



July 2, 2012

Dear Residents:

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINES/SUBSTATION IN GLENWILLOW**

It is critical that you are aware of a situation that is of great importance and possibly of great concern. I was first contacted several weeks ago by First Energy regarding the proposed placement of a very large substation in our Village.

We have been informed from representatives of First Energy that they are proposing to build a new 345kV transmission line from Beaver County, PA to Glenwillow, OH and new substation in Glenwillow.

The company has not determined the exact location of the substation; however, they have identified a number of potential sites in our village. They are planning to use the existing electric corridors for the new transmission line and will use existing towers where they can from Beaver County, PA to Glenwillow.

I have asked the company for the impacts a project of this magnitude would have upon our community. I am specifically concerned about the health impacts, noise, aesthetic impact and the possible change in quality of life here in our Village. I have not received this information to date.

We have done the following:

- Prepared a letter to the First Energy representative for our area, Bill Snyder, voicing my opposition to the substation being located in Glenwillow. **A copy of that letter is enclosed.**
- Attended a Public Information Meeting held in Macedonia on June 21 to ascertain additional information and to determine the message that was being told.
- Researched the approval process this project must follow-**See the attached flow chart.**

In order to ascertain additional information about this project, we have been working on the following:

- Scheduled meetings with our State Senator Tom Patton and State Representative Marlene Anielski.
- Contacted State Senator Tom Sawyer, who represents the Akron area. He is a non-voting member of the Ohio Power Siting Board, which gives final approval to this project.
- Contacted an expert in zoning laws relative to public utilities to determine if we should or legally can update any provisions of our zoning code.
- Instructed our Law Department to review current ordinances and zoning laws and other applicable regulations on this type of project.

Council and I take this situation very seriously. We will continue to be diligent in our efforts on behalf of our residents. I will keep you informed by direct letters, such as this one, as well as updates on the Village's website. You may expect the next update letter by the end of July.

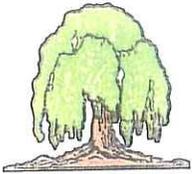
In the meantime, if you have any questions or thoughts, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor  
Village of Glenwillow



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June 21, 2012

RE: Proposed Transmission Line from Beaver County, PA to Glenwillow, OH  
Proposed substation to be located in Glenwillow, OH

Dear Mr. Snyder,

As Mayor of the Village of Glenwillow, I must voice my dismay and opposition to First Energy Service Co.'s proposal to locate a new substation in the heart of Glenwillow. I am disappointed that the Village had no input into the "Preliminary Project Timeline", or project information prior to establishing the "Public Informational Meeting". The Village was contacted in early June that a June 21, 2012 meeting in Macedonia, Ohio had already been set and published. This strongly suggests that you have little interest in input from the Village government, its residents, or its businesses.

Moreover, scheduling the "Public Informational Meeting" in Macedonia, Ohio on Thursday, June 21, 2012 for a project that most directly affects the Village of Glenwillow is puzzling. If First Energy is truly interested in the viewpoint of the residents of the Village of Glenwillow, why have no informational meetings been scheduled within the Village itself?

As previously discussed, the Village of Glenwillow has no desire to sell any property it owns to First Energy for the construction of a new substation which is part of this project, particularly on any of the properties identified on your aerial map. These parcels are not suitable for construction of the proposed substation for a number of reasons, not the least of which is proximity to existing residential developments and the fact that they are properties well-suited for private development which would benefit the Village greatly. I believe that the substation would not be in the best interest of the Village, but will have a substantial negative impact.

In fact, I believe there is very little, if any, support to have the proposed substation located anywhere within the Village. The Village already bears the scars of First Energy's high tension towers and lines which traverse the Village from east to west and north to south. We have done and are doing our fair share for the public good.

You have touted this project as necessary to protect the transmission of electric power for the Northeast region of Ohio. Glenwillow has over the course of many years, borne the burden of undesirable projects "for the good of the region". From the myriad of problems caused by the location of landfills within our borders to the unsightly First Energy transmission towers which bisect our community, Glenwillow has long lived with these negative impacts "for the good of the region". I must advise you that the Village of Glenwillow will not acquiesce to a location of the planned substation within its borders without a satisfactory showing of the benefits of this project to its residents.

If you desire to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

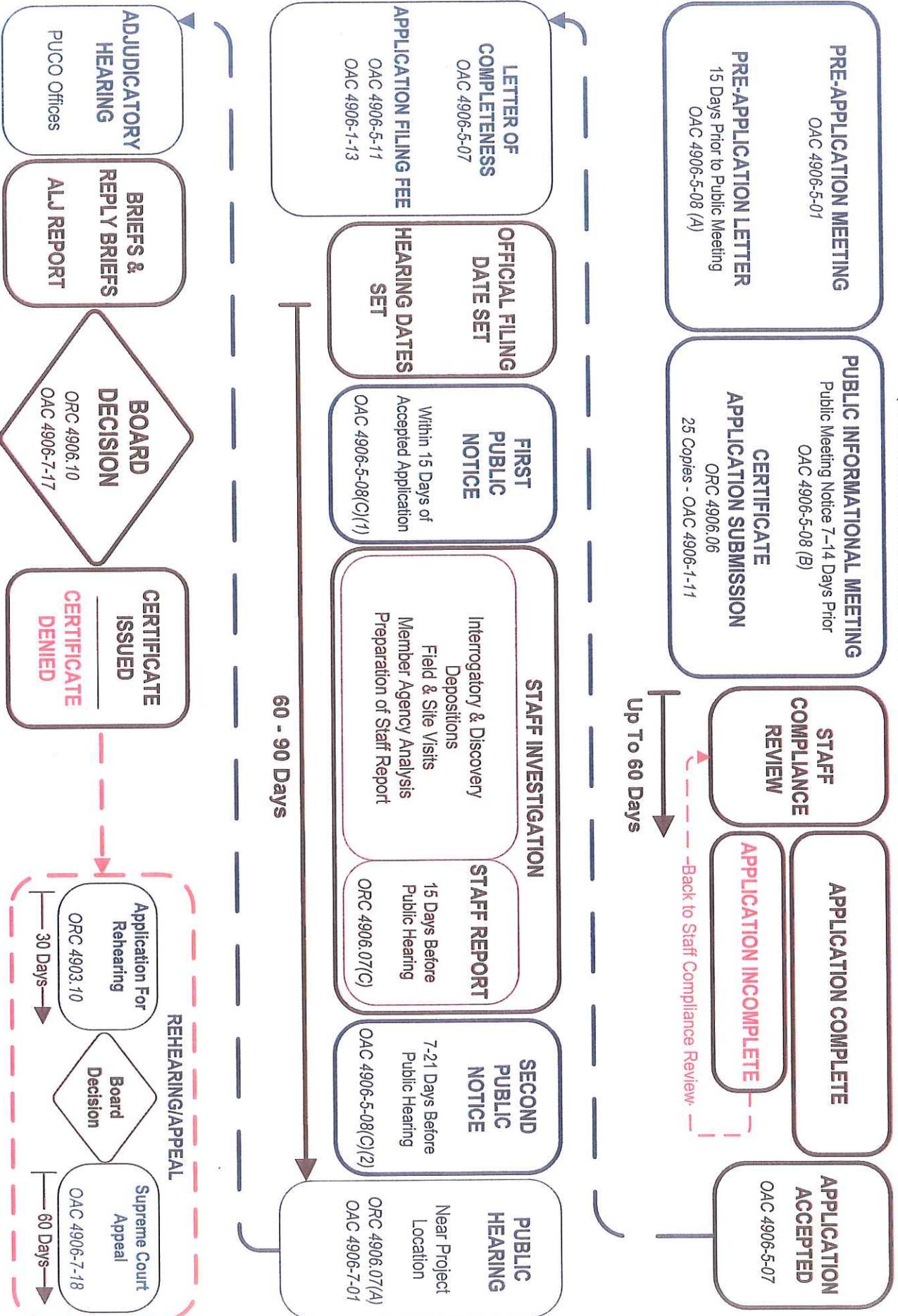
Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor  
Village of Glenwillow

Cc. The Ohio Power Siting Board



# OHIO POWER SITING PROCESS FLOWCHART

(Statute/Rule References and Select Blocks are Clickable Internet Links)



May 2011

Construction and Operation are Monitored by the Board

Conditions of Certificate Apply for the Life of the Facility

## Ensuring Service Reliability for FirstEnergy Customers

*Proposed Transmission Line from Beaver County, Pennsylvania, to Glenwillow, Ohio*

### Energizing the Future

FirstEnergy's "Energizing the Future" initiative involves installing transmission projects within FirstEnergy's footprint that PJM has determined are needed to ensure system reliability as power plants in the region are retired.

PJM Interconnection (PJM) is the regional transmission organization that coordinates the movement of electricity and oversees reliability in all or part of 13 states and the District of Columbia. PJM has identified numerous transmission projects that are needed throughout the region to ensure system reliability as power plants in the region are retired. The power plant retirements include nine FirstEnergy plants that are being retired in the region due to the high cost of complying with the U.S. EPA Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) and other environmental rules.

While the bulk of FirstEnergy's projects are needed to ensure system reliability as power plants are retired in northern Ohio, transmission projects will also be completed in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey and Maryland as part of FirstEnergy's ongoing commitment to enhance its transmission system reliability. The company estimates spending between \$700 million - \$900 million over the next five years on these projects.

FirstEnergy's projects are both small and large. The small projects include adding transformers and other facilities in existing substations and replacing conductors on existing transmission lines. The larger projects involve three main types of transmission reinforcement: building new 138 and 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines; constructing new substations; and converting some of FirstEnergy's retired generating units to synchronous condensers to provide voltage support in the northern Ohio region.

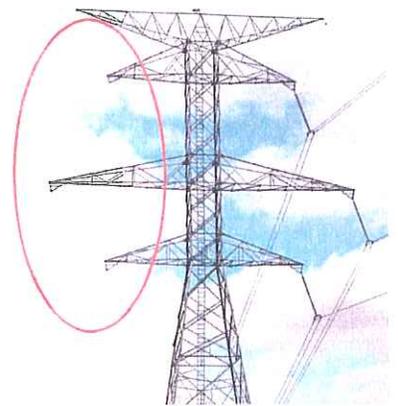
### Proposed Transmission Line from Beaver County, Pennsylvania, to Glenwillow, Ohio

One of the FirstEnergy projects involves building a new 345 kV transmission line that will run more than 100 miles from the company's Bruce Mansfield Plant in Beaver County, Pa. to a new substation that will be built in the Cleveland suburb of Glenwillow.

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*Depending on the final route, up to 70 percent of the project will involve adding a line to the "open-arm" position on existing structures to minimize impact.*



**Transmission:** More than 100 miles of single circuit 345kV transmission line is planned for the project. If approved, the line will run from the Bruce Mansfield Plant in Beaver County, Pa. to the new Glenwillow Substation in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The preliminary estimate for this part of the project is \$184 million.

Wherever practical, the new lines will be installed on current transmission structures or other existing rights-of-way in parts of the following Ohio counties: Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage, Mahoning, Columbiana, Trumbull; and Beaver County in Pennsylvania.

Depending on the final route, early studies indicate that up to 70 percent of the project and almost all of the Pennsylvania portion of the project will involve adding a line to the “open-arm” position on existing structures to minimize impact.

**Substation:** The new Glenwillow Substation will connect the new line with two existing transmission lines serving the region. Various sites are being evaluated. The goal is to locate the new Glenwillow Substation as close as possible to the existing lines. The preliminary cost estimate for this part of the project is \$37 million.

**Public Involvement and the Process:** Any transmission project encompasses a multi-step process that includes significant public input.

■ **Evaluation:** FirstEnergy’s siting consultant began route studies for the line in January 2012. Various potential routes are being further studied to minimize the impact to the environment and property owners.

■ **Informational Meetings:** Potential routes will be discussed at informational meetings held in the areas that may be affected by the project. Members of the public and local officials will be invited to provide input for consideration. These comments will be used to help determine the proposed routes that are ultimately developed. These meetings are planned for June 2012.

■ **Application:** As part of the siting process in Ohio, “preferred” and “alternate” routes for the line and site for the substation are identified. FirstEnergy will then file a formal application for the project with the Ohio Power Siting Board, which will hold public hearings as part of its review process. In Pennsylvania, as the line is likely to be installed almost entirely on open-arm positions, the line can be proposed using a Letter of Notification to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Each filing is expected to occur in August 2012. A final decision for each filing is anticipated within one year after being submitted.

■ **Easement/Property Acquisition:** Early study results indicate there is a large potential to utilize existing rights-of-way for much of the project, greatly reducing the amount of new rights-of-way needed. Acquiring any transmission rights-of-way will occur after the application is filed. However, construction will not begin until necessary approvals are received. The construction of the transmission line and substation project will be simultaneous in order to meet PJM’s June 2015 in-service date.

For more information about FirstEnergy’s investment in reliability, visit [www.firstenergycorp.com/transmission](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/transmission).

## PRELIMINARY PROJECT TIMELINE

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| January to August        | Route Study  |
| May/June 2012            | Proposed Routes Developed  |
| June 2012                | Public Informational Meetings – Input Considered   |
| August 2012              | Application filed with Ohio Power Siting Board and Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; Public Comment Period |
| To be determined by OPSB | Public Hearings  |
| Mid-2013                 | Permits Received/Construction Begins   |
| June 1, 2015             | PJM Requested In-Service Date  |



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June 5, 2012

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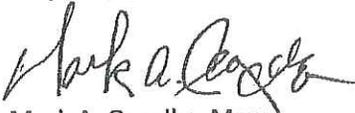
Dear Mr. Snyder,

I am in receipt of the very preliminary plan for the Beaver County, Pa. to Glenwillow, Oh transmission line and related substation facilities. I appreciate that you need to get notice out to affected entities at the earliest time, and for that reason, the information supplied to us is totally preliminary. But, as I am sure you can tell from the rudimentary drawing that is shown, I really have virtually no information on which my office as Mayor, the Village Council, Law Director, Engineer and, indeed, the citizens of Glenwillow can make various necessary determinations. In order to have a meaningful dialog and in order to actually engage the Village of Glenwillow in a meaningful planning process, will you please provide me with a greatly enhanced and detailed drawing of all aspects concerning the route through the Village, the proposed capacity, the proposed location and specific real estate parcel(s), specifics concerning the substation proposed for Glenwillow, including any architectural or artists' rendering. Also, please advise me as to First Energy's plan for the existing Glenwillow substation.

First Energy's preliminary notice on this matter was just received in the last two days of May and yet your notice says you intend to gather public input in June of 2012, WHICH IS THIS MONTH. Your notice therefore sounds as if this is urgent to your company. I ask you therefore to urgently get complete information to my office on an urgent basis. We have a Council meeting Wednesday, June 6th at 7:30 and if you are really hoping to get an official and considered response from the Village this month, please get 10 packets of complete information to me, so that I may distribute them at the Council meeting.

My office is open to you for continued dialog on First Energy's proposal.

Very truly yours,



Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor  
Village of Glenwillow

Cc. Mia Moore  
Steve Klonowski, Law Director  
Mike Henry, Engineer  
Council

