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**To:** The Secretary  
**Subject:** Protect Wild and Scenic Rivers like the Upper Delaware River

May 18, 2007

Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary of Energy Bodman,

As a concerned citizen, I urge the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to protect our natural treasures by removing all designated or potential Wild and Scenic Rivers, like the Upper Delaware River, from the DOE's recent draft designation of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIETC). Neither New York Regional Interconnection's (NYRI) proposed power line, nor any other energy project, should undermine the outstanding natural characteristics of rivers like the Upper Delaware River.

In fact, including the Upper Delaware River and any other Wild and Scenic River in an NIETC is squarely at odds with these rivers' national Wild and Scenic designations. Congress originally included the Upper Delaware River in the national Wild and Scenic Rivers System for its scenic, recreational, historic, environmental and cultural assets. By this designation, Congress intended to protect the river corridor for the enjoyment and benefit of present and future generations. A new electric transmission corridor in the river valley would permit the construction of projects that would undermine the protections afforded by the national Wild and Scenic designation for rivers across America.

The 1986 Wild and Scenic River management plan for the Upper Delaware specifically rejects major electric transmission lines within the river corridor as an "incompatible use." Ignoring that clear direction and doing permanent damage to the unique values that led to the Upper Delaware's inclusion in the system in 1978 would threaten the ability of river managers around the country to protect our unique Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Such a designation would significantly curtail the recreational value of the river and the revenue that recreation generates for local communities, and would decrease property values. It is environmentally irresponsible, harming the river and the wildlife it supports.

I urge the DOE to protect all Wild and Scenic Rivers, like the Upper Delaware River Corridor, from inclusion in the final National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor designation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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