

March 6, 2024

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

**Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate")**  
**Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to Melbourne Substation Project**  
**Case No. 22-0248-EL-BTX**  
**Proof of Service**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-3-10(A), please find attached copies of the second notice of proposed utility facility required by OAC Rule 4906-3-9(A)(2).

On February 23, 2024, the Administrative Law Judge filed a scheduling Entry on the adjudicatory hearing in this case, which is scheduled to recommence on March 21, 2024. A notification letter to the property owners affected by the proposed Preferred Route Modification was mailed by U.S. Postal First-Class Mail today, March 6, 2024. A list of the affected parcels as well as a sample copy of the letter (with enclosure) are included in Attachment.

Should the Ohio Power Siting Board desire further information or discussion of this submittal, please contact me at 330-761-4473.

Sincerely,



Nataliya Bryksenkova, Engineer  
Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

cc: J. O'Dell

**Attachment**  
**Property Owners Served Notice Letters on the Hearing Recommence**  
**Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to Melbourne Substation Project**  
**Case No. 22-0248-EL-BTX**

<b>Parcel Number(s)</b>
<b>20-041048-00.000</b>
<b>20-040988-00.000</b>
<b>20-040960-00.000</b>
<b>20-040956-01.000</b>
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<b>20-040960-01.000</b>



76 South Main Street  
Akron, Ohio 44308

March 6, 2024

Name Line 1  
Name Line 2  
Address Line 1  
Address Line 2

RE: Permanent Parcel ID: XX-XXXXXX-XXXXX

Re: OPSB Case No. 22-0248-EL-BTX, Application to the Ohio Power Siting Board  
for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Dowling-  
Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to Melbourne Substation Project (“Project”)

Dear [Name]:

As you know based on prior communication, American Transmission Systems, Incorporated (“ATSI”), a FirstEnergy company, has proposed to construct the Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to Melbourne Substation Project (“Project”), a new major utility facility, in an Application submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board (“Board”). This letter is being sent to you as the property owner of a parcel along ATSI’s proposed Preferred Route Modification to apprise you that the Board has scheduled a continuation of the evidentiary hearing for this Project and to invite you to submit comments about the proposed Preferred Route Modification and/or attend the hearing, if you wish to do so.

The Project proposes to build a new 345 kV four-breaker ring bus substation (“Melbourne Substation”) on a 9-acre site and one new 345 kV transmission line to connect the Melbourne Substation with ATSI’s existing 345 kV electric transmission system. The line will extend approximately 9 miles from the existing Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line to the Melbourne Substation. Also, as part of this Project, ATSI will construct two approximately 0.5-mile-long 345 kV transmission lines to connect the existing, customer-owned Sydney Substation to the proposed Melbourne Substation. The transmission lines will be constructed primarily on single steel monopoles.

An Application to construct, operate and maintain this facility is now pending before the Board and has been assigned Case Number 22-0248-EL-BTX. Route alternatives under consideration traverse Delta Village and Fulton, Pike, Swan Creek, and York Townships in Fulton County, Ohio.

A public hearing about the Project took place on December 6, 2023, at the Delta American Legion Post A.E.E.W. No. 373. No one who testified at the public hearing objected to ATSI’s Preferred Route for the Project. After that hearing, however, Rocky Conley intervened on behalf

of the Delta Raceway to express concern about the Preferred Route's potential impacts on the Raceway.

On January 9, 2024, the Board called and continued an adjudicatory hearing about the Project. The Board continued the hearing to permit ATSI to propose a route modification that would avoid potential impacts to the Raceway.

To address Mr. Conley's concerns, on February 6, 2024, ATSI submitted Supplemental Information to the Board proposing a modification to the Preferred Route ("the Preferred Route Modification").

In summary, the Preferred Route Modification would consist of a simultaneous, two-step construction. If certificated by the Board, the first step would include the construction of an approximately 0.8-mile construction of 345 kV transmission line paralleling and to the north of the existing Fulton-North Star Steel 345 kV Transmission Line. This parallel construction will physically connect on the eastern and western ends to the existing Fulton-North Star Steel 345 kV Transmission Line. The proposed Preferred Route Modification would be constructed by installing a structure east of the intersection of the Preferred Route and County Road 7-2. At this point, the proposed Preferred Route Modification would turn north, crossing the turnpike to a structure that ties in with the existing Fulton-North Star Steel 345 kV Transmission Line. From this point, the proposed Preferred Route Modification would connect to the existing electrically vacated structures of the Fulton-North Star Steel 345 kV Transmission Line circuit that now occupy the newly constructed parallel transmission line. At the western extent of the vacated section of transmission structures, the proposed Preferred Route Modification would trend south, cross the turnpike, and rejoin the Preferred Route alignment on the Village of Delta Reservoir property.

The proposed Preferred Route Modification is shown on the accompanying map of the area. As the map shows, your parcel will adjoin the Preferred Route Modification if approved by the Board. On or before March 11, 2024, Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board will docket a Report of Investigation regarding the proposed route modification. That Report and other information concerning the Project is available at the following link to the Board's online docket:

<https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?Caseno=22-0248&link=DIVA>

On February 23, 2024, the Board scheduled a continuation of the adjudicatory hearing for the Project, as follows:

**An evidentiary (adjudicatory) hearing recommencing on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.**

Please feel free to submit written comments and/or attend the previously continued evidentiary hearing.

If you have any questions concerning the Project and/or the Proposed Route Modification, an ATSI representative will be happy to answer them. You can contact ATSI at the transmission projects hotline number 1-888-311-4737 or by email at [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com). The Project name, Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line tap to Melbourne Substation Project, and Case Number (22-0248-EL-BTX) should be referenced in all communications.

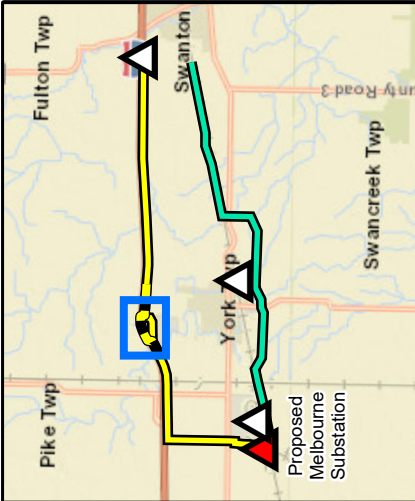
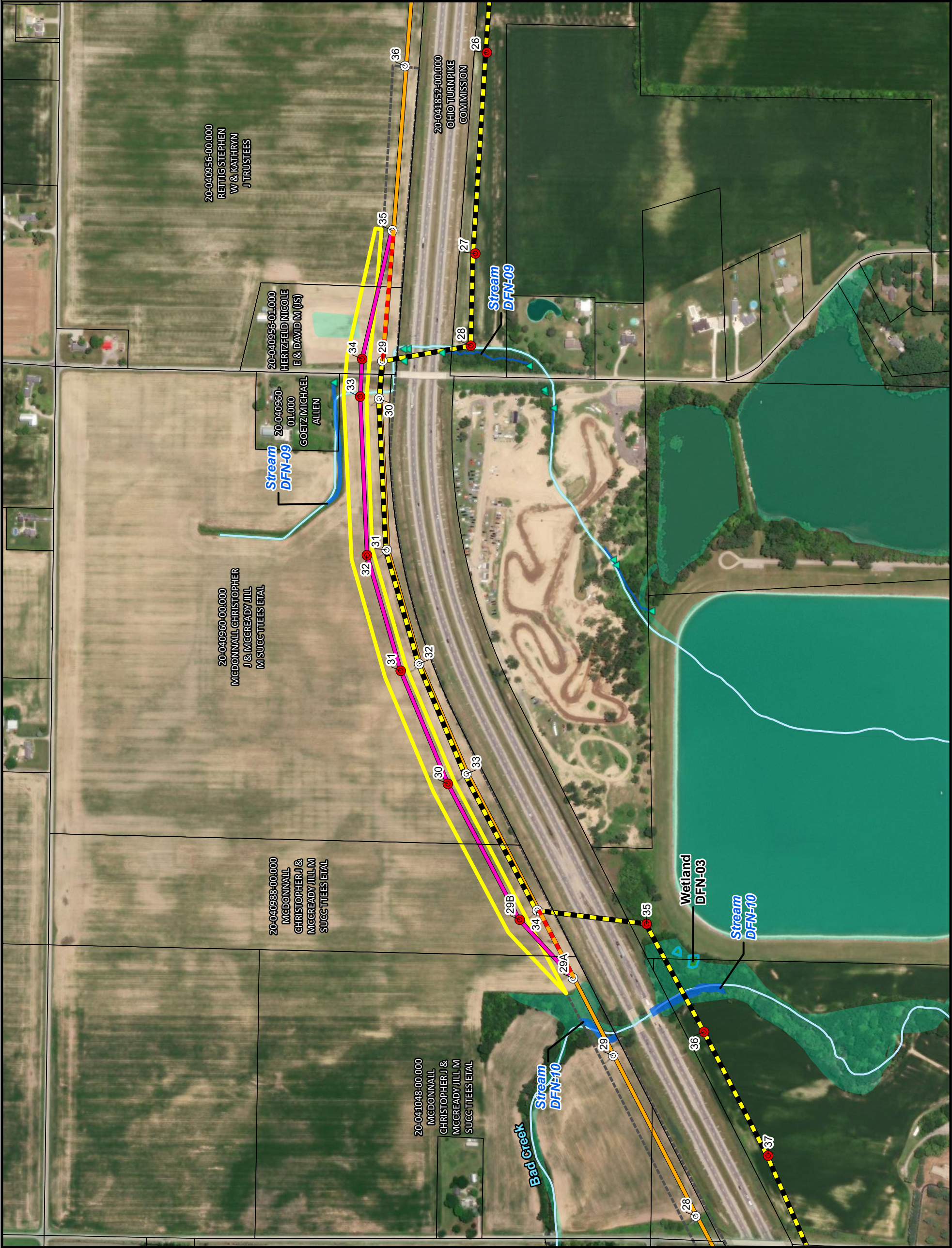
Sincerely,



Nataliya Bryksenkova, Engineer  
Transmission and Substation Design  
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Attachment






**LEGEND:**

- Preferred Route (Revised)
- Fulton NorthStar Steel 345kV
- Transmission Centerline (Proposed Centerline Relocation)
- Fulton NorthStar Steel 345kV
- Transmission Line (Existing)
- Fulton NorthStar Steel 345kV
- Transmission Line (To Be Removed)
- Additional ROW Proposed
- ROW (Existing for the Fulton NorthStar Steel 345kV Transmission Line)
- Existing Pole Location
- Proposed Pole Location
- Culvert
- Stream (NHD)
- NWI Wetland
- Delineated PEM Wetland
- Delineated PFO Wetland
- Delineated Stream
- Parcel Boundary

**BASE MAP SOURCE:**  
Esri World Imagery  
Coordinate System: State Plane Ohio North FIPS 3402 Feet  
Datum: NAD 1983  
Scale: 1:4,800  
2/29/2024



**ATSI**  
American Transmission Systems, Inc.  
A subsidiary of Entergy Inc.

**Dowling-Fulton 345 kV  
Transmission Line Tap to  
Melbourne Substation Project**

**PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG  
THE REVISED PREFERRED ROUTE**

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FEET



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**Case No(s). 22-0248-EL-BTX**

Summary: Correspondence Proof of Mailing Notice to Property Owners Potentially Impacted by Applicant's Proposed Modification to the Preferred Route for the Dowling-Fulton 345 kV Transmission Line Tap to Melbourne Substation Project electronically filed by Mr. Lawrence B. Hughes on behalf of American Transmission Systems, Inc..