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Ms. Tanowa Troupe Ohio Power Siting Board, Docketing Division The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

PRE-APPLICATION NOTIFICATION LETTER Ashland Substation and 138 kV Transmission Lines Structure Addition Project <u>Case No. 20-1459-EL-BLN</u>

Dear Ms. Troupe:

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

In this Project, ATSI proposes to construct the new Ashland 138/69kV Substation, along with associated transmission line connections. The Ashland substation will be configured to include terminals for five transmission lines (two 138 kV transmission lines and three 69 kV transmission lines). Connecting the transmission lines into the new substation will involve the addition of two (2) single steel monopoles and the removal of one (1) existing steel lattice tower from the existing double-circuit Brookside-Howard and Brookside-Leaside 138 kV Transmission Lines corridor. New 795 kcmil 26/7 ACSR and 556.5 kcmil 26/7 ACSR conductors will replace the existing 336.4 kcmil 18/7 ACSS/TW conductor between the substation and the new steel monopoles. The Project is located in Milton Township and the City of Ashland, Ashland County Ohio.

Construction on this Project is expected to begin as early as March 1, 2021 and be completed by November 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

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