

Information for File #2016-03627-JLK

Applicant: American Transmission Company

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Primary County: Manitowoc County

Location: Sections 9 and 16, Township 20N, Range 22E

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Authorization Type: LOP-06-WI

This application is being reviewed in accordance with current practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under Sections 9 & 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. We have made a preliminary determination that the aquatic resources that would be impacted by the proposed project are regulated by the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Our jurisdictional review and final jurisdictional determination could result in modifications to the scope of the project's regulated waterbody/wetland impacts and compensatory mitigation requirements identified above. An approved jurisdictional determination may be made prior to reaching a permit decision, if an approved determination is made, it will be posted on the St. Paul District web page at <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/>.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE: American Transmission Company has applied for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material into 0.40 acres of wetlands and temporarily place timber mats in 0.07 acres of wetlands adjacent to the Branch River. The proposal includes the construction of new 3345 kV substations and transmission line.

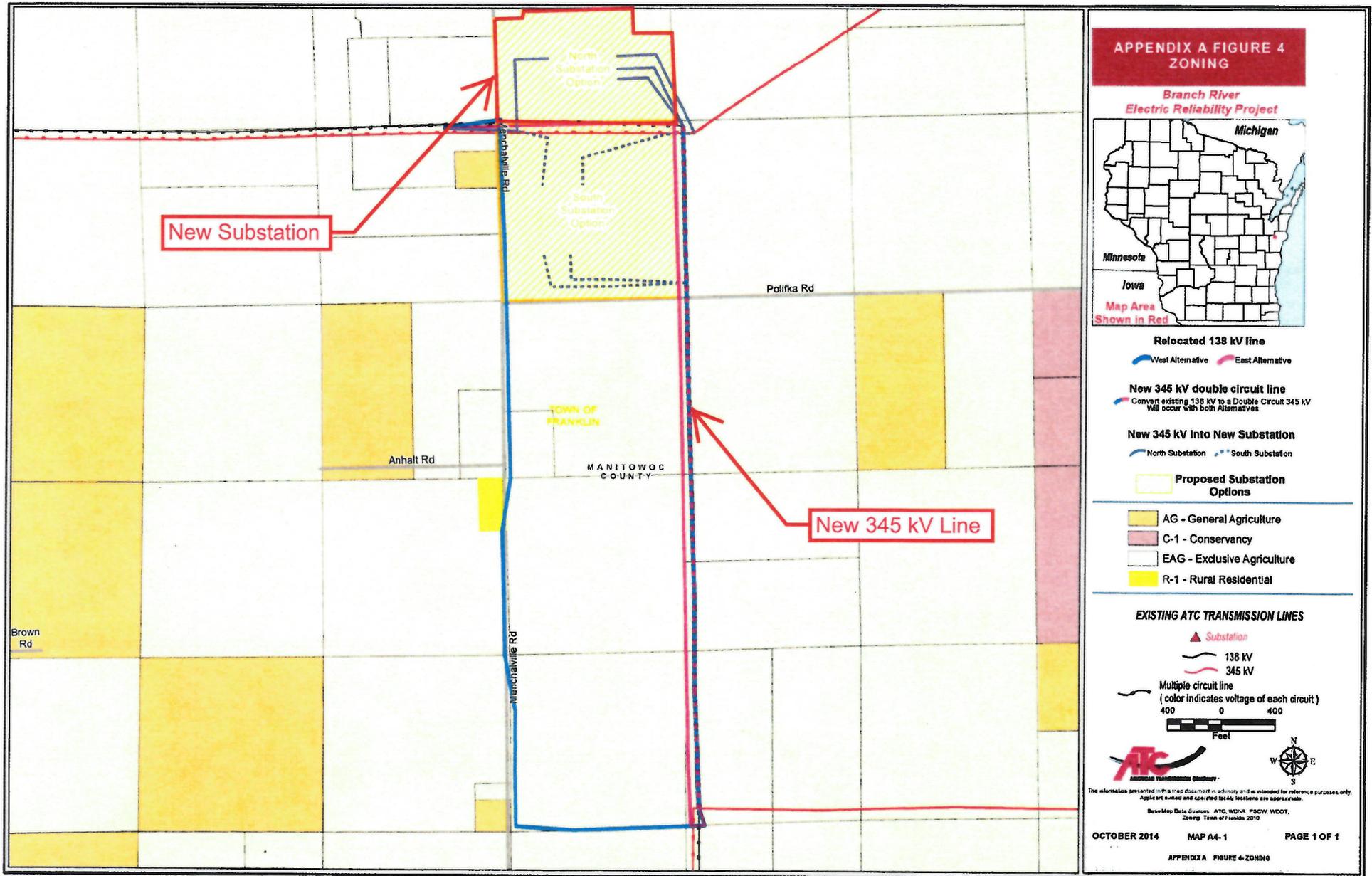
NAME, AREA AND TYPES OF WATERS (INCLUDING WETLANDS) SUBJECT TO IMPACT: Approximately 0.40 acres of wetlands adjacent to the Branch River would be permanently filled as a result of the proposed construction. Approximately 0.40 acres of fresh (wet) meadow, 0.004 acres of shrub-carr, and 0.002 acres of floodplain forest would be impacted. These wetlands are dominated by invasive plant species or adventitious tree species, such as box elder and green ash. Currently the project corridor parallels high traffic roadways.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: Additional alternatives were considered, however these alternatives were dismissed by the applicant due to not meeting full generating

capability of the system under certain outage conditions and/or higher wetland impacts. The no-build alternative would avoid impacts to wetlands; however this alternative was dismissed by the applicant because it failed to address the purpose of the project.

MITIGATION: As compensation for unavoidable, adverse impacts to wetlands, the applicant proposes to purchase 2.34 credits from the Wisconsin Wetland Conservation Trust In-Lieu Fee Program.

DRAWINGS: See attached.



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