

June 29, 2022

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

Letter of Notification
Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project
Case No. 22-0562-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. Troupe:

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (“ATSI”), a FirstEnergy company, hereby transmits the enclosed Letter of Notification (“LON”) application, which has been completed in accordance with the requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapters 4906-3 and 4906-6.

In this Project, ATSI proposes to rebuild approximately 15.9 miles of the 32.4-mile-long existing transmission line that extends from ATSI’s Richland Substation to AEP’s East Leipsic Substation. The rebuild segment will extend from Richland Substation to the AEP interconnection point at structure 1. The Project is needed due to deteriorated structure conditions.

ATSI is requesting a 50-day expedited review of this Project in order to align construction activities with outage sequencing this coming September. ATSI respectfully requests approval on or before August 29, 2022. ATSI will pay the necessary fees for expedited review.

Pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-2-04(A)(3), please be advised of the following:

a) Name and address of the applicants:

American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
76 South Main Street
Akron, Ohio 44308

b) Name and location of proposed facilities:

Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

The Project area is located in the City of Defiance, Richland Township, Highland Township, in Defiance County, and Pleasant Township, Henry County, and Palmer Township, in Putnam County, Ohio.

c) Applicant's representative:

Scott M. Humphrys
Transmission Siting Supervisor
Transmission and Substation Design
FirstEnergy Service Company
76 South Main Street
Akron, OH 44308-1890

Attorney for Applicant:

Devan K. Flahive (0097457)
Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP
41 South High Street, Suite 2900
Columbus, OH 43215-6194
Tel: (614) 227-1989
dflahive@porterwright.com (willing to accept service via e-mail)

d) No information that was provided in the pre-application letter required by OAC Rule 4906-6-03 has been amended or changed in the attached Letter of Notification application.

e) A notarized statement that the information contained in the application is complete and accurate is attached as Attachment 1.

We have provided a copy of the Letter of Notification application by certified mail, with return receipt requested, to each official of the political subdivisions immediately affected by the proposed Project listed in Attachment 2. Copies of the transmittal letters addressed to the local government representatives of the City of Defiance, Richland Township, Highland Township, Defiance County, Pleasant Township, Henry County, Palmer Township, and Putnam County, Ohio are enclosed for your file. Copies of the transmittal letters to the local libraries are also enclosed.

Should staff of 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
Transmission and Substation Design
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachments

**Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Lines Rebuild Project
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Date: June 29, 2022

**Attachment 1
Acknowledgement of Scott M. Humphrys**

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BEFORE THE
OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In re Application of American)
Transmission Systems, Incorporated for a)
Certificate of Environmental)
Compatibility and Public Need for the)
Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV)
Transmission Line Rebuild Project)

Case No. 22-0562-EL-BLN

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SCOTT M. HUMPHRYS

I, Scott M. Humphrys, state the following:

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-2-04(A)(3)(e), I am the authorized representative of the Applicant in this case and I affirm that the Letter of Notification application filed in this matter is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Scott Humphrys

Signed on 2022/06/29 10:02:12 -8:00

Scott M. Humphrys
FirstEnergy Service Company

State of Ohio)
)
County of Summit) ss:

Sworn and subscribed before me this twenty-ninth day of June 2022.

Maalright

Signed on 2022/06/29 10:02:12 -8:00

Notary Public

Maalright

Signed on 2022/06/29 10:02:12 -8:00



**05 Richland-East Leipsic LON Affidavit.docx**

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E-Signature Summary**E-Signature 1: Scott Humphrys (smh)**

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shumphrys@firstenergycorp.com (Principal) (Personally Known)

E-Signature Notary: Matthew J. Albright (MJA)

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malbright@firstenergycorp.com
I, Matthew J. Albright, did witness the participants named above
electronically sign this document.



Attachment 2
Officials Served Copy of Letter of the Notification
Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line
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Defiance County

Mr. Ryan Mack
Defiance County Commissioner
500 Court Street, Suite A
Defiance, OH 43512

Mr. Warren Schlatter, P.E., P.S.
Defiance County Engineer
510 Court Street, Suite 201
Defiance, OH 43512

Mr. Mick Pocratsky
Defiance County Commissioner
500 Court Street, Suite A
Defiance, OH 43512

Mr. Dennis Miller - Director
Defiance County Planning Commission
1300 East Second Street
Suite 200
Defiance, OH 43512

Mr. David Kern
Defiance County Commissioner
500 Court Street, Suite A
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Trustee, Richland Township
1472 Candlewood Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Mr. Joe Schindler
Trustee, Richland Township
11701 Hire Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Ms. Julie Rittenhouse
Trustee, Richland Township
1915 E. Second St.
Defiance, OH 43512

Ms. Tammy Flory
Fiscal Officer, Richland Township
28261 Jewell Rd. Box 111
Jewell, OH 43530

Highland Township

Mr. Ed Zachrich
Trustee, Highland Township
15895 Painter Rd
Defiance, OH 43512

Mr. Stephen Flory
Trustee, Highland Township
27837 Bowman Rd
Defiance, OH 43512

Mr. Kenneth Zachrich
Trustee, Highland Township
27735 Sutphen Rd.
Defiance, OH 43512

Mr. Tom Wolfrum
Fiscal Officer, Highland Township
15772 Hill Rd.
Defiance, OH 43512

Henry County

Mr. Jeff Mires
Henry County Commissioner
1853 Oakwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Mr. Glenn Miller
Henry County Commissioner
1853 Oakwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Mr. Robert Hastedt
Henry County Commissioner
8858 County Road G
Hamler, OH 43524

Mr. Tim Schumm, P.E., P.S.
Henry County Engineer
1823 Oakwood Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Mr. Nick Rettig
Henry County Planning Director
1853 Oakwood Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Mr. Bob George
Henry County Soil & Water Conservation
2260 N. Scott St.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Pleasant Township

Mr. Andrew Clady
Trustee, Pleasant Township
14676 County Road Y
New Bavaria, OH 43548

Mr. Andrew Hoffman
Trustee, Pleasant Township
15631 County Road D1
Holgate, OH 43527

Mr. Daniel Keeterle
Trustee, Pleasant Township
14308 County Road C2
Holgate, OH 43527

Mr. Tyler Thomas
Fiscal Officer, Pleasant Township
13664 County Road C
Holgate, OH 43527

Putnam County

Mr. Vincent Schroeder
Putnam County Commissioner
245 East Main Street, Suite 101
Ottawa, OH 45875

Mr. Michael L. Lenhart, P.E., P.S.
Putnam County Engineer
245 East Main Street, Suite 205
Ottawa, OH 45875

Mr. John Schlumbohm
Putnam County Commissioner
245 East Main Street, Suite 101
Ottawa, OH 45875

Mr. Nolan Croy
Putnam County Planning Commission
245 East Main Street
Ottawa, OH 45875

Mr. Michael A. Lammers
Putnam County Commissioner
245 East Main Street, Suite 101
Ottawa, OH 45875

Mr. Kyle Haselman, Supervisor
Putnam County Soil & Water
1206 East Second Street
Ottawa, OH 45875

Palmer Township

Mr. Dave Niese, Chairman
Trustees, Palmer Township
4633 County Road 13-C
Leipsic, OH 45856

Mr. Leo Schroder
Trustees, Palmer Township
SR 108
Leipsic, OH 45856

Mr. Kenneth Hermiller
Trustees, Palmer Township
14352 County Road E
Leipsic, OH 45856

Mr. Roger Niese, Fiscal Officer
Palmer Township
15476 County Road B
Leipsic, OH 45856

Public Library

Defiance Public Library
Cara Potter - Director
320 Fort St.
Defiance, OH 43512

Holgate Community Library
Mr. Frank Felter, President
204 Railway Ave
Holgate, OH 43527

Pilgrim Library
Collette Knight- Circulation Coordinator
201 College Pl
Defiance, OH 43512

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Mr. Ryan Mack
Defiance County Commissioner
500 Court Street, Suite A
Defiance, OH 43512

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I will be happy to answer your questions concerning this matter. You can contact me at (330) 384-2526.

Sincerely,



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

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Mr. Mick Pocratsky
Defiance County Commissioner
500 Court Street, Suite A
Defiance, OH 43512

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Mr. David Kern
Defiance County Commissioner
500 Court Street, Suite A
Defiance, OH 43512

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Mr. Warren Schlatter, P.E., P.S.
Defiance County Engineer
510 Court Street, Suite 201
Defiance, OH 43512

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Mr. Dennis Miller - Director
Defiance County Planning Commission
1300 East Second Street
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Defiance County Soil & Water
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06879 Evansport Road, Suite C
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Office of the Mayor
631 Perry Street
Defiance, OH 43512

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Planning Commission, Chair
631 Perry Street
Defiance, OH 43512

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City Engineer
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Mr. Joel Martin
Trustee, Richland Township
1472 Candlewood Road
Defiance, OH 43512

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Ms. Julie Rittenhouse
Trustee, Richland Township
1915 E. Second St.
Defiance, OH 43512

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June 29, 2022

Mr. Joe Schindler
Trustee, Richland Township
11701 Hire Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Letter of Notification
Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project
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Ms. Tammy Flory
Fiscal Officer, Richland Township
28261 Jewell Rd. Box 111
Jewell, OH 43530

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Mr. Ed Zachrich
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15895 Painter Rd
Defiance, OH 43512

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Mr. Stephen Flory
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Mr. Tom Wolfrum
Fiscal Officer, Highland Township
15772 Hill Rd.
Defiance, OH 43512

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June 29, 2022

Mr. Jeff Mires
Henry County Commissioner
1853 Oakwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

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June 29, 2022

Mr. Tim Schumm, P.E., P.S.
Henry County Engineer
1823 Oakwood Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

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Mr. Glenn Miller
Henry County Commissioner
1853 Oakwood Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

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June 29, 2022

Mr. Nick Rettig
Henry County Planning Director
1853 Oakwood Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

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Mr. Robert Hastedt
Henry County Commissioner
8858 County Road G
Hamler, OH 43524

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Mr. Bob George
Henry County Soil & Water Conservation
2260 N. Scott St.
Napoleon, OH 43545

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Mr. Andrew Clady
Trustee, Pleasant Township
14676 County Road Y
New Bavaria, OH 43548

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Holgate, OH 43527

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Mr. Daniel Keeterle
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Holgate, OH 43527

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Mr. Tyler Thomas
Fiscal Officer, Pleasant Township
13664 County Road C
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Mr. Vincent Schroeder
Putnam County Commissioner
245 East Main Street, Suite 101
Ottawa, OH 45875

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Mr. Michael L. Lenhart, P.E., P.S.
Putnam County Engineer
245 East Main Street, Suite 205
Ottawa, OH 45875

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Mr. John Schlumbohm
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245 East Main Street, Suite 101
Ottawa, OH 45875

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Mr. Nolan Croy
Putnam County Planning Commission
245 East Main Street
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Case No. 22-0562-EL-BLN

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Transmission Siting Supervisor
Transmission and Substation Design
FirstEnergy Service Company

June 29, 2022

Mr. Michael A. Lammers
Putnam County Commissioner
245 East Main Street, Suite 101
Ottawa, OH 45875

Letter of Notification
Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project
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Mr. Kyle Haselman, Supervisor
Putnam County Soil & Water
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Ottawa, OH 45875

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Mr. Dave Niese, Chairman
Trustees, Palmer Township
4633 County Road 13-C
Leipsic, OH 45856

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Mr. Leo Schroder
Trustees, Palmer Township
SR 108
Leipsic, OH 45856

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Mr. Kenneth Hermiller
Trustees, Palmer Township
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Leipsic, OH 45856

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June 29, 2022

Ms. Cara Potter, Director
Defiance Public Library
320 Fort St.
Defiance, OH 43512

Letter of Notification
Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project
Case No. 22-0562-EL-BLN

Dear Ms. Cara Potter,

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Mr. Frank Felter, President
Holgate Community Library
204 Railway Ave
Holgate, OH 43527

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Collette Knight- Circulation Coordinator
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LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

**RICHLAND-EAST LEIPSIC 138 kV TRANSMISSION LINE
REBUILD PROJECT**

OPSB CASE NO.: 22-0562-EL-BLN

June 29, 2022

**American Transmission Systems, Incorporated
76 South Main Street
Akron, Ohio 44308**

**LETTER OF NOTIFICATION
RICHLAND-EAST LEIPSIC 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE
REBUILD PROJECT**

The following information is being provided in accordance with the procedures in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 4906-6 for the application and review of Accelerated Certificate Applications. Based upon the requirements found in Appendix A to OAC Rule 4906-1-01, this Project qualifies for submittal to the Ohio Power Siting Board (“Board”) as a Letter of Notification application.

4906-6-05: ACCELERATED APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

4906-6-05: Name and Reference Number

Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project (“Project”).
(Reference Number: 3031)

4906-6-05 (B)(1): Brief Description of the Project

In this Project, American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (“ATSI”), a FirstEnergy company, is proposing to rebuild approximately 15.9 miles of the total 32.4-mile-long existing transmission line that extends from ATSI’s Richland Substation to AEP’s East Leipsic Substation. This segment of transmission line rebuild extends from Richland Substation in Defiance County to the AEP interconnection point at Structure 1 in Putnam County. The Project will traverse the City of Defiance, Richland and Highland Townships in Defiance County, Pleasant Township in Henry County and Palmer Township in Putnam County. The general location of the Project is shown in Exhibit 1, a copy of United States Geologic Survey topographic maps, and Exhibit 2 is a copy of ESRI aerial imagery of the Project area.

As shown on Exhibits 3a through 3c (general layout), the Project scope will be comprised of the following:

- Replacement of 125 existing single circuit wood poles, primarily along the same centerline as the existing transmission line. Per current design estimates, 122 wood pole structures and 3 steel H-frame structures will be used;

- Installation of one new wood pole structure, Structure 126, which will become the final structure before the transmission line terminates in the Richland Substation. This structure is needed in order to provide adequate ground clearance for crossing of ATSI's General Motors (Richland) No. 1 138 kV Transmission Line (Exhibit 3b);
- Minor relocation of Structures 113 through 117 for clearance from existing gas pipeline facilities (Exhibit 3c); and
- Re-conductoring (636 kcmil 26/7 ACSR replaced with 795 kcmil 26/7 ACSR).

4906-6-05 (B)(1): Letter of Notification Requirement

The Project meets the requirements for a Letter of Notification because the Project is within the types of projects defined by Item (2)(b) of the Application Requirement Matrix for Electric Power Transmission Lines, Appendix A of OAC Rule 4906-1-01. This item states:

(2) Adding new circuits on existing structures designed for multiple circuit use, replacing conductors on existing structures with larger or bundled conductors, adding structures to an existing transmission line, or replacing structures with a different type of structure, for a distance of:

(b) More than two miles.

The proposed Project is within the requirements of Item (2)(b) as it involves replacing structures and conductor for a distance greater than two miles.

4906-6-05 (B)(2): Need For the Project

The proposed rebuild Project is needed to: (i) replace the wood supporting structures to address deteriorated conditions, (ii) upgrade facilities that are presently beyond their expected service life, and (iii) bring equipment in line with current design standards and guidelines. The primary benefit of the Project is to enhance system reliability through

avoidance of unplanned outages and to augment ATSI's operating flexibility and system resiliency by replacing aging and deteriorating wood poles and upgrading the conductor and shield wire.

The Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line was originally constructed in 1966, making the line over 55 years old. Of the 125 poles proposed to be replaced, 123 are original.

A routine, comprehensive visual inspection ("CVI") of the Richland-East Leipsic line conducted by a third party contractor in 2020 revealed 79 active conditions with approximately 54% (67 of 125) of the structures having significant rot and degradation. Other deteriorating conditions included broken or bent braces, missing dampers, and broken static wire or strands. By comparison, the 2016 CVI identified 40 active conditions, which were repaired that same year. The sharp increase in active conditions over four years is an indicator of the overall decline of the transmission line integrity and that the facilities are reaching the end of service life.

There has also been a growing trend of unscheduled interruptions on this line. Since 2011, there have been 13 total outages due to lightning, equipment failures and other unknown factors.

And in furtherance of an infrastructure modernization effort, ATSI proposes to upgrade the existing conductor from 636 kcmil 26/7 ACSR to 795 kcmil 26/7 ACSR. The new proposed 795 kcmil 26/7 ACSR conductor allows for greater capacity and is FirstEnergy's current standard conductor. It also allows for future load growth in the Project's service area. In addition, OPGW will be installed on all structures to allow for enhanced communication between substations and new 7#8 Alumoweld static wire will be installed between structures #1 and #93.

The Project need and solution were presented to PJM, respectively, at the February 21, 2020 and the April 20, 2020 Subregional Regional Transmission Expansion Plan

(SSRTEP) Committee Western meetings. The Project was assigned supplemental upgrade identification number s2246. The PJM SSRTEP-Western presentation slides are included as Exhibit 4.

4906-6-05 (B)(3): Location of the Project Relative to Existing or Proposed Lines

The location of the Project relative to existing or proposed lines is shown in the ATSI Transmission Network Map, included as part of the confidential portion of the FirstEnergy Corp. 2022 Long-Term Forecast Report (“LTFR”). This map was submitted to the PUCO in Case No. 22-0504-EL-FOR under Rule 4901:5-5:04 (C)(2)(b) of the Ohio Administrative Code. The map is incorporated by reference only. This map shows ATSI’s 345 kV and 138 kV transmission lines and transmission substations including the Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line (ATSI-owned portion only). This Project is included in the 2022 forecast at page 73.

4906-6-05 (B)(4): Alternatives Considered

Due to the physical condition of the existing transmission line and the nature of the Project, there were only two alternatives considered: replace only the failed structures or rebuild the entire degraded portion of the line.

Alternative 1:

Replace the 67 failed wood structures with similar wood structures and re-use the existing conductor and shield wire. Includes construction of approximately 8.2 miles of access roads and restoration after replacement.

Alternative 2:

Rebuild approximately 15.9 miles of the transmission line, consisting of replacing all existing transmission structures with 122 wood structures and 3 steel structures, installing one new structure, replacing the existing conductor with 795 kcmil 26/7 ACSR and adding OPGW. This alternative includes approximately 14.4 miles of access roads and restoration after completion.

Several factors were considered by ATSI in opting to rebuild the entire line rather than continuing to maintain the deteriorating facilities. These factors include:

Existing Wood Pole Condition

As described in Section 4906-6-05 (B)(2), 123 of the total 125 poles proposed to be replaced are over 55 years old and recent inspections have shown an increase in rot and degradation. This constitutes 98% of the structures on this line, and they are at an exponentially higher risk of failure. The other two structures were replaced in approximately 1987 and were found to be deteriorated to a point of failure in recent inspections.

FirstEnergy has historically experienced rejection of wood poles system-wide at an average age of 48.7 years. This is based on inspections of over 100,000 wood poles across the FirstEnergy footprint. Wood poles are considered rejected when defects render a pole unsafe, unreliable, or not code compliant.

Additionally, FirstEnergy rejects wood poles when the pole strength has been reduced to 2/3rd of the original design strength. This is in line with the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) Table 261-1, note 2 which states

“Wood and reinforced structures shall be replaced or rehabilitated when deterioration reduces the structure strength to 2/3 of that required when installed...”

Consistent with these standard practices, all of the structures identified in the application should be replaced.

Conductor Replacement and Upgrade

ATSI proposes to replace and upgrade the conductor to its current standard of 795 kcmil 26/7 ACSR as part of the proposed Project. As stated above, this would not be completed under the Alternative 1 scenario. Not only does it upgrade the conductor to current standards, it allows for greater capacity and for potential load growth in the Project's service area. Lastly, by replacing the conductor as part of this Project, it eliminates the

need for a complete reconductor project in the coming years as the conductor is aging along with the rest of the facilities.

Communications

Although outside the scope of this application, this Project will also facilitate ATSI's replacing the existing shield wire with one 7#8 Alumoweld shield wire on Structures 1 through 93) and one OPGW on Structures 1 through 125. With the addition of OPGW, ATSI is able to modernize grid protection and control communications between substations. Since the installation method is identical to traditional shield wire, the cost per mile of adding OPGW is negligible compared to the return on the investment from a reliability and communication perspective. If pole replacement is done under a maintenance approach, OPGW would not be installed, and a separate alternative fiber route may be required to meet communication enhancement needs.

Land Use and Sensitive Areas

Land use in the Project area is primarily agricultural, as cultivated crop land. Rebuilding this line in a single construction effort reduces the land use impact and disruption to farming activities by limiting the number of mobilizations, reducing potential crop damage and eliminating the need for re-establishing access for the ever-increasing maintenance activities should the alternative been selected.

Overall, land use impacts, including but not limited to crop and other environmental features, increase with multiple mobilizations as compared to a single construction project (as proposed here). These impacts, along with the installation of barriers or matting and adhering to seasonal restrictions, lead to increase costs and complicate construction sequencing and outage coordination.

Safe and Reliable Service

ATSI has a duty to provide safe and reliable service to its customers and the condition of the Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line presents a significant risk to ATSI's

ability to meet this obligation. As referenced in Section 4906-6-05 (B)(2), since 2011, there have been 13 unplanned outages on this transmission line.

The best approach is to completely rebuild the Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line. ATSI believes that the rebuild project is the most cost effective, least impactful approach.

4906-6-05 (B)(5): Public Information Program

ATSI's manager of External Affairs will advise local officials of features and the status of the proposed Project as necessary. ATSI will maintain a copy of this Letter of Notification on FirstEnergy's website: https://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_projects/ohio.html.

ATSI will publish notice of the Project in Crescent News and NW Signal within 7 days of filing this Letter of Notification application. The notice will comply with OAC 4906-6-08(A)(1)-(6). In addition to the public notice, ATSI will mail letters in accordance with OAC 4906-6-08(B) explaining the Project to affected and adjacent property owners and informing them of the Project's anticipated construction and restoration activities sequencing, including the start date and overall time frame.

During all phases of this Project, the public may contact ATSI through the transmission projects hotline at 1-888-311-4737 or via email at: transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com.

4906-6-05 (B)(6): Construction Schedule

The construction schedule for this Project is expected to begin as early as September 5, 2022 and is proposed to be completed/in-service by May 26, 2023.

4906-6-05 (B)(7): Area Map

Exhibit 1 depicts the general location of the Project on a partial copy of United States Geological Survey Topographic Maps. Exhibit 2 provides a partial copy of aerial imagery of the project area.

4906-6-05 (B)(8): Properties List

The Project is primarily located within existing right-of-way. In the area of the relocation, all new easement rights and right-of-way have been acquired. Exhibit 5 contains a list of properties affected by the Project.

4906-6-05 (B)(9): TECHNICAL FEATURES OF THE PROJECT

4906-6-05 (B)(9)(a): Operating Characteristics

The transmission line construction will have the following characteristics:

Voltage:	138 kV
Conductors:	795 kcmil 26/7 ACSR
Static Wire:	OPGW (structures 1-125) 7#8 Alumoweld (structures 1-93)
Insulators:	Porcelain (Suspension and Deadend) Polymer (Braced Posts)
ROW Width:	80 feet
Land Requirements:	Existing 80' ROW and new ROW for relocated portion of Project.
Structure Types:	Exhibit 6: Single Circuit Wood Pole Structure Suspension Horizontal Two Pole H- Frame Angles 0° to 5° Approximately 81 structures are needed. Exhibit 7: Single Circuit Steel Structure Tangent Deadend H-Frame Approximately 3 structures are needed. Exhibit 8: Single Circuit Wood Pole Structure Suspension Horizontal Three Pole Light Line Angle Approximately 2 structures needed. Exhibit 9: Single Circuit Wood Pole Structure Suspension Horizontal Three Pole Medium Line Angle Approximately 2 structures needed. Exhibit 10: Single Circuit Wood Pole Structure Suspension Horizontal Three Pole Heavy Line Angle Approximately 1 structure is needed. Exhibit 11: Single Circuit Wood Pole Structure Deadend Horizontal Three Pole Angle 0° to 3°

- Approximately 3 structures needed.
- Exhibit 12: Single Circuit Wood Pole Structure
Deadend Horizontal Three Pole Angle 27° to 90°
Approximately 2 structures needed.
- Exhibit 13: Wood Pole Structure
Braced Post Delta, Single Pole, Angles 0° to 2°
Approximately 28 structures needed.
- Exhibit 14: Laminate Wood Pole Structure
Braced Post Delta, Single Pole Str. #93
Approximately 1 structure needed.
- Exhibit 15: Single Circuit Laminate Wood Pole Structure
Braced Post Suspension Vertical, Single Pole
Approximately 2 structures needed.
- Exhibit 16: Single Circuit Wood Pole Structure
Suspension Vertical, Single Pole Angle 30° to 50°
Approximately 1 structure needed.

4906-6-05 (B)(9)(b): Electric and Magnetic Fields

There are occupied residences or institutions are within 100 feet from the proposed transmission line centerline therefore Electric and Magnetic Field (“EMF”) calculations are required by this code provision.

4906-6-05 (B)(9)(b)(i): Calculated Electric and Magnetic Fields Strength Levels

Table 1 itemizes the line loading of the Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line. The normal line loading represents FirstEnergy’s peak system load for the transmission lines. The emergency line loading represents the maximum line loading under contingency operation. The winter rating is based on the continuous maximum conductor rating (“MCR”) of the circuits for the single conductors per phase and an ambient temperature of zero degrees centigrade (32 °F), wind speed of 1.3 miles per hour, and a circuit design operating temperature of 100 °C (212 °F).

Table 1: Transmission Line Loading

Line Name	Normal Loading Amps	Emergency Loading Amps	Winter Rating Amps
Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV	311.9	675	1077

Due to different directional load flow, two separate models were run using a right-of-way width of 80 feet for this Project. For Location #1, the load flow is north to south whereas for Location #2, the load flow is west to east. The calculations provide an approximation of the electric and magnetic fields levels based on specific assumptions utilizing the EPRI EMF Workstation 2015 program software. This program software assumes the input transmission line configuration is located on flat terrain. Also, a balanced, three-phase circuit loading is assumed for the transmission circuit. The model utilizes the normal, emergency, and winter rating of the transmission lines. Tables 2 and 3 provide an approximation of the electric and magnetic field strengths the Project.

Table 2: EMF Calculations for the Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line Location #1

Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line within 80-foot Right- of-Way Location #1		Electric Field kV/m	Magnetic Field mG
Normal Loading	Under Lowest Conductors	0.467	19.77
	At Right-of-Way Edges	0.452	12.97 / 13.15
Emergency Loading	Under Lowest Conductors	0.467	42.97
	At Right-of-Way Edges	0.452	27.76 / 28.65
Winter Rating	Under Lowest Conductors	0.467	68.56
	At Right-of-Way Edges	0.452	44.30 / 45.45

Table 3: EMF Calculations for the Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line Location #2

Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line within 80-foot Right- of-Way Location #2		Electric Field kV/m	Magnetic Field mG
Normal Loading	Under Lowest Conductors	0.712	17.86
	At Right-of-Way Edges	0.24 / 0.315	9.4 / 10.57

Emergency Loading	Under Lowest Conductors	0.712	38.62
	At Right-of-Way Edges	0.24 / 0.315	20.4 / 22.96
Winter Rating	Under Lowest Conductors	0.712	61.62
	At Right-of-Way Edges	0.24 / 0.315	32.55 / 36.45

4906-6-05 (B)(9)(b)(ii): Alternative Design Consideration for Electric and Magnetic Fields

The strength of EMFs can potentially be reduced by installing the transmission line conductors in a compact configuration, increasing conductor heights, and by selecting conductor phasing that reduces the field strengths. ATSI designs its facilities according to the requirements of the NESC. The pole heights and configuration were chosen based on NESC specifications, engineering parameters, and cost. ATSI's typical practice, as proposed in the new construction portions of this Project, is to install 138 kV transmission lines primarily on single wood tangent and H-frame structures supported on suspension insulators. The single wood tangent structures is a compact design that reduces EMF field strengths in comparison to other installations. The H-frame structure conductor height reduces EMF field strengths as well.

4906-6-05 (B)(9)(c): Estimated Cost

The estimated capital cost for the proposed project is approximately \$13,470,000.

4906-6-05 (B)(10): SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(a): Land Uses

The Project is located in the City of Defiance, Richland Township, Highland Township, in Defiance County, Pleasant Township in Henry County, and Palmer Township in Putnam County. The main land use around the Project is agricultural.

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(b): Agricultural Land

Agricultural land exists within the Project Area, primarily as cultivated cropland. Because this is Project is a rebuild, there is only minor new impact to agricultural land. The impact will be from the relocation of Structures 113 through 117, as discussed on page 2 of this LON Application. A summary of all agricultural land is included below in Table 4.

Table 4: Agricultural Lands within the Project's Disturbance Area

Parcel Number	Acreage	Agricultural District	Agricultural District Expiration
340180600000	40.1	Yes	2024
340180500000	38.76	Yes	2024
340180200000	21.89	Yes	2024
123300220000	58.91	Yes	2024
123300240000	58.59	Yes	2024
123000040100	38.83	Yes	2024
F120014002200	67.71	Yes	2022
F120003000303	40.982	Yes	2024
J090034000904	41.57	Yes	2024
J080016000401	5.73	Yes	2027

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(c): Archaeological or Cultural Resources

ATSI performed a desktop review of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office's Online Mapping System ("Review") on June 27, 2022 for this segment of the Richland – East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line.. The Review was conducted to identify the existence of any significant archeological or cultural resource sites within 0.5 miles of the Project Area. Results of the Review are summarized below and shown in Exhibit 17, though the specific location of any archeological resources are excluded from the map and are instead listed in Table 8.

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office ("OHPO") online mapping database includes all Ohio listings on the National Register of Historic Places ("NRHP"), including districts, sites, building, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. The results of the search indicate that there are no listed NRHP sites and there is one (1) NRHP eligible site identified within 0.5 miles of the Project potential disturbance area. The NRHP eligible site is shown in Table 5.

The OHPO database also includes listing of the Ohio Archaeological Inventory ("OAI"), the Ohio Historic Inventory ("OHI"), previous cultural resource surveys, and the Ohio Genealogical Society ("OGS") cemetery inventory. There are seventeen (17) OAI listed archeological resource that have been previously inventoried within 0.5 miles of the Project area and are shown in Table 6. There are four (4) listed structural resource located within 0.5 miles of the Project area and are shown in Table 7. There have been six (6) previous cultural resource survey conducted within 0.5 miles of the Project area and are provided in Table 8. There is one (1) OSG cemetery located within 0.5 miles of the Project area, and is provided in Table 9.

Table 5. List of Eligible National Historic Registered Places

Resource Name	Address	County	Eligibility
914175	N/A	Defiance	YD

Table 6. List of OAI Listed Archeological Resources

OAI Number	Affiliation	Description	County	Quad Name
DE0027	Historic	Non-Aboriginal	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0182	Prehistoric	Late Archaic Early Woodland	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0185	Prehistoric	Unknown Prehistoric	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0186	Prehistoric	Late Archaic	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0190	Prehistoric	Unknown Prehistoric	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0194	Prehistoric	Unknown Prehistoric	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0200	Prehistoric	Early Archaic Late Woodland	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0201	Prehistoric	Late Archaic	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0202	Prehistoric	Late Woodland	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0222	Prehistoric	Unknown Archaic	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0247	Historic	Non-Aboriginal	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0250	Prehistoric	Unknown Archaic	Defiance	Defiance East

DE0251	Prehistoric	Unknown Prehistoric	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0260	Prehistoric	Unknown Prehistoric	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0261	Prehistoric	Unknown Prehistoric	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0262	Prehistoric	Unknown Prehistoric	Defiance	Defiance East
DE0263	Historic	Non-Aboriginal	Defiance	Defiance East

Table 7. List of OHI Listed Structural Resources

OHI Number	Present Name	Historic Use	County	Municipality
DEF0021010	EJ Liska Farm	Single Dwelling/Barn	Defiance	Richland Township
DEF0021110	EJ Liska House	Single Dwelling/Barn	Defiance	Richland Township
DEF0021210	Elliot Matthew Shed	Shed	Defiance	Richland Township
DEF0021310	Matthew Elliot Farmstead	Single Dwelling/Barn	Defiance	Richland Township

Table 8. List of Previous Cultural & Historic Resource Survey

Year	Name	County	Municipality
1991	A Phase I, II and III (Research, Survey and Testing) Cultural Resources Assessment of the Existing Gm Pipeline in Defiance County, Ohio	Defiance	
1994	Literature Review and Reconnaissance Survey for the Preliminary Alternatives Segment of the Proposed 3.7 Km U.S. 24 Expansion (DEF-24-11.91) in Noble and Richland Townships, Defiance County, Ohio	Defiance	Noble and Richland Townships

1979	Preliminary Archaeological Survey of the Proposed Improvement of State Route 18, Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio (DEF-18-26.29)	Defiance	City of Defiance
1999	Richland Substation Expansion Project Archeological Investigation, Defiance Township, Defiance County, Ohio	Defiance	Defiance Township
2006	Phase 1 Cultural Resource Management Survey of a Proposed 3.7 ha (9.2a) Development in Richland Township, Defiance County, Ohio	Defiance	Richland Township
2003	A Phase I Archaeological Survey of the DEF/HEMN-24-11.91/0.00 Project in Adams and Richland Townships, Defiance County, Ohio and Napoleon Township, Henry County, Ohio (PID 19047)	Defiance and Henry	Adams, Richland and Napoleon Townships

Table 9. List of OGS cemeteries

OGS ID	Name	County	Location
2850	Hire	Defiance	Richland Township

Because this Project will entail a rebuild of an existing line in the same location and because pole relocation is taking place in land that was previously disturbed, ATSI does not anticipate any impact to historic properties or cultural resources.

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(d): Local, State, and Federal Requirements

Table 10 shows the list of governmental agency requirements for the Project and ATSI's application status at the time of this filing.

Table 10. List of Government Agency Requirements to be Secured Prior to Construction

Agency	Permit Requirement	Status
U.S. Army Corps of	Section 10 Permit (Maumee River Crossing)	Will be filed

Engineers		
Ohio EPA	General NPDES Construction Storm Water Permit	Will be Filed
ODOT	Aerial Permit and Access Road Permit	Will be filed
Henry County	Aerial Permit and Access Road Permit	Will be filed
Defiance County	Aerial Permit, Access Road Permit, and Floodplain Permit	Will be filed
Putnam County	Aerial Permit and Access Road Permit	Will be filed
CSX Railroad	Maintenance Access Request	Will be Filed

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(e): Endangered, Threatened, and Rare Species Investigation

WSP, on behalf of ATSI, conducted the necessary environmental surveys and prepared applications for the required environmental permits. WSP submitted a request to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) Office of Real Estate to conduct an Environmental Review on March 16, 2022. As part of the Environmental Review, the ODNR Office of Real Estate searched the ODNR Division of Wildlife’s Natural Heritage Database to determine the presence of any endangered, threatened, or rare species within one-mile of the Project area. The Environmental Review also included input from the ODNR Division of Wildlife (ODNR-DOW) regarding state-listed threatened and endangered species whose range overlaps with the Project area. The ODNR’s Office of Real Estate’s response on April 8, 2022 indicated that Natural Heritage Database records of eight state-listed threatened and/or endangered species are located within a one-mile radius of the Project Area. ODNR-DOW comments indicated that the Project is within the range of 20 state- and/or federally-listed species. A copy of ODNR’s Office of Real Estate’s response is included as Exhibit 18.

As part of the investigation, WSP also submitted a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) for an Ecological Review on March 16, 2022 to research the presence of any federally-listed threatened and endangered species in the vicinity of the Project area. A copy of USFWS’s response (Project Code: 2022-0017527), dated March 31, 2022, is included as Exhibit 19. A list of all endangered, threatened, and rare species, as identified by ODNR and USFWS, as potentially being within the vicinity of the Project is provided in Table 11.

Table 11. List of Endangered, Threatened, and Rare Species.

Mammal				
Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Listed Status	State Listed Status	Affected Habitat
Indiana bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Endangered	Endangered	Trees & Forest
northern long-ear bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Threatened	N/A	Trees & Forest
little brown bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	N/A	Endangered	Trees & Forest
Tri-colored bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	N/A	Endangered	Trees & Forest
Reptile				
Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Listed Status	State Listed Status	Affected Habitat
Kirtland’s snake	<i>Clonophis kirtlandii</i>	N/A	Threatened	Wet fields & Meadows
Blanding’s turtle	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>	N/A	Endangered	Marshes, Ponds, Swamps & Lakes
spotted turtle	<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	N/A	Threatened	Fens, Bogs, Marshes & Meadows
Freshwater Mussels				
Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Listed Status	State Listed Status	Affected Habitat

clubshell	<i>Pleurobema clava</i>	Endangered	Endangered	Streams & Rivers
northern riffleshell	<i>Epioblasma torulosa rangiana</i>	Endangered	Endangered	Streams & Rivers
rayed bean	<i>Villosa fabalis</i>	Endangered	Endangered	Streams & Rivers
white catspaw	<i>Epioblasma obliquata perobliqua</i>	Endangered	Endangered	Streams & Rivers
rabbitsfoot	<i>Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica</i>	Threatened	Endangered	Streams & Rivers
black sandshell	<i>Liguma recta</i>	N/A	Threatened	Streams & Rivers
threehorn wartyback	<i>Obliquaria reflexa</i>	N/A	Threatened	Streams & Rivers
fawnsfoot	<i>Truncilla donaciformis</i>	N/A	Threatened	Streams & Rivers
Fish				
Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Listed Status	State Listed Status	Affected Habitat
greater redhorse	<i>Moxostoma valenciennesi</i>	N/A	Threatened	Rivers
Bird				
Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Listed Status	State Listed Status	Affected Habitat
upland sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	N/A	Endangered	Grasslands & Pasture
least bittern	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	N/A	Threatened	Dense, woody wetlands
sandhill crane	<i>Grus Canadensis</i>	N/A	Threatened	Wetlands
northern harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	N/A	Endangered	Marshes & Grasslands
bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Protected	N/A	Large Trees near Large Bodies of Water

WSP conducted a desktop review to assess the potential presence of habitat suitable for several of the ODNR listed species within the Project Area. The desktop review is included as Exhibit 20. WSP determined that no potential bat hibernacula or suitable bird nesting habitat is present within the Project Area. In addition, WSP determined no impact to the fresh water species since no in-water work is proposed for this Project. ODNR concurs with the WSP desktop review results as shown in Exhibit 21.

The USFWS response indicated that the Project is within the range of the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). Minimal tree clearing will be required for this Project because the project is in existing maintained ROW. Tree clearing will be scheduled to be completed between October 1st and March 31st to avoid affecting potential bat habitat. If this schedule cannot be achieved and the clearing of trees outside of this window is deemed necessary, consultation with ODNR and USFWS will be completed prior to any clearing. Evidence of potential hibernacula was not discovered during a desktop review of the Project vicinity, nor observed within the Project area during the environmental surveys.

The USFWS's response indicated that the Project is within 0.5-miles of a known bald eagle nest and recommends that no tree clearing occur within 660 feet of a bald eagle nest or within any woodlot supporting a nest tree. The USFWS also requests that work within 660 feet of a nest or within the direct line-of-site of a nest be restricted from January 15 through July 31. The closest bald eagle nest is approximately 1,400 feet from the project area. WSP is investigating the line-of-site from the nest location to the project area. Currently, construction is slated to be completed by December 31, 2022 in the area adjacent to this eagle nest. Should it be found that the nest is within the direct line-of-site and construction extends beyond the end of the year, ATSI will consult with the USFWS for further guidance or adhere to the seasonal restrictions set forth above.

The response from ODNR indicated that the Project is within the range of several state- and federally-listed freshwater mussel species. The response also indicated that the Project is within the range of the state-threatened greater redhorse. While potentially

suitable habitat may be provided by larger streams and rivers within the Project area, no impacts to any aquatic species are expected due to the Project's location and because no work is proposed in perennial streams.

The response from ODNR indicated that the Project is within the range of the state-threatened Blanding's turtle, spotted turtle, and Kirtland's snake. The ODNR response indicated that the Project is not likely to impact this species.

The response from ODNR indicated that the Project is within the range of the state threatened least bittern and sandhill crane, and the state endangered northern harrier and upland sandpiper. Small areas of potentially suitable habitat for these species does occur in the vicinity of the Project area, but these areas are too small and too frequently disturbed to provide suitable nesting habitat. Therefore, the Project is unlikely to adversely impact these bird species.

4906-6-05 (B)(10)(f): Areas of Ecological Concern

The ODNR Office of Real Estate researched the presence of any unique ecological sites, geological features, animal assemblages, scenic rivers, state wildlife areas, nature preserves, parks or forest, national wildlife refuges, or other protected natural areas within one (1) mile of the project area. The ODNR's Office of Real Estate's response on April 8, 2022 indicated that the Maumee State Scenic River and Independence Dam State Park are within one mile of the Project area. The proposed Project involves the rebuild of an existing transmission line within the existing ROW. Therefore, there are no new impacts to the view shed of the Maumee State Scenic River and the Independence Dam State Park and the Project will not result in any permanent change.

WSP conducted a wetland and stream assessment of the Project area. WSP's investigation focused on an approximately 129-acre Environmental Survey Area (ESA) encompassing the proposed Project ROW, access roads, and additional workspace areas. Delineation field work occurred on July 20 - 21, and September 8, 2021. Land use surrounding the Project study area was observed to be primarily agricultural. During the

field investigation, WSP identified 16 streams, two wetlands, and one freshwater pond within the ESA. Both wetlands were determined to be palustrine emergent (PEM) Category One wetlands and totaled 0.47 acres within the ESA. The 16 streams totaled approximately 1,736 linear feet within the ESA. Thirteen of the 16 streams (totaling 1,412 feet within the ESA) were identified as ephemeral, two streams (264 feet) were identified as intermittent, and one stream (60 feet) was identified as perennial. One freshwater pond was identified and measured 0.11-acres within the ESA but was determined to be non-jurisdictional as it appears to be man-made.

WSP concluded that wetland and stream impacts associated with the Project will be minimal. Discharge of fill or use of timber mats in wetland areas is not anticipated. Proposed access road stream crossings typically utilize existing culverts/crossings, but where an existing culvert is not available, temporary matting will be used for bridging and will not result in permanent or temporary fill below the ordinary high water mark. The Wetland Delineation Report is included as Exhibit 22.

Based on a review of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Mapping, the Project area crosses through a mapped floodplain associated with the Maumee River. Exhibit 23 depicts the location of the regulated floodplains in relation to the Project Area.

4906-6-05(B)(10)(g): Other Information

Construction and operation of the proposed Project will be in accordance with the requirements specified in the latest revision of the National Electrical Safety Code as adopted by the PUCO and will meet all applicable safety standards established by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

No other or unusual conditions are expected that will result in significant environmental, social, health or safety impacts.

4906-6-07: Documentation of Letter of Notification Transmittal and Availability for Public Review

This Letter of Notification is being provided concurrently with its docketing with the Board to the following officials in City of Defiance, Richland Township, Highland Township, Defiance County, Pleasant Township, Henry County, and Palmer Township, Putnam County, Ohio.

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Copies of the transmittal letters to these officials have been included with this application as proof of compliance under OAC Rule 4906-6-07 (B) to provide the Board with proof of notice to local officials as required by OAC Rule 4906-6-07 (A)(1) and to libraries per OAC Rule 4906-6-07 (A)(2).

Information is posted at www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_project/ohio.html on how to request an electronic or paper copy of this Letter of Notification application. The link to this website is being provided to meet the requirements of OAC Rule 4906-6-07 (B) and to provide the Board with proof of compliance with the notice requirements in OAC Rule 4906-6-07 (A)(3).

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