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

RE: *In the Matter of the Construction Notice Application by American Transmission Systems, Incorporated for the Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to Melbourne Substation Project*
OPSB Case No. 22-0248-EL-BTX

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Please find attached American Transmission Systems, Incorporated's ("ATSI's") response to Staff's fourth set of data requests dated November 1, 2023.

Should the Ohio Power Siting Board desire further information or discussion of this submittal, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ L. Bradfield Hughes

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Attachments

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Construction Notice)	
Application by American Transmission)	Case No. 22-0248-EL-BTX
Systems, Incorporated for the Dowling-)	
Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to)	
Melbourne Substation Project)	

ATSI'S RESPONSES TO THE FOURTH SET OF DATA REQUESTS FROM OPSB STAFF

Requests Dated November 1, 2023:

Follow-up to OPSB Staff Site Visit on 10/25/2023

- 1) During our site visit on October 25, 2023, ATSI indicated that the Preferred Route with two support structures would pass near the Village of Delta's reservoir. Please provide specific details regarding the distance between the centerline, and the two nearest support structures, from the Village of Delta's reservoir?

RESPONSE: Based on the preliminary design, there are three (3) structures located along the northern length of the reservoir. The edge of the proposed transmission line right-of-way is approximately 135' from the reservoir with the centerline of the structures being approximately 210 feet north of the reservoir.

- 2) ATSI has mentioned its intention to seek authorization or permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers for the placement of the preferred route and two support structures near the Village of Delta's reservoir. Can you confirm this approach?

RESPONSE: ATSI has determined that the Village of Delta's reservoir is under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) since it was constructed by the Village of Delta. Jacobs, a consultant for ATSI on this Project contacted ODNR's Dam Safety Group on November 3, 2023, and a verbal confirmation was received that there is no permit or authorization required for the construction of Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Project with the current alignment. It was confirmed that there are no setback requirements or review/authorization requirements unless ATSI would be installing a structure underneath or on top of the dam/levee berm, because ODNR only regulates impacts that would affect the integrity of the dam/levee berm itself. Here, ATSI is not installing any structure underneath or on top of the dam/levee berm. Accordingly, no further action is required with respect to the support structures near the reservoir that are part of the preferred route.

- 3) If the alternate route were to be chosen by the Board, confirm that ATSI does not anticipate any tree clearing in the woodlot currently separating the Hidden Ridge Estates subdivision from the proposed project?

RESPONSE: If the alternate route were to be chosen by the Board, no trees will be cleared in the woodlot currently separating the Hidden Ridge Estates subdivision from the proposed Project.

- 4) Provide a table that indicates, for both the preferred and alternate routes, the number of parcels that would be significantly bisected by either route?

RESPONSE: Below is the parcel count for parcels that would be bisected by the routes (where the new alignment is more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the parcel width). Any parcel where the proposed transmission line is co-located or paralleling the existing 345 kV transmission line was not counted as a bisected parcel.

Properties Significantly Bisected By ROW	
Preferred Route	2
Alternate Route	14

Water Conservation Practices

- 5) Does the Applicant anticipate any significant water consumption activities would be needed to construct or operate the facility (i.e., dust suppression during construction)?

RESPONSE: As referenced in the Application, at Section 4906-5-08(E)(6)(a), irrigation is one of the methods that may be utilized to control dust during construction, if necessary. However, ATSI does not consider this to be a significant consumption of water due to the spray application/method utilized. There is no water consumption as part of the operation of the transmission line.

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to Staff's Fourth Set of Data Requests dated Nov. 1, 2023 electronically filed by
Lawrence B. Hughes on behalf of American Transmission Systems, Inc..