

THREE BASIC QUESTIONS Jim Galm – Huntsburg Township

We all understand that progressive improvement of Geauga County's infrastructure, when and where required, is desirable. However, the location and timing of The Geauga County - 138kV Transmission Line Supply Project begs some important questions:

- 1) Where are the potential users of the new electrical infrastructure located? Is it truly necessary to expand capacity to meet their needs?
- 2) If the potential users of the new electrical infrastructure truly exist, would it not be more equitable to construct the infrastructure upgrade in such a manner that the new users bear the majority of the burden for accommodating the new construction in lieu of established residents land owners who have nothing to gain from the project?
- 3) If the electrical infrastructure improvements must be installed in the area of US-322 between OH-608 and OH-528, can the objective be achieved by upgrading existing lines on existing routes or by installing the new 138 kV lines through existing and established rights of way?

Think hard about question (3). The same wires on the Thompson Township – Lake County border that will be tapped to feed the proposed, newly drilled right of way through eastern Geauga County are easily accessible at the Chesterland Substation on US-322, just east of OH-306. The distance between the proposed new OH-608 to OH-528 substation and the 138 kV circuits at the Thompson – Lake County border, and the distance between the proposed new OH-608 to OH-528 substation and the 138 kV circuits at the Chesterland substation **ARE THE SAME.** ***WHY BORE A NEW RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH EASTERN GEAUGA COUNTY WHEN THE SAME WIRES ARE AVAILABLE, THE SAME DISTANCE AWAY, DOWN THE EXISTING MAYFIELD ROAD RIGHT OF WAY?***