July 25, 2022

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

PRE-APPLICATION NOTIFICATION LETTER Darrow-Riverway & Evans-Riverway 138 kV Transmission Line Project <u>Case No. 22-0250-EL-BTX</u>

Dear Ms. Troupe:

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-03(A), this letter will serve as the preapplication notification letter of American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), a FirstEnergy company, for the Darrow-Riverway & Evans-Riverway 138 kV Transmission Line Project ("Project"), in which ATSI proposes to construct and operate infrastructure for improving the reliability of transmission and sub-transmission systems in Summit County, Ohio.

Specifically, ATSI seeks Ohio Power Siting Board ("Board") approval to build a new 138 kV fourbreaker ring bus substation ("Riverway Substation") and two new 138 kV transmission lines, each of which will connect the Riverway Substation to the existing 138 kV electric transmission system in Summit County. One line will extend approximately 7 miles from the existing Darrow Substation to the proposed Riverway Substation and the second line will extend approximately 5 miles from Evans Substation to the proposed Riverway Substation.

The Project and route alternatives under consideration will be located in in the communities of Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Silver Lake and Stow.

Pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-3-03(B), a public informational meeting will be held for this proposed Project on Wednesday August 17, 2022, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Cuyahoga Falls Downtown Pavilion located at 2085 Front St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221. ATSI then intends, within 90 days, to file an application with the Board for issuance of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to ATSI for the Project. Contingent on receipt of Board approval and acquisition of necessary land rights, ATSI expects to begin construction on the Project in early 2025 and to place the Project in service by June 2026.

Based on the information currently available, ATSI anticipates requesting a partial waiver of the requirements in OAC 4906-3-05 regarding no more than twenty percent overlap in route alternatives.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 330-384-2526.

Sincerely,

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