145
J36-611-300000004500	OC INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES LTD	12763 MIDDLETON PIKE BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103132000	OVERTON ALLEN D & KIRBY	1692 WEXFORD DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120000001001, R63-510-010000039500, R63-510-010000038000, R63-510-010000037000, J34-611-190000026000, J34-611-190000027000, J34-611-190000028000	P & J THAYER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	PO BOX 365 BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-611-310000021000	PELTON SUZETTE M	19496 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J37-611-180000012000	PETERS CHERYL	13030 KING RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
P60-400-310000016000, J34-610-230000005000	PETTEYS DAVID P & BARBARA S TRUSTEES	12420 DOWLING RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-611-190000022000	PINE APARTMENTS LTD	121 EAST WOOSTER ST BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103004000	REED PAUL E	1510 COGANS LANE BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020206011501	RIFFNER MEGAN D & BRETT W	14338 HANNAH RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-010000036000, R63-510-010000035000	RIKER LESLEY A TRUSTEE	10334 POE ROAD E BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-511-060000023501	RINGLER DOUGLAS TRUSTEE	18702 DIXIE N HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120000022500	RPM COMMERCIAL LLC	445 WOOSTER E ST BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-511-060000028000, C11-611-310000016500, C11-611-310000016501, C11-611-310000015000	SABO SHERYL A	12515 CROSS CREEK RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-611-310000041000	SAVAGE ERNEST N TRUSTEE	12502 SUGAR RIDGE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402

PID	PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS
C11-611-310000040000, C11-611-310000041002	SAVAGE LOUISE A TRUSTEE	12502 SUGAR RIDGE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103131000, B08-510-120103130000, B08-510-120103129000, B08-510-120103128000	SAYLER TODD M & HEATHER D	1700 WEXFORD DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-611-190000016500	SCHMIDT JOHN T & AMY E	28581 DIXIE HIGHWAY N BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-350000013001, J34-610-350000014001	SCHULTE DAVID L & DARLA L	14955 CROSS CREEK RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-611-310000034000, C11-611-310000033000	SHEEKS RANDY & TERRILL	19302 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R62-510-020000008000	SHELDRIK RODNEY A & TAWNA S	14787 HANNAH RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-230000004000	SHORT RICHARD E & MONA L	1155 GLEN LEVEN ANN ARBOR, MI 48103
C11-611-310000027000, C11-611-310000026000	SIDIQ MOHAMMAD & JOSEFINA TRUSTEES	19386 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020000017003	SIDLE STEPHEN M & DAUN M	18340 HULL PRAIRIE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020000017000	SKIRVIN MARC W & MARCY A	18280 HULL PRAIRIE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
P60-400-310000018000, J34-100-360000021000, P60-400-310000019000	SLOWINSKI FRANK JR & MARLENE M	26350 THOMPSON RD PERRYSBURG, OH 43551
C11-511-060000017000	SMELTZER DALE L & MARY J TRUSTEES	12500 SUGAR RIDGE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020206011500	SMITH DANIEL A & DONNA M TRUSTEES	9828 E PUEBLO AVE LOT 112 MESA, AZ 85208
R63-510-120000002500	SMITH FRANK L	PO BOX 266 BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103007000	SMITH JARED H & WILHELM LAUREN	1522 COGANS LN BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020000014000, R63-510-020201002001	SMITH PATRICIA ELAINE	4292 US HIGHWAY 224 W TIFFIN, OH 44883
B08-510-120103126000	SNYDER BRUCE T & VICKI J	30072 WATERFORD RD PERRYSBURG, OH 43551
R63-510-120000029000, R63-510-120000022501	SNYDER RICK L	13481 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120000022502	SNYDER STEVEN JAY & KIMBERLY A	11851 NEWTON RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-110000022000	SOUTHWICK CHRISTOPHER D KAUFMAN BETHANY N	14750 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-220000012001	SPAULDING SCOTT A & CHERI L	15002 MIDDLETON PIKE BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-300000021000	SPECK FAMILY TRUST	17746 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-511-070000008000	SPECK TERRY L & BRUCE W	17746 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
B08-510-120103006000	SRD	1518 COGANS LN BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-020206012000, R63-510-020206013000	STOUT ROBERT M & PENELOPE S	14286 HANNAH RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402

PID	PROPERTY OWNER	ADDRESS
R63-510-020000003000	STUBBLE FIELD LLC	18150 BRIM RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-300000002000	SULLIVAN KEVIN P TRUSTEE	11908 E GYPSY LANE E RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-611-3100000030000	SZYMANSKI THOMAS & BRITANEY	19330 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-2300000010000	THAMES FARMS INC	P O BOX 187 PERRYSBURG, OH 43552
C11-611-3100000025000, C11-611-3100000024000	THOMAS WAYNE & CONNIE S	19442 N DIXIE HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-511-0600000019001	TIMM ERIC D & DENISE E	18832 DIXIE N HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
C11-511-0600000011000	TOBER DENNIS G & BARBARA A	12436 SIMONDS RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-0100000034000	TRACTOR SUPPLY CO	PO BOX 7002 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027
J36-611-3000001001000	USF HOLLAND LLC	20820 MIDSTAR DR BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J37-611-1800000007000, J37-611-1800000008000	VAN CLEVE VERNON E & JO A	12349 DOWLING RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-3000000019000	VOLLMAR STEVEN J & JANA A	12502 DEVILS HOLE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-3100000005000	WEAKLEY LESLEY & JISKOOT JODY	900 DEERPATH RD DOTHAN, AL 36303
J34-610-2300000003000	WEIHL HAROLD W & MARY L TRUSTEES	14282 KING RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-3500000011000, J34-610-2600000023000, J34-610-3400000004000, J34-610-3500000010000, J34-610-2700000015000, J34-610-3500000012000, J34-610-2700000001000, J34-610-3400000001000	WENIG BETTY J & WENIG BETTY J LE @ 3	19993 ASMUS ROAD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-2300000008000	WENIG GORDON A	14666 ST RT 582 BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-2600000016000, R62-510-0200000013000, R62-510-0200000010000, R62-510-0200000009000, R62-510-0200000012000	WENIG GORDON A TRUSTEE	14666 MIDDLETON PIKE BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-2700000003000, J39-610-2700000006000, J34-610-2700000005000, J34-610-2700000004000	WENIG JUNE TR 1/2 LE 1/2 WENIG DOUGLAS & DIANE RM	20760 HASKINS RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-2700000014002	WENIG JUNE TRUSTEE	20760 HASKINS RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-2600000022000, J34-610-2600000021000	WENIG PHILLIP B	15493 MIDDLETON PIKE BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-2200000001000	WENIG PHILLIP B & JULIE J	15493 MIDDLETON PIKE BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-120102026000	WIEBER BRANDON & KATIE	13777 LARCH COURT BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402

<b>PID</b>	<b>PROPERTY OWNER</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
R63-510-110000004500	WILLMAN ROBERT F & JANETTE F TRUSTEES	14118 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-610-140000008000	WILSON JAMES	14900 KING ROAD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
R63-510-010000027000	WULFF RENTALS LTD	13891 POWELL RD PORTAGE, OH 43451
R63-510-110000021000	YARGER KEVIN L & COLLEEN M	14710 BISHOP RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J34-611-190000018000	YEARY JOSEPH H & NANCY K TRUSTEES	11227 RIVER S RD GRAND RAPIDS, OH 43522
C11-611-310000028000	YODER BRADLEY J & EMILY B	19368 DIXIE N HWY BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-300000017000, J36-611-300000018000	ZAUTNER TODD & JOANNE M	12610 DEVILS HOLE RD BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402
J36-611-300000001000	ZISS CONNIE & ZISS JAMES	1052 W WOOSTER ST BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402





April 23, 2019

[Property Owner Name]  
[Address Line 1]  
[Address Line 2]

Re: Parcel No(s): xxx-xxx-xxx-xxx

Re: OPSB Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need For the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project")

Dear Property Owner,

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (ATSI), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to construct the Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project ("Project"). This Project involves the construction of a new 138kV transmission line that would connect an existing transmission line to an existing substation in Plain Township, Ohio. The Project is needed to mitigate thermal loading issues, improve area voltage stability, allow for future load growth, and help ensure safe and reliable service to the area. A map detailing the Project Area is included with this letter.

Prior to starting construction on this Project, ATSI must obtain approval from the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"), the State Board responsible for reviewing the siting of major electric utilities such as the proposed Project. You are receiving this letter, which describes the Project and the OPSB approval process, to give you notice of the date, time and location of an upcoming public hearing because you have been identified as a property owner potentially impacted by this Project. Please note that the parcel number identified above is a parcel number that ATSI has identified as being crossed by either the preferred or alternate route for this Project, as described in the application filed with the OPSB. The attached map depicts both the preferred and alternate routes being reviewed by the OPSB. Please note, the OPSB will only approve one route for the Project.

ATSI is also required by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 4906-3-09(A)(1) to provide property owners along either the preferred or alternate route of a proposed project with notice that it has filed the Application for the Project with the OPSB. For this Project, the Application was deemed filed on April 11, 2019, and the formal review of the Application is currently underway with the OPSB.

To provide you with additional background, the Project proposes to construct an approximately 6.1 mile-long transmission line from the existing Lemoyne-Midway 138 kV Transmission Line to the Brim Substation. The Application includes detailed information on two routes, identified as the preferred route and alternate route. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Middleton, Center and Plain Townships and a portion of the City of Bowling Green in Wood County, Ohio. The attached map shows both the preferred and alternate routes, and the location of the existing Brim Substation. Please note that as required by the OPSB, both routes will meet the electric transmission system needs that are being addressed by this Project, but ATSI has identified the preferred route as being the better of the two options under the OPSB's review criteria. For more information on the OPSB, and their review process, you can visit their website at <http://www.opsb.ohio.gov/opsb>.

The Application for the Project can also be found at this website, under the OPSB assigned case number of 18-1335-EL-BTX. A copy of the Application for the Project, has also been provided for public review at the following library:

Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

Up-to-date Project information and a copy of the Project Application also can be found online at:  
[https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio/wood-county-reinforcement.html)

ATSI has also provided the following public officials and agencies with copies of the Application as required by the OPSB regulations:

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Ms. Doris Herringshaw, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. Craig LaHote, Wood County Board of Commissioners  
Mr. John Musteric, Wood County Engineer's Office  
Mr. Dave Steiner, Wood County Planning Commission  
Mr. Jim Carter, Wood County Soil & Water District  
Mr. Jim Bostdorff, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Penny Getz, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Mr. Fred Vetter, Trustee, Middleton Township Trustee  
Ms. Laurie Limes, Middleton Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Donald Bechstein, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Gary Cromley, Plain Township Trustee  
Mr. Jim Rossow, Plain Township Trustee  
Ms. Elizabeth Bostdorff, Plain Township Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dale Brown, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Rick Engle, Center Township Trustee  
Mr. Doug Wulff, Center Township Trustee  
Ms. Jill Foos, Center Township Fiscal Officer  
Mayor Richard Edwards, City of Bowling Green Mayor's Office  
Mr. Bruce Jeffers, Bowling Green City Council  
Mr. William Herald, Bowling Green City Council - Ward 4  
Mr. Michael Aspacher, Bowling Green City Council - Public Utilities Committee  
Mr. Jason Sisco, Bowling Green Engineering Division  
Bowling Green Planning Commission

In addition, for your information, and in accordance with the Ohio Power Siting Board regulations (OAC Rule 4906-3-09), the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code which describe the criteria used by the OPSB in review an Application for a major utility facility, are provided for your convenience:

***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 basis 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 929. 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.*

The Ohio Revised Code also establishes requirements for public hearings on applications for major utilities. Specifically, R.C. §§4906.07 and 4906.08 provide:

#### ***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 alternates 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.*

**Section 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.*

**The Board, by Order issued on April 12, 2017, set the dates for the public hearing of this Project, consisting of two parts, as:**

- A. A non-adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to Section 4906.08(C), Revised Code, where the Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation – District 2, 317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, and**
- B. An adjudicatory hearing commencing on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

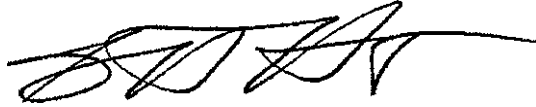
The OPSB will issue a final decision on the Application after the conclusion of the hearings. If the OPSB approves the Project, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2020. FirstEnergy representatives will contact property owners prior to starting any construction work on their property.

Finally, petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the OPSB up to 30 days following publication of the notice required by Ohio Adm. Code Rule 4906-5-08(C)(1), or by May 23, 2019, whichever is later. However, as the OPSB noted in its April 11, 2019 Order, interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing are strongly encouraged 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. 18-1335-EL-BTX).

Please note that you should include the OPSB case number, Case No. 18-1335-EL-BTX, in any correspondence with the OPSB on this Project to ensure that your comments are included in the record of the proceeding of this Project.

If you have questions regarding this Project, please feel free to submit questions or comments directly to [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com) or contact us at 1-800-589-2837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SMH', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachment

Wood County 138 kV Reinforcement Project

