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Re: May 7, 2008 Entry concerning cancellation of local public hearings in Case No. 07-171-EL-BTX.

Message:

The entry following this cover page grant's the Companies motion for a continuance of the May 12 and 13, 2008 local public hearings. Please note that the entry will not be scanned into our docketing system until tomorrow. Please feel free to forward this information to the Cleveland media, as appropriate.

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BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of)
 American Transmission Systems,)
 Incorporated and The Cleveland Electric) Case No. 07-171-EL-BTX
 Illuminating Company for a Certificate of)
 Environmental Compatibility and Public)
 Need for the Geauga County 138 kV)
 Transmission Line Supply Project.)

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ENTRY

The Administrative Law Judge finds:

- (1) By entry issued on March 14, 2008, two local public hearings were scheduled for May 12, 2008, in Thompson, Ohio, and for May 13, 2008, in Huntsburg, Ohio.
- (2) On April 15, 2008, American Transmission Systems, Inc. (ATSI) and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) (collectively, the Companies) filed a motion to request that the two scheduled local public hearings and the adjudicatory hearing be continued. In their motion, the Companies submit that they need additional time to evaluate additional route segments with respect to the Maple Highlands Bike Trail and an abandoned railroad corridor through the City of Chardon, as requested by the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board. On April 21, 2008, Citizens Advocating Responsible Energy (CARE) filed a memorandum in support of the Companies' motion.
- (3) A case status conference was conducted with the parties on April 23, 2008, by teleconference. During the status conference, the Administrative Law Judge stated that, in light of the need to review additional route segments and provide subsequent information to staff, the Companies' motion for a continuance of the two local public hearings and the adjudicatory hearing should be granted. Further, the Administrative Law Judge directed the Companies to post a notice at the local public hearing locations established by the March 14, 2008 entry. The location notices should state that the local public hearings in this case scheduled for May 12 and 13, 2008, have been

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cancelled and that the local public hearings will be rescheduled to a future time.

- (4) The adjudicatory hearing will still commence on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room F, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The purpose of this hearing, however, will be to call the case and continue it until a new hearing date is established by subsequent entry.

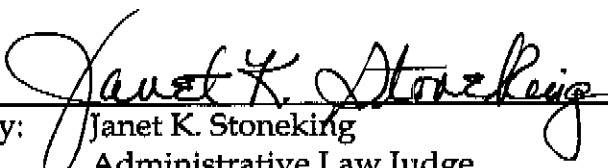
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the Companies' motion for a continuance of the two local public hearings in this case be granted, and that the Companies comply with the directive in finding 3. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the adjudicatory hearing commence on May 21, 2008, as discussed in finding 4. It is, further,

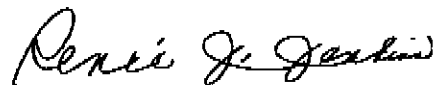
ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon the Companies and their counsel, those individuals served a copy of the certified application pursuant to Rule 4906-5-05, O.A.C., and all other interested persons of record.

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By: Janet K. Stoneking
Administrative Law Judge

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Secretary