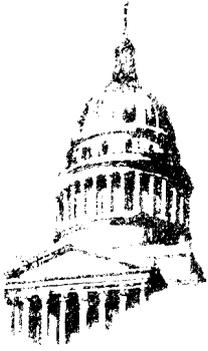


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Sam Bodman, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

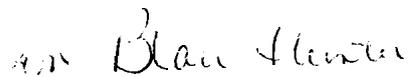
I wish to register my protest against the 240 mile Trans-Allegheny Interstate Power Line (Case No. 07-0508-E-CN) and how it will negatively impact my state Senatorial District (WV 14th). This line, as proposed, cuts through the middle of four of my seven counties (Monongalia, Preston, Tucker and Grant) and up until recently almost no one knew about it in order to protect the project or to impact the decision on which route it might take.

The bottom line is this project is being built because the powers to be do not want a power plant in their backyard but want us rural West Virginians to suffer the negative environmental effects and to give up our land to furnish the east coast with a more reliable power grid.

I believe the Federal and State Governments needs to draw the line and deny this permit, deny this proposed route and force the east coast to build their own power plants to provide for their own needs and greed.

I also wish to protest the FEPC decision to spread the costs of these lines over all of the regional customers. Why should we West Virginians pay for the east coast's electricity? We suffer from the effect of mining, the coal and the air and water pollution. Isn't that costing us enough to provide them with power? Now you not only want us to suffer even more environmental havoc and loss of our land but we must help pay for it. I, for one, am tired of this country treating West Virginia as a third world colony to be exploited for the rest of the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Blair Hunter".

Jon Blair Hunter,
State Senator

cc: Senator Robert C. Byrd

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April 27, 2007

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RE: Proposed Trans-Allegheny Interstate
500 kV Line (TrAIL)

Gentlemen:

The undersigned Board of Supervisors of Whiteley Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, over the past few months, have followed the various meetings, read articles, and discussed with their constituents, as to the construction of the 500-kilovolt transmission line to and from Virginia, through Greene County, by PJM Interconnection and Allegheny Energy.

Whiteley Township, Greene County, is included within the corridor as a site for the extra high voltage transmission lines. We believe that this project must comply with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, in order to review the environmental and public health impacts upon the residents of Whiteley Township.

As public officials, we serve our constituents. Our constituents have expressed concerns as to this project relating to its adverse effect upon the health, environment, wildlife, property values, or esthetics of Whiteley Township.

As presently proposed, we can not support the proposed location of the power line. We would request that you re-examine the location of the power line in certain portions of Whiteley Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania. For your reference, we include a copy of a map showing the proposed location and a suggested relocation route which would serve the same purpose. This relocated route would have less of an impact upon the health, safety and welfare of our constituents. We thank you for your consideration.

WHITELEY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

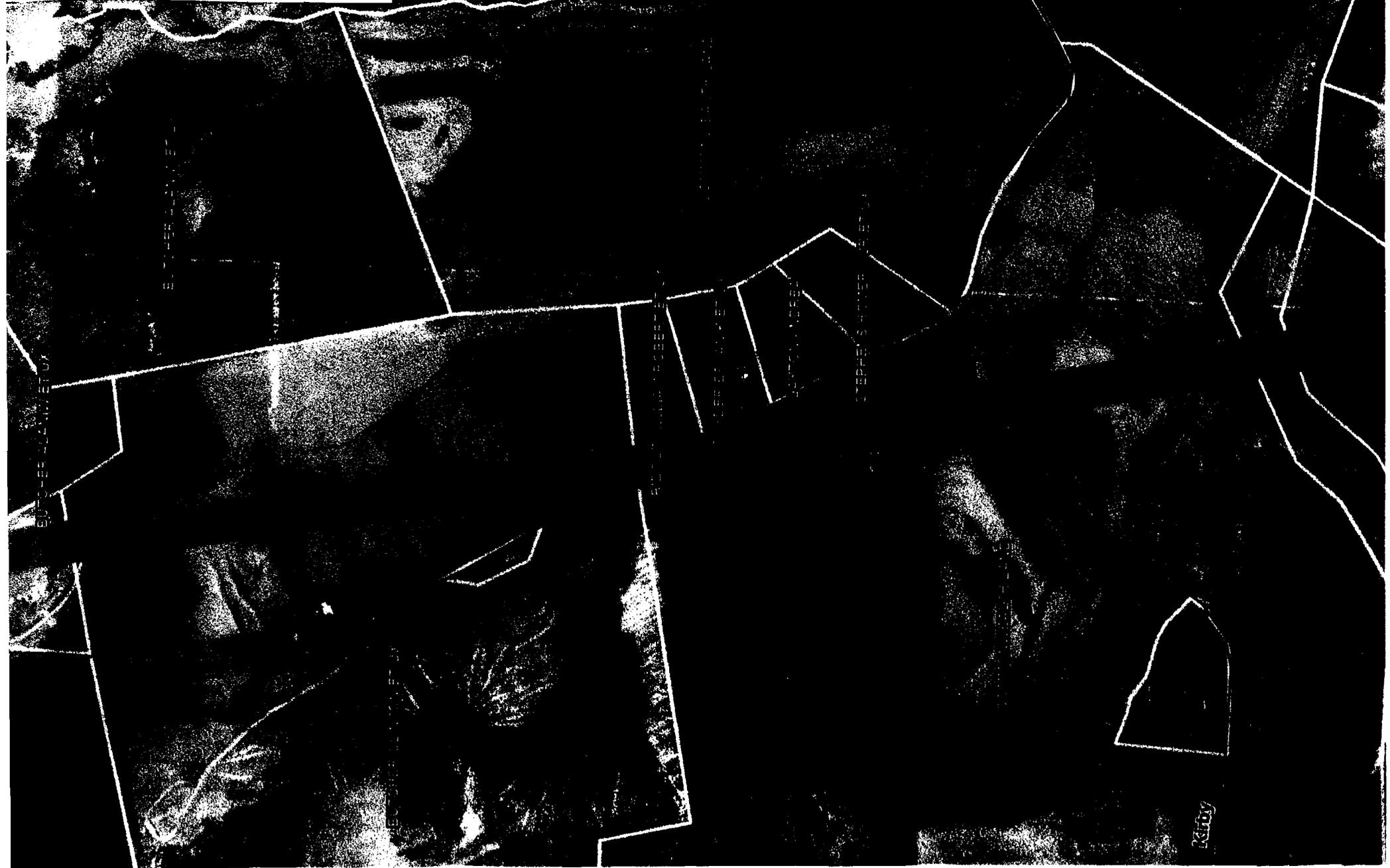
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-  Proposed Changes
-  Main Alignment





COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

June 8, 2007

THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to express my concern about the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) recent designation of the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor, including much of Pennsylvania. The extremely broad area encompassed by the proposed corridor, taken together with the process set forth by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), may lead to the approval of a project that fails to satisfy the national interest while ignoring legitimate and critical state concerns.

I am very concerned by the enormous breadth of the DOE's proposed Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor. I can tell you that Pennsylvania has and will continue to actively promote the security of our energy supplies. The commonwealth is a leader in renewable energy and sustainable fuels. We are actively seeking to attract manufacturers who will make us able to supply significant portions of our own energy needs. We have a well-developed strategy, and I can tell you in detail how we will achieve our energy independence goals.

In contrast, the DOE's construction of the Mid-Atlantic Corridor is so broad as to be meaningless. This invites the filing of projects that may harm Pennsylvania without any balance of benefits. If the DOE truly believes that it must designate corridors to protect the national interest then it should have identified specific needs and the routes that may be necessary to satisfy those needs. Instead, Pennsylvania and a number of other states face the possibility that transmission lines can be located almost anywhere and qualify for designation by FERC. I do not believe that a corridor that includes 50 Pennsylvania counties can be realistically related to actual transmission options. In the end, I believe that this designation will fail to protect our national interest while stimulating enormous controversy.

It appears that the siting process defined by FERC may not result in effective projects. As you know, FERC has established a process, through its final Order in Docket No. RM06-12 (117 FERC ¶61,202), in which it can completely re-evaluate a state's consideration of a proposed transmission project. This can occur even where the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has established an extensive record and has fully deliberated before reaching a conclusion. Also, given the substantial scope of some proposed transmission lines, a protracted siting process will be needed simply to establish all of the facts. Thus, a reasonable process may well delay a final decision for more than a year. However, FERC has made it clear that it can immediately take up the proposal a year and a day after the state level filing.

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman

June 8, 2007

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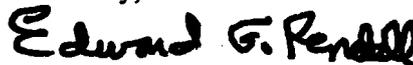
I am concerned that FERC may force Pennsylvania to accept projects that are far from the best choice. Some neighboring states have historically followed a policy that discouraged the construction of generation resources. In contrast, Pennsylvania is a substantial net electricity exporter. This appears to make us particularly vulnerable to the construction of power lines that will move energy out of Pennsylvania to states with inadequate generating resources. It appears to be a perverse outcome of the designation of such a broad NIETC that our adequate generating resources appear to lead to the construction of transmission lines to support our neighbors. These transmission lines will be on our soil, but may not benefit Pennsylvania's consumers. While I am sensitive to the need for robust interstate commerce, I believe this situation poses an unwarranted burden on Pennsylvania.

I am disturbed by the possibility that if FERC were to supplant our siting authority it may fail to adequately consider alternative technologies and alternative routes. The FERC's final order does not appear to ensure that alternatives to the transmission proposal will be considered, and I am deeply concerned by the statement in Paragraph 179 of the Final Order that "the range of reasonable alternatives can best be determined based upon the facts of a specific siting proposal." This language suggests that the proposed project alone will define FERC's scope of review. For example, when a state rejects a proposed project based on the presence of preferable alternatives, will FERC's review include full consideration of those alternatives? Fundamentally, will FERC's review be narrowly restricted to the merits of the line rather than examining whether generation or demand resources can better satisfy the need? Will FERC examine optimal design technologies that can minimize impact and extent of required siting? Will FERC examine a variety of routes or only the route proposed by the project? There is far too much that is uncertain and FERC must further explain how it will approach siting before any reconsideration of state actions is attempted.

Finally, I am also concerned that approval in one state of a multi-state project may prejudice FERC's review. I point to the facts set forth above regarding Pennsylvania's relative strength in generating assets. I foresee a situation in which a line moving power out of Pennsylvania will be readily approved by a neighboring state that has refused to build generation resources. Will FERC consider the relative positions of the two states or only examine the project in terms of the need for generation in our neighboring state. Harkening back to another point, will FERC examine the presence of alternative resources if the neighboring state has ignored reasonable alternatives in its approval of the project? Again, there is no guarantee of balanced consideration in FERC's process.

I request that the DOE reconsider its designation of the Mid-Atlantic Corridor. In light of FERC's definition of a pervasive authority to reconsider state decisions, the proposed corridor invites the siting of facilities that are inappropriate and unnecessary. I urge that the DOE withdraw its designation and, at a minimum, defer a decision until it is clear that states are unable to site necessary transmission facilities or identify reasonable alternatives.

Sincerely,



Edward G. Rendell
Governor



RoAnn M. Destito
Member of Assembly
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June 11, 2007

Hon. Samuel W. Bodman, Secre.
United States Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am forwarding a copy of my testimony to you for inclusion in the public record that will be compiled at the United States Energy Department's June 12th Public Hearing in Rochester on the proposed National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor Designations (NIETCD).

I am unable to attend this important public hearing due to the New York State Assembly's current legislative schedule which requires my presence in Albany on Tuesday, June 12th while we are in session. Nevertheless, I did want to forward a copy of my testimony to you as well as your colleagues at the United States Energy Department.

As always, thank you very much for allowing me to forward a copy of this testimony to your attention so that it is included in tomorrow's public hearing record. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (518) 455-5454 should you have any questions or comments at this time.

Sincerely,


ROANN M. DESTITO
Member of Assembly

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Enclosure

Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito
Department of Energy Public Hearing
June 12, 2007 Testimony

New Yorkers are burdened with some of the highest energy costs in the nation, which drains jobs from our Upstate economy and money out of the pockets of hardworking families. Clearly, we need to develop an energy policy that better balances high costs with high need. I understand the concerns of the United States Department of Energy, as they are viable concerns that those living and working in this state cope with on a daily basis. However, New York is well equipped and more than capable of addressing our own energy needs under our new administration. A change that addresses our growing power needs is long overdue, but the intervention of the federal government is not the way to initiate the meaningful reform that is right for New York.

I vehemently oppose the Department of Energy's plan to designate 47 counties across this state as a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC). While we have growing energy needs, there is no need for intervention of this magnitude. If the federal government moves forward and the NIETC designation is finalized, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will be able to circumvent New York's accepted and long-established siting process. This will prove to be both counter-productive and backward-thinking.

I believe the Spitzer administration will move New York forward in terms of meeting energy consumption needs while keeping skyrocketing costs in check. Without the meddling of the federal government, we have already established a comprehensive energy proposal, one that I sponsored, that is aimed at securing a reliable source of clean, safe and affordable energy for New York State (A.8940). This much needed initiative will reduce electricity prices for the state's residential and commercial customers who currently face some of the highest energy rates in the nation. Our proposal takes a well-rounded approach, examining the full-range of issues necessary to ensure New York has a smart, progressive and growth generating energy policy.

Specifically, the state Energy Office, which was eliminated by the Pataki administration 12 years ago, will be reestablished. The missing Energy Office allowed New York's energy policy to drift, with little coordination among the state's energy agencies and no comprehensive plan. This resulted in outrageous energy rates, widespread power outages Downstate and a suffering Upstate economy. The reestablishment of the Energy Office sets our policy back on the right track.

Another important component of our efforts to build an extensive energy policy for the state was approved by the Assembly last month. The bill (A.8697) reauthorizes Article X of the Public Service Law to reinstate a process for the siting of power generation facilities. Additionally, this measure would require the complete analysis of a power plant's total impact on a community and the environment; mandate adequate citizen participation in the review of power plant applications; encourage the re-building of older, dirty facilities with higher efficiency projects; and require consideration of environmental justice, the siting of energy generation facilities in primarily minority communities, before deciding on a siting application. At this time, the Assembly and Senate are discussing the legislation in a joint conference committee in order to work out any differences on this important measure before the end of our legislative session.

After 12 years of a failed energy policy, the reliability of the electric system has been placed in jeopardy. The blackout in Long Island City in the summer of 2006 is a glaring example of this. In light of events of this past year, this legislation would require utility companies to create and file with the Public Service Commission an electric utility emergency plan. It would establish "facilities of refuge," providing shelters equipped with stand-alone, heat and electricity generation systems in municipal and school facilities that would be available during a disaster.

Our provision to provide for affected New Yorkers during the instance of an energy crisis proves that we have learned from the past – we have also made sure to include provisions for the future. We need to commit to utilizing renewable energy sources that are mindful of environmental consequences. To reduce the state's dependence on foreign oil and address the imminent effects of global warming, this initiative would promote New York's greatest and most cost-effective resource, energy efficiency. It would require the Department of State and other appropriate agencies to examine the adoption of higher efficiency requirements for all buildings in the state. The plan would also create an advisory panel on the state building code and appliance energy efficiency standards. In addition, the legislation would also establish new low-cost loan programs for energy efficiency and on-site generation for households, businesses and municipalities.

Most recently, the Assembly has taken action on legislation I sponsored that will make funding available to municipalities, citizens and community groups to intervene in proposed electric transmission projects (A.6616). Currently, communities that want to play a role in the siting process have to raise the money themselves to have a strong voice in the regulatory process. Under this legislation, for every proposed electric transmission project in New York State, there will be up to \$450,000 in funding to help level the playing field for concerned citizens who want to affect the process.

New York has already made great strides in establishing a progressive policy that balances the need for energy with the unique composition of our state – more importantly, we have done this on our own, without the intervention of the federal government. I recognize that an effective energy policy must be addressed nationally, but at the same time, should reflect traditional state and local authority over environmental and energy matters.

The people of my community, who are threatened with the potential construction of a 1,200 megawatt power line by New York Regional Interconnect, know what the designation of a transmission corridor right in our backyards could mean. While the intrusion of the federal government in what is clearly a state matter does not guarantee that NYRI's plan will move forward, it does strip authority from the state of New York. Because of this, and because of New York's proven ability to tackle a problem head-on and emerge victorious, I cannot support the Department of Energy's plan to interfere in matters that we can successfully address – and have already begun to address – on our own.



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June 11, 2007

Secretary Samuel Bodman
United States Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Since 1967, the Brandywine Conservancy has permanently protected more than 40,000 acres of natural, agricultural, cultural and historical resources in Pennsylvania and Delaware. All of the resources entrusted to the Conservancy for preservation are located within the proposed Mid-Atlantic Corridor.

In Pennsylvania and Delaware, there are nearly 80 land trusts that have protected over 440,000 acres, of which 90,000 acres have been protected with conservation easements. Conservation easements have become a mainstream land planning and conservation tool. In fact, many governmental agencies and regulations now require the granting of conservation easements in certain development circumstances.

If the Department of Energy approves the Mid-Atlantic Corridor, transmission lines will violate conservation easements held by the Brandywine Conservancy and other organizations. **Thousands of acres of protected lands including municipal, state and federal parks could be irrevocably impaired.**

Although the Energy Policy Act of 2005 authorizes utility commissions to exercise eminent domain to site transmission lines and exempts the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from complying with environmental laws such as the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act, the condemnation of private property and public resources should be a last resort, rather than the centerpiece of energy policy. Environmental considerations must be evaluated before exercising eminent domain.

Prior to final designation of NIETC, the Department of Energy should be required to:

- Conduct an environmental impact study to ensure the protection of the natural, agricultural, cultural and historical resources that would be effected;
Consider alternative energy sources, energy conservation and energy efficiency to reduce dependency on fossil fuels;

- Provide a process for public input that allows property owners, community groups, utility commissions and government officials an opportunity to fully understand the implications of the corridors;
- Evaluate the impacts of Section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act on Pennsylvania residents and its treasured resources; and
- Require the Department of Energy and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to comply with all existing laws including the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act.

I would appreciate your consideration of these important issues.

Sincerely,



Sherri Evans-Stanton
Director

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June 13, 2007

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Dear Secretary Bodman:

The North Central West Virginia Delegation of the West Virginia House of Delegates would like to express our concern with the proposed designation of an energy corridor through our state. We believe it is imperative that careful consideration is given to a project of such immense impact. While we understand that Federal law gives the Department of Energy the authority to designate an energy corridor through our state, this is a local issue that has a great impact on our citizens.

Under the 2005 Energy Act, the Department of Energy has the power to site a line within a designated corridor if the state regulatory agency does not do so within three hundred and sixty-five days of an electric utility's application for a Certificate of Need and Necessity. The life span of the corridor designation is twelve years. We question the need for such duration. Affected property owners will face great uncertainty for that period of time in terms of exercising their property rights (sale, improvement, etc.). We feel that there will be a chilling affect on local development and the increase in property values our area has enjoyed as a result. There is no identifiable plan for ending or continuing the designation.

Further, we are deeply concerned with the prospects of the federal government usurping states' rights in the areas of eminent domain and condemnation. Before our state and the individual property rights of its citizens are sacrificed, this issue must be scrutinized fairly and objectively. Because of the substantial local impact, we believe that the West Virginia Public Service Commission is the agency best suited to make the best decisions for our citizens. We also support the formation of an independent commission to perform an objective analysis of the need for this system of corridors.

Thank you for your consideration. If we may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



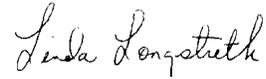
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June 14, 2007

Secretary Samuel Bodman
United States Department of Energy
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Fax (212) 586-4403

Re: Proposed NIETC Designation for New York State

Dear Secretary Bodman:

As elected officials representing our community, we are disturbed to learn that the United States Department of Energy plans to designate the major portion of the State of New York as a "National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor." If we understand it correctly, under the EPACT 2005, this designation would permit special treatment to companies and their investors that seek to build transmission facilities within the corridor.

It is our opinion that this designation would not only be a grave error on the part of the Department of Energy, but also demonstrates the Department's lack of concern and interest in some 15,000,000 people in New York State who are affected by this decision. In that the designated corridor covers virtually the entire state, it leaves one to question what prompted the Department of Energy to encompass such a broad portion of the state. We believe that the NIETC designation is supposed to signify those specific areas most subject to electric transmission congestion costs. It does not appear that the DOE has truly examined which exact area of New York State, if any, should be designated a corridor. In addition, it appears that in making this proposal, the DOE has disregarded stated goals of conservation, promotion of environmentally sound energy alternatives and implementation of other measures. The DOE's proposed designation, if approved, will only ensure more outdated, inefficient and environmentally damaging energy sources. In conclusion, a NIETC designation threatens to override the full and fair opportunity that transmission companies and the citizens of New York already have before New York State siting agencies.

We hope that you will stand by the DOE's statement that the "Federal government is not dictating how the states, regions, transmission providers or electric utilities should meet their energy challenges." We the citizens of New York hold you to your promise.

Very truly yours,


Cochecton Town Board
By: Supervisor S. B. Indelicato



American Farmland Trust
SAVING THE LAND THAT SUSTAINS US

June 14, 2007

Secretary Samuel W. Bodman
Office of the Secretary
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, SW
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Dear Secretary Bodman;

On behalf of the members and trustees of the American Farmland Trust, the Nation's only national, nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and conservation of productive farm and ranch lands, I write to express our deep concern over the recent preliminary designation of the Mid-Atlantic National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor.

The extensive geographic area encompassed by this designation, coupled with newly conferred federal regulatory powers in the Energy Policy Act, threaten to negatively impact a wide swath of important, irreplaceable farmlands in a region that is not only home to some of the most productive, urban-edge farms in the country, but also the Nation's most successful local and state government farmland protection programs. The significant investment of public and private funds made by these programs would be considerably devalued in any instance where a protected farm is impacted by the transmission lines.

Given the broad powers provided the Department of Energy by the Energy Policy Act in the identification and approval of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors, it is not clear to us if other federal review procedures, such as the Farmland Protection Policy Act – FPPA – (Public Law 97-98, Subtitle I of Title XV, Section 1539-1549), or state and local policies and programs regarding the protection of agricultural lands will even be considered.

The intent of FPPA, for example, is to anticipate the effects of federal projects and decisions on agricultural lands and to avoid whenever possible actions that will directly convert or lead to the conversion of active, productive farmlands to non-agricultural uses. The large amount of active farmland and protected farmland, especially in Maryland and Pennsylvania, within the Mid-Atlantic National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor can only lead us to conclude that such a review has not been done to date.

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Secretary Bodman
June 14, 2007
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Moving forward, we urge the Department of Energy as it considers the Mid-Atlantic National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor and such corridors in other regions of the country to comply with the spirit and principles of the Farmland Protection Policy Act and respect the policies and programs of affected state and local governments – supported by their citizenry – with regard to agricultural lands and farmland protection.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph Grossi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ralph" being more prominent than the last name "Grossi".

Ralph Grossi
President

Cc:

Secretary Roger Richardson, Maryland Department of Agriculture
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STATE OF NEW YORK

June 8, 2007

ELIOT SPITZER
GOVERNOR

Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Department of Energy's draft designation of 47 counties in the State of New York as a national interest electric transmission corridor (NIETC).

There simply is no need for the NIETC designation. New York already has an effective transmission facility siting law. Article VII of the New York Public Service Law gives the New York Public Service Commission jurisdiction over the siting of major transmission facilities and establishes a remarkably efficient one-stop process for reviewing applications to build transmission facilities. This established process works well: seventeen transmission projects have received approval under the Article VII process over the past ten years, and several more projects are presently under consideration. In addition, during the first six months of my administration, New York, with substantial public and industry support, has been moving resolutely to improve the reliability of the electric grid within the state.

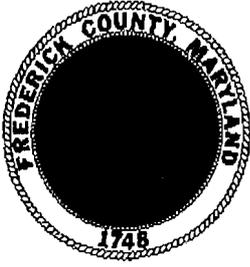
If the NIETC designation is finalized, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will be able to preempt in certain circumstances New York's long-established statutory siting process. It is unnecessary and would be counter-productive to upset this established process.

New York has had a proven, familiar transmission facility siting process in place for the past 37 years. The Article VII process ensures that New York can expeditiously site transmission facilities that are needed, and provides a forum for stakeholders to express support for or opposition to proposed projects. Thus, I urge the Department of Energy to exclude the State of New York from its designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eliot Spitzer', written in a cursive style.

Eliot Spitzer



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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, to express our concern and opposition to the proposed designation of the Mid-Atlantic Area National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor, which includes all of Frederick County. The proposed corridor is an extremely broad geographic area rather than a "corridor" and will essentially allow the possibility of transmission lines almost anywhere within our county and the entire corridor without consideration of alternative routes, alternative technologies and impacts on historic, scenic, and natural resources or the environment.

The Frederick County Commissioners do not support the provisions of the National Energy Policy Act of 2005 that effectively shifts the decision-making authority of the state public service commission in siting transmission lines to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Public Service Commission in Maryland has a well-established public process for evaluating the location of transmission lines, which includes the involvement of local citizens, evaluation of alternative routes, and consideration of the impact on natural resources, historic and scenic sites, and the environment. We are extremely concerned that the public process will be minimized or even eliminated in its entirety if authority shifts to FERC.

We are very concerned about the limited one-year time frame afforded to the State Public Service Commission to evaluate a proposed transmission project before FERC takes the proposal from the state level. A much longer period of time is needed to fully establish all the facts, evaluate the alternatives, and establish a complete record. In recent years, several power plant proposals and a transmission line proposal have been considered in Frederick County. The State of Maryland, through the Power Plant Research Program (PPRP) of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), has held meetings and hearings in Frederick County to obtain community input and to evaluate alternatives as well as impacts to scenic view sheds, impacts to sensitive environmental areas, and to gather information for deliberation by the Public Service Commission. This process has ensured both public input and the collection and evaluation of the extensive information needed to make quality decisions. It is clear under the federal proposal that FERC can ignore the information gathered at the state level. It does not appear that FERC will ensure that alternatives to the proposed transmission route will be considered or that a preferred alternative will even be developed or evaluated.

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary
June 25, 2007
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In conclusion, the Frederick County Commissioners are very concerned that the proposed Mid-Atlantic National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor designation, combined with provisions of the National Energy Policy Act of 2005, will result in federal government intervention in the siting of transmission lines at the expense of the rights of local citizens and will not ensure an outcome that appropriately balances the need for electricity with the protection of significant natural, historical, cultural, recreational and environmental assets. We believe the proposed corridor actually invites the siting of facilities that are inappropriate without seeking reasonable and more appropriate alternatives. Alternative generation and conservation do not appear to be fairly or reasonably considered.

We urge you to withdraw the Mid-Atlantic National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor designation and respectfully request the continuation of state public service commission processes. We believe the citizens of our county deserve to be assured of a fair public process and protected from negative impacts to the environment, decreased property values, potential health risks and intrusion into scenic and historic areas resulting from the inappropriate siting of interstate electric transmission facilities due to unwarranted federal intervention.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: _____


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The Secretary

From: Lee Archard [info@americanrivers.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2007 9:26 AM
To: The Secretary
Subject: Protect the Upper Delaware and all of the nation's Wild and Scenic rivers!

Apr 17, 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 not to designate the Upper Delaware River Valley as part of a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC). Such a designation would pave the way for the New York Regional Interconnection (NYRI) proposed power line, a project that would undermine the Upper Delaware River's outstanding natural characteristics that support the local tourism-based economy.

Designating the Upper Delaware River Valley as part of a NIETC would allow NYRI to circumvent New York state's review and permitting process even though the power line would lie almost entirely within the state. The New York State Public Service Commission permitting process should not be trumped by a NIETC designation that would be squarely at odds with the river's national Wild and Scenic designation.

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. NYRI's proposed power line would diminish recreational opportunities and the revenue they generate for local communities, and would decrease property values. It would harm the river and the wildlife it supports, and it would undermine the spirit of the national Wild and Scenic designation for rivers across America.

Indeed, 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. NYRI must not include the river route on the application it resubmits to the New York State Public Service Commission.

New York state does need to address the reliability of its electric transmission system, but it needs to be done in an environmentally responsible manner that respects the rights of local communities and property owners and serves the public interest. The NYRI proposal does not meet that standard. Alternatives including locating the power line along other pre-existing transmission corridors would be significantly less damaging to the local economy and wildlife.

To ensure the reliability of New York state's electricity system, I urge the DOE to look at the recommendations from New York State's regional transmission planning organization,

MICHAEL A. ARCURI
24TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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May 22, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in regard to the recent decision by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to hold an additional public meeting on its draft mid-Atlantic area National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) in Rochester, NY.

While I appreciate DOE's willingness to host an additional public meeting, I am deeply troubled that your agency would select a location more than 125 miles from the closest property that stands to be affected by a transmission project proposed within the draft mid-Atlantic area by New York Regional Interconnection (NYRI).

The selection of Rochester, NY to host an additional public meeting in no way increases the opportunity for my constituents to express their strong opposition to the NYRI proposal. Given these circumstances, I find disingenuous the statements by DOE purporting concern for providing "additional opportunities for review and comment by affected States, regional entities, and the general public." It seems to me this location is more for the convenience of representatives of the DOE and not the constituency the proposed project would affect.

In light of this situation, I have decided to host public meetings within cities and towns in the 24th Congressional District that stand to be impacted by the NYRI proposal. These meetings will give affected citizens real opportunities to comment on DOE's draft mid-Atlantic area NIETC. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

New Hartford Senior High School
33 Oxford Road, New Hartford, NY 13413
Thursday, May 31 from 6:30pm until 8:00pm

Norwich City Firehouse
31 East Main Street, Norwich, NY 13815
Saturday, June 2 from 2:30pm until 4:00pm

I welcome you to attend these meetings and I encourage you to send the appropriate members of your staff to hear the concerns of the people of the 24th whose communities, homes and families stand to be impacted by NYRI's ill-conceived and poorly planned proposal.

I have lived in Upstate New York nearly my entire life, and I can say without hesitation that no other issue has ever generated so much opposition from so many parts of the district. To be honest, it seems that the only group to support this proposal is the company itself. I can only hope that the Department of Energy doesn't turn a deaf ear to the overwhelming strong vocal opposition the NYRI proposal is responsible for and will take the opportunity to listen first-hand from the very individuals who stand to be affected.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL A. ARCURI
Member of Congress

Cc: Mr. Kevin Kolevar, Director
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April 30, 2007

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-0001

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing as a concerned citizen and a businessman in the *Mid-Atlantic National Area Corridor* designated by your department on April 26, 2007. I am concerned over several issues of this designation and the proposed plan. In the April 27, 2007, issue of The Washington Post you called fixing the Mid-Atlantic Congestion area a "national problem". I am concerned that the "fix" may be a bigger disaster than the problem.

I have seen no conclusive evidence that set forth any facts which prove that the need for this massive transmission project actually exists. Neither Allegheny nor Dominion have given or provided any legitimate consideration to alternative solutions and appear to be driven solely by their own self interest and not in the best interest of the regional planning system.

It is disconcerting to find no evidence that the Department of Energy consulted with state governments or state regulators as to any merits of this corridor designation. Additionally, DOE has not commissioned any study into the merits of alternatives to this proposal in advance of this corridor designation. Finally, the Department of Energy has not prepared a programmatic environmental impact statement as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

I do not feel two public hearings are adequate for the *Mid-Atlantic* area. Given the massive seven state area involved and the millions of Americans affected by this corridor designation, I hope we would not blindly rush into this "fix"; but would approach with caution after hearing from all parties and considering all possibilities.

Respectfully,



R. L. Armstrong

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From the desk of:

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FAX Message

To:

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United States Department of Energy
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FAX (202) 586-4403

Subject:

Enclosed letter to the editor

Date:

May 28, 2007

Pages:

2, including this cover sheet

I am **enclosing** a letter to the editor that was published this past weekend.

As you can tell, I am very concerned about the direction that the Department of Energy is taking on the issue of the "needed" corridor.

My house is in the **line** of the proposed NYRI power line, so I will lose it, along with many other people, **we** are upset.

I have spoken with Mr. Marshall E. Whitenton, **and** some of my concerns were alleviated, and perhaps you **may** want to speak with him regarding our conversation.

As always, I am available to discuss this matter further.

The GOP and NYRI

The Republican Party needs help! Perhaps its members have given up on New York, and now want to punish New Yorkers. What I am referring to is NYRI

The Times Herald-Record has given good coverage on this issue, although the Record seems to believe in the premise that NYC needs more energy, when, in reality, as of right now, and into the foreseeable future, there is no need for more power for New York City. What New York City does need, however, is better management and infrastructure repair. The blackouts that have occurred in New York City, with the exception of the major grid outages, were not a result of a lack of power. They were a result of the failure of the New York City system.

Putting more power into New York City will only fry the system faster. The **damage** that this line will do is immeasurable, not only to people but to the environment and beauty of the area.

There is a State's Rights clause in the U.S. Constitution that clearly indicates that those rights not specifically given to the federal government shall be given to the states. This Republican law will enable a Canadian company to effectively rape New York, with powers that are supposed to be in the state's hands but have been taken over by the federal government.

I know that the Democrats are trying to do some things, but even one of the leading Republican presidential candidates, Rudolph Giuliani, is a member of a firm that is lobbying for this line to go through.

Why have the Republicans given up on the idea of less government?

Dr. R. Noel Arnold

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May 15, 2007

Ms. Jill Sigal
Assistant Secretary for Congressional
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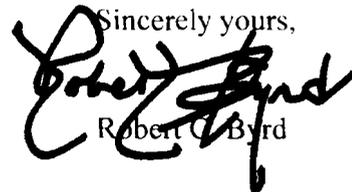
Dear Ms. Sigal:

I have received the enclosed e-mails from Mr. Lew McDaniel, Independence, West Virginia, in which he expresses concern about the need for public meetings in West Virginia, regarding the proposed national interest electric transmission corridor that would affect those residing in our state.

As you are aware, the proposed Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor is comprised of thirty-eight of the fifty-five counties in West Virginia. However, as my constituent notes in his correspondence, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has not scheduled any public meetings in West Virginia. In addition, Mr. McDaniel writes of the difficulties that many West Virginians would have in attempting to attend one of the seven scheduled public meetings, including the one slated for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, next month.

Therefore, I hope that you will give careful consideration to Mr. McDaniel's request of the DOE, to hold a public meeting or meetings about the National Corridor in West Virginia. In closing, I would appreciate your providing me with an expedited report that I might share with my constituent.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Byrd

RCB:bwb
Enclosure

Paul

Snapshot Report: Incoming Constituent Message

Report Date: 5/10/2007

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Interest: W-ENERGY Organization: Letter:
Classification: Personal: Title:
Reference #: Group: W070510

Message Body:

Subject Desc: Energy Policy

Date Received: 5/10/2007 7:31:28 AM

Sir:

DOE has now expanded their list of public meetings about the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors to Pittsburgh, Rochester, Phoenix, and Las Vegas. A West Virginia location is not included in the list.

Since 33 of our 55 counties could be affected, where many people do not have the means to travel to the meeting location, I request you ask that the Department of Energy hold a public input meeting in Morgantown or Charleston as soon as possible. West Virginia citizens were the last to know of Allegheny Energy's Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line and have not been kept advised about the energy corridor concept. I believe we should have an opportunity for input via a public meeting we can afford to attend.

Thank you for your service.

Snapshot-Report: Incoming Constituent Message

Report Date: 4/30/2007

Staff: email
Address To: General
Name: Mr. Lew Mcdaniel
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Message Body:
Subject Desc: Energy Policy

Date Received: 4/27/2007 10:31:32 AM

The Morgantown Dominion-Post notes the Department of Energy will hold public meetings within 60 days on the national interest electric transmission corridors, one of which covers 33 of West Virginia's 55 counties. The meetings will reportedly be held in San Francisco, New York, and Arlington, locations far out of reach for a state near the bottom of the personal income scale.

Considering the corridor designation affects over half of our state, I ask that you request the Department of Energy hold one or more meetings in West Virginia. I recommend the Morgantown area since the first transmission line (Allegheny's TrAIL) to be designated as part of the corridor will be built here.

Thank you for your service and attention to this matter.

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May 10, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I and my constituents have repeatedly voiced our concerns regarding the economic and environmental impact of the proposed New York Regional Interconnect (NYRI) route. As a result of these concerns, I wrote a letter on June 22nd of last year to the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Joseph Kelliher, requesting that he schedule a series of town hall meetings in the affected counties for the citizens of those counties to voice their concerns.

Many of those who are concerned about the NYRI project are also concerned about the Department of Energy's (DOE) proposed National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor, (NIETC) because DOE designation of such a corridor could lead to use of federal eminent domain authorities.

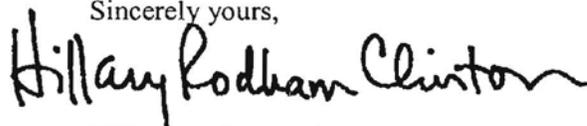
On Thursday, April 26th, the Department of Energy announced that there would be a public hearing regarding the NIETC proposal during the 60 day comment period. Unfortunately, this meeting will be in New York City, which is roughly 50 miles south of the NYRI route. DOE subsequently announced a second public hearing in Rochester, which is also far from the proposed NYRI route.

I believe it is imperative that additional meetings about the NIETC proposal be held in the counties along the NYRI route. This project could have a profound impact on the lives of many of my constituents, and they deserve to have a forum in which to express their understandably serious concerns. Further consideration of this project must not proceed without thorough and appropriate public consultation.

I continue to oppose the proposed NYRI route. I support the ongoing review process within New York State and will continue to push the DOE and FERC to respect it. NYRI should not be allowed to short-circuit the state's rigorous review and citing process.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

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May 17, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman, Secretary
United States Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I have received a copy of Virginia Governor Tim Kaine's letter to you, dated May 15, 2007, (a copy of which I am inclosing) concerning his opposition to the proposed designation of portions of Virginia in the Mid-Atlantic National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) that takes the decision regarding the location of power lines away from the state, and puts them in the hands of the Federal Government. I fully support Governor Kaine's position on this issue.

I represent that portion of Prince William County, Virginia in the State Senate, which will be impacted by any relocation or expansion of existing power lines owned by Dominion Power. I can assure you I am speaking for the vast majority of the citizens I represent in the State Senate who live in this area.

The Virginia State Corporation Commission is perfectly capable of making decisions concerning the location of transmission systems including power lines and the need for additional power. This decision should be made by the states involved and not interfered with by the Federal Government.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

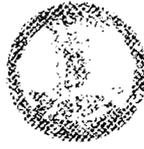
Sincerely yours,

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Charles J. Colgan

CJC / pw

Enclosure



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Office of the Governor

Timothy H. Kaine
Governor

May 15, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to express Virginia's concerns about the proposed designation of portions of Virginia in the Mid-Atlantic National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC). I do not support the provisions of the National Energy Policy Act of 2005 that take decisions regarding siting of transmission lines out of the hands of states and give them to the federal government. In addition, I do not believe that the designation of a portion of Virginia as a NIETC meets the intent of the National Energy Policy Act of 2005. Therefore, I request that your Department exclude Virginia from the Mid-Atlantic corridor.

Virginia has taken a number of actions since the US DOE completed its congestion study on which you based your draft designation, and these actions should be taken into account. First, we enacted legislation this year that will provide for a hybrid regulatory system of our electric utilities, including incentives for construction of new generation facilities, and provisions for complete recovery of federally approved transmission costs.

Virginia also has enacted a new coordination process for projects requiring certification by both the Virginia State Corporation Commission and Virginia's environmental agencies. This pre-application review process will provide for timely consideration of permitting and certification issues. These actions will allow Virginia to implement the policies that are most responsive to the needs of our electric consumers, considering the optimal uses of conservation, new generation, and new transmission facilities. Virginia is the best forum for making such decisions and our decisions should not be pre-empted by action at the federal level.

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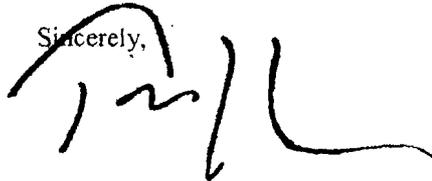
We also believe that Virginia is taking the steps to ensure that adequate supplies of electricity will be available on a timely basis. The imposition of a federal process that would begin after a 12-month state process will likely delay final decisions on options to provide reliable electric supplies to Virginians. This result would be contrary to the purpose of the National Energy Policy Act of 2005.

While we do not support the proposed designation, should you choose to move forward with it, the designation should be conditioned to protect Virginia's interest in making decisions affecting electric supplies. That is, the designation should be made so that the FERC certification process would not be triggered if the state certification process is steadily proceeding, even if the process is taking longer than 12 months. The designation should also specify that if a transmission line operator applies for federal action due to delays in one state, that the federal pre-emption would only apply to that state and would not apply in other states that are timely considering the line's certification.

My office is continuing to review the proposed designation, as is the Office of Attorney General, and we may submit additional comments as needed. We will coordinate this review with Mr. Whintont in your Department's Office of Permitting, Siting & Analysis.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please let us know if you need additional information regarding Virginia's position.

Sincerely,

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Timothy M. Kaine

TMK:saw

c: Mark Whintont, Deputy Director, Permitting, Siting & Analysis
Stephen Walz, Senior Advisor for Energy Policy



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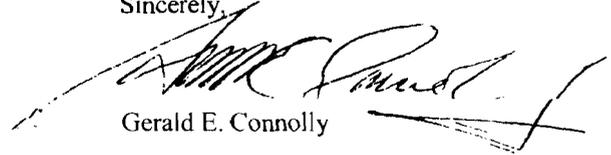
The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing in regards to the possible designation of National Interest Electric Transmission (NIET) corridors in Fairfax County or other jurisdictions within the Commonwealth of Virginia. I am concerned that the designation of NIET corridors could compromise my constituents' property values, air quality, and opportunity to participate in public decision making. It is inappropriate for the federal government to make decisions regarding placement of power lines that will affect my constituents without providing a process for review or approval. Since citizens have more access to state and local elected officials, as well as the State Corporation Commission, decision making authority should remain vested in these responsive political bodies. NIET corridors also would undermine the efforts of Fairfax County and other jurisdictions in our region to combat global warming. By facilitating the transmission of electricity from outdated coal-fired power plants in West Virginia and Virginia to New Jersey and New York, NIET corridors would incentivize construction of base load coal power plants in states with weaker clean air regulations, like Virginia and West Virginia, for electricity export

to markets in states with stronger regulations. Furthermore, NIET corridor designation would increase mercury pollution in communities like Fairfax that are downwind of dirty coal plants. Finally, designation of NIET corridors could usurp state and local decision making authority, preventing elected officials from representing their constituents. In sum, designation of NIET corridors could have substantial negative impacts on my residents' property values, quality of life, and even our democratic process. Therefore, I urge you not to designate any part of Virginia as a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald E. Connolly", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gerald E. Connolly

GEC/zf

cc: Senator John Warner
Senator Jim Webb
Congressman Jim Moran
Congressman Tom Davis
Congressman Frank Wolf



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May 16, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary, Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write today to express our concerns about the proposed schedule of the public comment meetings with respect to the recently issued draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors pursuant to Section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The draft Mid-Atlantic corridors alone affect the homes of almost 50 million Americans and over 116,627 square miles. The Department of Energy's intent was to hold just three public meetings, now there are seven, but this is still unacceptable.

Federal action of this magnitude absolutely must allow adequate input by interested homeowners, community groups, utilities commissions and government officials at all levels. Holding just seven public meetings in the middle of the work week simply does not accommodate the rights of American citizens to have their voice heard by federal officials.

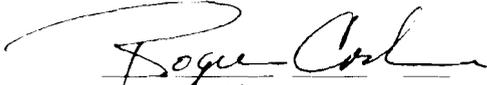
Our constituents will be directly affected by this federal decision. Yet some would be required to drive up to 6 hours to attend a hearing being held in the middle of the week with only two weeks notice.

As members of the Nassau County Legislature representing the affected constituents, we feel the Department of Energy should hold a public meeting in every Legislative district during evening hours when our constituents will be able to attend. Our constituents must have a full and adequate opportunity to be heard.

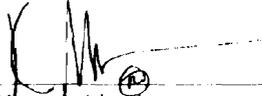
Due to the constricted time frame of the comment period, we urge you to extend the comment period for at least an additional 30 days to allow the department to conduct an adequate number of public meetings. Additionally, notice of these public meetings

should be published in the newspaper of record in each affected county at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

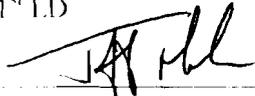
Thank you for taking steps to assure that the voices of our constituents will be heard.



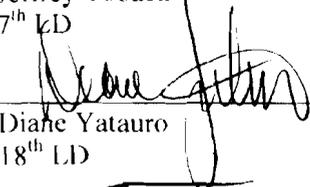
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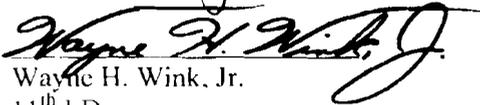
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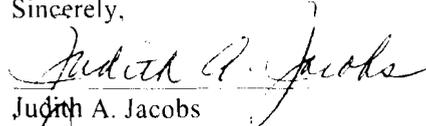


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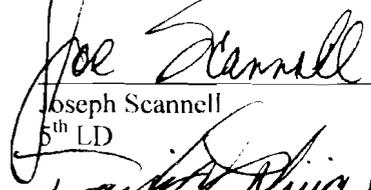


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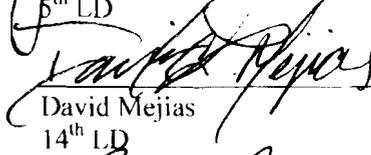
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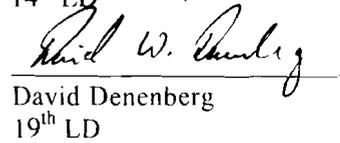
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May 14, 2007

Secretary Samuel W. **Bodman**
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary **Bodman**:

As the Pennsylvania House Majority Leader, I would like to thank you for responding to requests to hold a public meeting in the Commonwealth regarding the draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors designations, particularly the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor.

I would submit that in addition to your planned June hearing in Pittsburgh, you also should schedule another public meeting in the Northeast region of Pennsylvania, since one of the proposed lines is slated to serve New York and New Jersey.

On April 25, I testified in Washington, D.C. before the subcommittee on Domestic Policy of the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Oversight & Government Reform regarding the **NIETC** issue. I am opposed to the draft proposal that would designate most of Pennsylvania as a "National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor." Draping these patriotic words over the effort to take virtual possession of our sovereign state does not make it any less of a power grab.

On behalf of the 60,000 residents who I represent as the House Majority Leader for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I respectfully request that my name be added to the list of those testifying at the Pittsburgh hearing.

I thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of the above requests and await your response.

Yours in public service

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Bill DeWeese
House Majority Leader-
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

cc: Poonum Agrawal

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May 17, 2007

Samuel W. Bodman,
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to express my opposition to the US Energy Department's proposals for two national interest electric transmission corridor designations. Specifically, I am concerned about allowing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to overturn California's decisions regarding the designation of new transportation lines and corridors, thus allowing FERC additional powers of eminent domain.

It is imperative that the State of California maintain full sovereignty over planning for our energy needs and for pathways for distribution of those needs. The State of California's environmental rules and regulations are among the most protective in the nation. Allowing FERC to overrule California's decision-making process would be detrimental not only to our environment, but also to the public participation process.

In addition, allowing FERC to usurp California's decision process would set a negative precedent for the federal government to further infringe on our state's rights. I am fully aware of how energy resources and energy planning are essential to the sustainability of our state and country. However, infringement on California's regulatory and review process should not be an option.

I am also concerned with the potential conflict of interest that the transmission corridor designations could create. It is important to avoid situations that permit private utilities interested in developing energy projects within California to join together with federal agencies to bypass state regulatory requirements.

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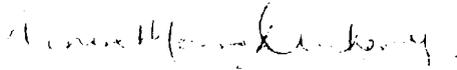
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Granting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission nearly limitless powers of eminent domain, exempting them from state environmental laws, is a step in the wrong direction, jeopardizing our already limited natural resources. It should be avoided at all cost.

I would like to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my views with you. Please feel free to contact me should you have questions.

Sincerely,

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DENISE MORENO DUCHENY
Slate Senator, 40th District

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FORTY-NINTH DISTRICT

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May 18, 2007

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
The United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to you on behalf of the citizens who I represent, in the 49th House District in Virginia, and also millions of Virginians who cherish its history and natural beauty. Many Virginia residents have very serious concerns about the ramifications of the use of federal eminent domain authority for the designated Electric Transmission Corridors – in Virginia as well as the other states that will be affected. They want to make sure that their views are heard.

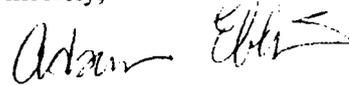
I appreciate the fact that one public hearing on the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor took place in Arlington, Virginia, on May 15. I also understand that, in addition to the already scheduled hearing in New York City, two new venues for hearings on the Mid-Atlantic Corridor have been added, in Pittsburgh and Rochester. However, the short notice about the hearings and the lack of understanding by the general public about the implications of the designation of the Corridor are troubling. I strongly recommend a significant increase in the number of public hearings and very much increased public education about the Corridor and the land and the people who would be affected.

Also troubling is the assumption by the federal government of authority that should reside with state government. Though I recognize the national interest in a robust energy supply, I believe that state governments have the knowledge and ability to make sound judgments on behalf of their citizens.

Given more time, it would also be possible to assess whether alternative sources of energy will increase the availability of power in the near and longer-term. Precipitous decisions based on increased reliance on electricity, without increased conservation, do not serve our nation's citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Adam P. Ebbin

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May 19, 2007

Samuel Bodman, Secretary of the Energy Department
United States Department of Energy
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Bodman:

The Department of Energy should think of other alternatives to the Mid-Atlantic NIETC. The construction of such power corridors would have devastating effects on the environment and populace of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Department's unwillingness to hear the public on this issue seems to be continued evidence of the arrogance of the present administration. Rather than looking for new, creative, well-planned alternatives to future power supplies, it seems to revert to its "bull in the china shop" approach to governance relying upon the 2005 Energy Policy Act.

The Mid-Atlantic NIETC is bad policy for the following reasons:

Perpetuation of greenhouse gasses emitted by aging Ohio Valley plants

The massive size of the proposed towers which will stand from 120-165 feet high as opposed to the current 80-100 feet

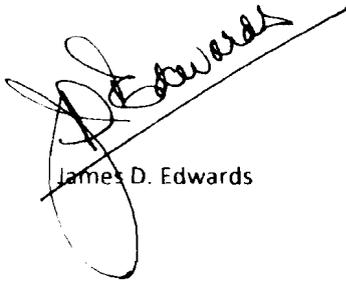
Lack of opportunity for public comment: One meeting in Pittsburg does not adequately solicit public comment

The likelihood of increased electric rates with no economic or quality-of-life benefits

Possible chronic or terminal health outcomes

If I were in your shoes I would want to dissociate myself from the failed policies of our present administration and demonstrate that at least you have some grasp of the need to plan intelligently for our nation's future.

Sincerely,

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James D. Edwards



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FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT

17 May 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
The Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

I am writing to urge you to add additional public meetings in Virginia for comment on the draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIET). The construction of new transmission lines in Virginia will affect hundreds of thousands of families and preempt state authority -- even if Virginia decides that new power lines are not necessary.

While I applaud the Department of Energy's efforts to involve citizens through public meetings and electronic submissions, one meeting in each state is simply not enough to hear from people who will be adversely affected by additional transmission construction. The one and only meeting in Virginia is being held in Arlington, a two-hour drive from many of the areas affected by the plan. In addition, these public meetings are being held during working hours, preventing people who cannot miss work from providing oral testimony.

Should the current draft proposal be adopted, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 would authorize the construction of a 500-kilovolt transmission line in Virginia. This would allow PJM Interconnection to begin construction and establishing rights-of-way -- possibly claiming private property under eminent domain -- even if the people of Virginia decide that the power line is not necessary. This highlights why it is so important that you make every effort to maximize the opportunity for public comment on the draft NIET.

I urge you to add public comment meetings in Virginia during non-working hours so you can hear directly from the Virginians who will be affected by this proposal. A robust transmission system is important to our security and our economy, but we cannot embark on this kind of major endeavor without giving our citizens a full opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,

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David Englin
Member, 45th District
Virginia House of Delegates

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KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND
20th District, New York
HOUSE ARMED SERVICES
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House of Representatives
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May 21, 2007

Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

I am writing to you regarding the planned public hearings on the issue of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors. As a Member who represents a region that will be affected, I was dismayed to learn that no public hearings were being held in or near my District.

I am requesting that the Department of Energy schedule an additional hearing in the Albany-Schenectady-Troy-Saratoga region, so as to give a chance for communities that will be affected by the construction of this corridor to voice their concerns.

There are growing energy needs in the United States and I applaud the work that the Department of Energy has done in advancing alternative energy research and development. As we move forward with plans to address the energy concerns of these regions it is imperative that the Department takes into account the concerns of both state and local communities.

I ask that the Department continues its research into the cost effects to the communities affected by these plans. Any increases to energy costs to the people of my District would severely hinder economic development, and increase pressure on thousands of families already struggling to make ends meet.

I thank you for your attention to this matter, and offer my office as a resource to setup a meeting in my District. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ben Rosenbaum in my office at (202)-225-5614. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Kirsten E. Gillibrand
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
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April 27, 2007

Mr. Kevin Kolevar, Director
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Kolevar:

We are writing in regards to the Department of Energy's (DOE) draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) designation announcement yesterday. While we expected this announcement in the near future, it comes as a great shock that we heard this news just one day after you testified before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee's subcommittee on Domestic Policy about the implications of section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-58) allowing for the creation of NIETCs, but failed to mention this announcement was imminent.

The DOE's draft NIETC corridor designations include a proposal to create a *Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor* that covers many of the counties we are privileged to represent. As you know, New York Regional Interconnection (NYRI), a private company, is proposing to build a 190-mile high voltage direct current electric transmission line from Oneida County, NY to Orange County, NY. This NYRI proposal has raised very significant concerns and strong opposition from local, county and state officials as well as a broad spectrum of organizations representing business, agricultural, environmental, historic and cultural interests.

As you also may be aware, in response to the growing list of concerns regarding the NYRI project, as well as possible federal preemption in the siting of this controversial project, both state and federal officials have taken strong stances in opposing the project. In October 2006, the New York State Legislature passed a law that bars NYRI from utilizing existing state eminent domain procedures. At the federal level, we are committed to working in Congress on behalf of our constituents to oppose and defeat the NYRI proposal, which we view as unnecessary for New York State and detrimental to the communities that we represent.

We are particularly alarmed at the prospect that under the proposed NIETC designation, New York State's authority to review and permit NYRI's proposal could be preempted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission after one year of this designation or in the event that New York State denies the applicant a permit. In anticipation of this possibility, we have introduced legislation to block the creation of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (H.R. 809) and to bar the use of federal eminent domain by private companies like NYRI (H.R. 810), in addition to also

cosponsoring a bill with Rep. Wolf that would sharply limit the NIETC designation process (H.R. 829).

During the conference calls you hosted yesterday afternoon for the media and Congressional staff, you indicated that as part of the 60-day public comment period, DOE will hold three public meetings (New York City, NY; Arlington, VA; and San Diego, CA) to examine each draft corridor designation. While we are encouraged by the DOE's willingness to solicit and consider public comments, we find it troubling that DOE would select only the abovementioned sites for public meetings. Restricting the public meeting to the New York City location will require interested parties from the counties we represent to travel up-to five hours to have their concerns heard, which for many of them will make it infeasible for them to participate, particularly during the middle of the week. We are also concerned that all three public meetings are proposed to be held in "sink" areas, or transmission destinations, for the proposed corridors, which could serve to heavily favor one side of this very critical public debate.

In order to maximize public participation in these meetings and ensure that all stakeholders in this process are given fair opportunity to convey their opinions in this matter, we respectfully request that DOE hold at least one additional public meeting on the proposed NIETCs within the 60-day public comment period. We strongly encourage you to hold the additional meeting(s) in upstate New York, closer to the "source" area and communities along the proposed *Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor*. We stand ready to work with you to determine a location that would serve the interests of our constituents and meet the needs of the DOE.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to our request.

Sincerely,


JOHN HALL
Member of Congress


MICHAEL A. ARCURI
Member of Congress


MAURICE D. HINCHEY
Member of Congress

Honorable Samuel Bodman

I am writing to ask you to oppose the AP Trail (Allegheny Power Transmission Line) that is proposed to be built through Washington and Greene Counties in Pennsylvania. This line will not benefit our area. It will diminish our quality of life, decrease our property values and endanger our health. There are other solutions which should be evaluated before Allegheny Power takes private land. Many elected officials from our area oppose this project. Please join us in opposing this line.

Sincerely,

Chad [Signature]

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May 7, 2007

Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue., S.W.
Washington D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to you at the request of several constituents who inform me that the Department of Energy (DoE) has scheduled two meetings in the Mid-Atlantic, in Virginia and New York, to receive public comment on the just released draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors in several states, including Virginia. It is my understanding that these corridor designations would allow for the use of federal eminent domain authority by a private company even if the state public utility commission decides a transmission project is not necessary.

While I appreciate the fact that one of the two meetings scheduled for public comment is in Virginia, this hardly seems adequate for the citizens of Virginia, not to mention those in West Virginia, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, or New York.

I would respectfully urge you to consider holding more public meetings in each state so that the public will have an opportunity to participate in the process. The designations impact the lives of hundreds of thousands of families on the East Coast. I understand that numerous meetings with industry and electric providers have already taken place. Increased public comment time seems in order.

Thank you for your attention in this important issue.

Sincerely,

Janet Howell

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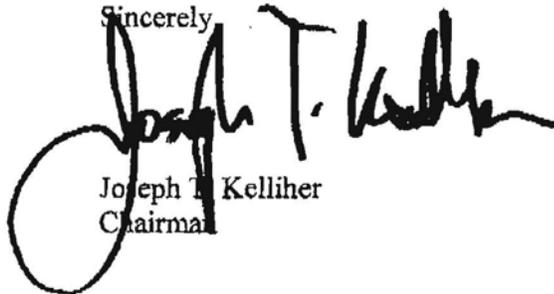
June 8, 2007

Mr. Kevin M. Kolevar
Director
Office of Electricity Delivery and
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Kolevar:

Enclosed is a letter I recently received from several New York State legislators who wrote to me regarding the New York Regional Interconnect transmission project proposal. I indicated to them that it was the U.S. Department of Energy that has authority to designate transmission corridors, and that I would forward their correspondence to your office for a response.

Sincerely,



Joseph T. Kelliher
Chairman

Enclosure

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Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher
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 Commissioner Marc Spitzer
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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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 FEDERAL ENERGY
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Dear Chairman Kelliher and Commissioners Wellinghoff, Spitzer, Kelly, and Moeller:

Re: FERC Hearings an NYRI Proposal in New York City and Rochester

We are writing to express our deep dismay at the lack of concern for the citizens of New York State particularly with regard to New York Regional Interconnect's (NYRI) power line proposal. Obviously, our voices have not been effectively heard in Washington, as they have been in Albany.

By the fact that you agency refuses to hold a hearing in the region near residents impacted by NYRI's power line proposal, it is clear that you are not interested in hearing what people have to say on this issue. If a State agency were this non-responsive, we would be calling for the resignation or firing of those individuals. The federal government, on the other hand has accommodated NYRI at every level.

In New York, we as elected officials, have spent time educating State agencies about the problems with NYRI. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has expressed concern about NYRI, the Public Service Commission has rejected NYRI's application, and the entire State Legislature, nearly unanimously, has voted to take away eminent domain power of company's like NYRI.

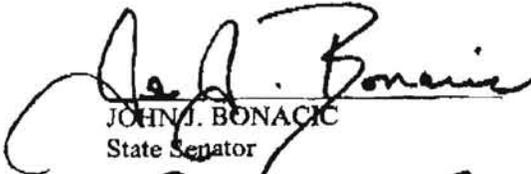
The different ways the State and federal agencies have dealt with NYRI could not be starker. As described above, New York's agencies have questioned *them*, thrown their

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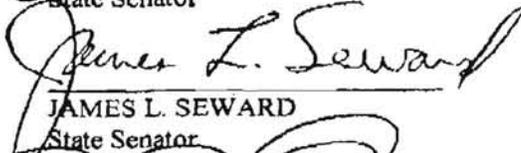
application out, and asked intelligent questions at every level. In Washington, they have done one thing - accommodate NYRI. So much for government by the people and for the people. This simply has to end. Obviously, we need our U.S. Senators and Representatives to remain vigilant on this issue.

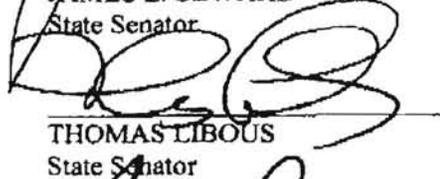
We, the undersigned, urge you to schedule a hearing in Sullivan County, which is a central location of the power line's proposed route. It is simply the right thing to do so that all parties affected by NYRI will have a chance to be heard.

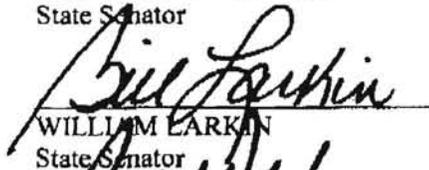
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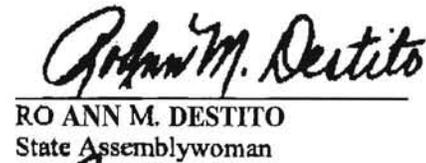

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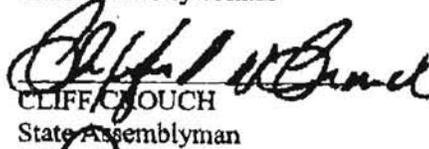

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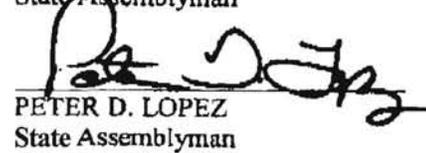

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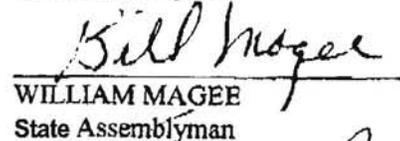

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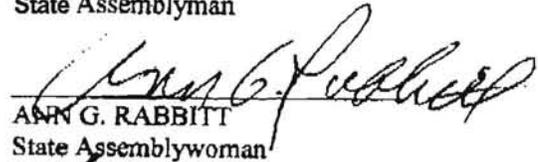

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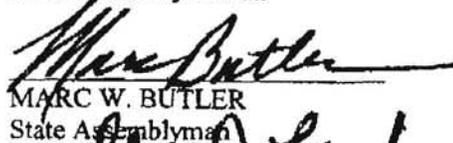

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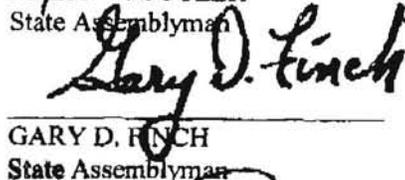

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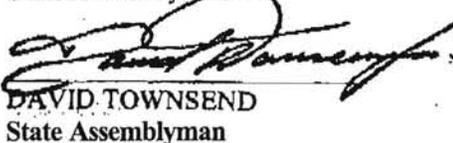

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April 27, 2007

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Inadequate Public Comment Period on Draft NIET Corridor Designations

Dear Secretary Bodman:

On behalf of the more than 1 million residents of the Northern Virginia and Piedmont regions let me express my sincere disappointment that the Department of Energy is holding only one public meeting in the entire Commonwealth of Virginia on an issue that literally impacts the lives of hundreds of thousands of Virginia families.

To hold only one meeting during the working hours in the far northern portion of the Commonwealth disenfranchises large numbers of working men and women who cannot 1. Take off from work to make comments on this critically important issue and 2. Do not have access to adequate transportation resources to travel long distances. Furthermore, the public is given only a 60-day period in which to digest the material and comment.

In contrast, the Department of Energy over nearly a year long period on more than 60 occasions either held meetings, participated in presentations or conference calls (copy attached) with industry and electric providers regarding the congestion study that has led to the draft NIET Corridor designations. Since October 10, 2006 officials from DOE have refused to meet with representatives of PEC and other organizations. As a result, there has been no opportunity to discuss the basis of DOE's decision-making process or the potential impacts of these decisions. Now, the public is asked to comment on proposed NIET designation without any additional explanation, without benefit of an Environmental Impact Study or a discussion of alternatives.

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Loudoun	802 Children's Center Rd. S.W., Leesburg, VA 20175	703-669-4990	Fax 703-669-2213
Madison	P.O. Box 542, Madison, VA 22747	540-923-4132	
Orange	130 W. Main St., Ste. 206, P.O. Box 266, Orange, VA 22960	540-672-0141	Fax 540-672-6265
Sperryville	37 Main Street, P.O. Box 110, Sperryville, VA 22742	540-987-9441	Fax 540-987-9443

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The impacted general public should be given no less opportunity to have the ability to review and comments as have the representatives of the industry and providers.

Therefore, inay I respectfully suggest the Department's consideration to hold a public meeting in each and every County that is impacted by the NIET Corridor designation and that these meetings be held in the evening to give the hard working families of Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Delaware the opportunity to participate.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



Christopher G. Miller
President

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Hon. Tom Davis
Hon. John Warner
Hon. Jim Webb
Governor Tim Kaine
Attorney General Robert McDonnell
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Hon. H. William DeWeese, Majority Leader, PA House of Representatives
Hon. Paul Tonko, NYS Assembly, Chairman, Energy Coinmittce

Appendix G

Outreach Meetings Held Regarding the Congestion Study

Organization/Event	Outreach Type	Location	Date
National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)	Presentation at NCSL National Conference	Seattle, WA	August 18, 2005
Southern States Energy Board	Presentation at Utility Restructuring Task Force	Atlanta, GA	August 27, 2005
Midwest State Energy Office	Presentation for Web Cast	Web.Cast	August 31, 2005
National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)	Presentation at NASEO 2005 Annual Meeting	New York, NY	September 12, 2005
Hunton & Williams	Presentation at Seminar	Washington, D.C.	September 19, 2005
Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC)	Presentation	San Diego, CA	September 20, 2005
Edison Electric Institute (EEI)	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	September 26, 2005
Western Electricity Coordinating Committee (WECC)	Presentation at Joint Committee Meetings	Phoenix, AZ	September 29, 2005
Imperial (Calif.) Irrigation District	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	October 3, 2005
National Council on Electricity Policy Annual Meeting	Presentation	Chicago, IL	October 4, 2005
Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	October 27, 2005
Transmission Access Policy Group (TAPS)	Presentation	Washington, D.C.	November 7, 2005
American Public Power Association (APPA)	Presentation at APPA's Energy Policy Act of 2005 Seminar	Washington, D.C.	November 10, 2005
National Wind Coordinating Committee (NWCC)	Presentation at Transmission and Wind Strategy: Issues and Opportunities conference	Conference call	November 10, 2005
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)	Presentation at NARUC Annual Convention	Palm Springs, CA	November 14, 2005
New York State Public Service Commission	Meeting	Albany, NY	December 20, 2005
North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC)	Conference call	Conference call	December 22, 2005
ISO-RTO Council	Conference call	Conference call	January 10, 2006
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)	Conference call	Conference call	January 11, 2006 January 11, 2006
ISO-New England (ISO-NE)	Conference call	Conference call	January 12, 2006 January 12, 2006
Law Firm of Bracewell & Giuliani	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	January 17, 2006
American Electric Power (AEP)	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	January 31, 2006
Upper Great Plains Transmission Coalition (UGPTC)	Conference call	Conference call	January 31, 2006
Energy Policy Act of 2005: Electric Transmission and Distribution Future R&D Needs (DOE conference)	Presentation at conference	Tallahassee, FL	February 1, 2006
National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)	Presentation at NASEO Energy Outlook Conference	Washington, D.C.	February 7, 2006

Organization/Event	Outreach Type	Location	Date
National Independent Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC)	Conference call	Conference call	February 8, 2006
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)	Presentation NARUC Winter Meeting	Washington, D.C.	February 14, 2006
Western Electricity Coordinating Council	Presentation	Salt Lake City, Utah	February 15, 2006
National Electricity Delivery Forum	Presentation	Washington, D.C.	February 15-16, 2006
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)	Presentation at NARUC Meeting	Washington, D.C.	February 22, 2006
Edison Electric Institute (EEI)	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	February 28, 2006
Canadian Electricity Association Power Marketer's Council	Presentation	Washington, D.C.	March 1, 2006
U.S.-Canada Forum	Presentation at the Forum at the Woodrow Wilson Center	Washington, D.C.	March 2, 2006
PJM Interconnection	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	March 3, 2006
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)	Meeting with FERC staff	Washington, D.C.	March 9, 2006
Infocast Transmission Summit (conference)	Presentation	Washington, D.C.	March 14, 2006
North American Electricity Working Group	Presentation	La Jolla, CA	March 22, 2006
Innovation Investments, ICF Consulting	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	March 27, 2006
Public Technical Conference and Web Cast on DOE Congestion Study and Criteria for Designation of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors	Presentations	Chicago, IL	March 29, 2006
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), PJM Interconnection	Meeting with FERC staff and PJM Interconnection	Washington, D.C.	April 3, 2006
Committee on Regional Electric Power Cooperation (CREPC)	Presentation at CREPC meeting	Portland, OR	April 4, 2006
ABB	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	April 7, 2006
Edison Electric Institute (EEI)	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	April 10, 2006
Burns & McDonnell Transmission Line Symposium	Presentation	Kansas City, MO	April 27, 2006
North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) Stakeholders Meeting	Presentation	Arlington, VA	May 1, 2006
U.S. DOE Wind Program	Meetings with staff	Washington, D.C.	May 2006
PJM Interconnection	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	May 4, 2006
American Transmission Company	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	May 11, 2006
Edison Electric Institute (EEI)	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	May 11, 2006
Organization of MISO States (OMS) Board	Conference call	Conference call	May 11, 2006
Southern Company	Meeting	Birmingham, AL	May 22, 2006
Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA)	Meeting	Washington, D.C.	May 30, 2006
U.S. DOE Nuclear NP2010 Program	Conference calls with staff	Conference call	May, June 2006
Community Power Alliance	Presentation at the Community Power Alliance Breakfast	Washington, D.C.	June 6, 2006
Platt's Infrastructure Investment Conference	Presentation	Washington, D.C.	June 6, 2006
Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC)	Meeting	Tallahassee, FL	June 15, 2006

Organization/Event	Outreach Type	Location	Date
Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC)	Meeting	Tallahassee, FL	June 15, 2006
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)	Conference call with Electricity Committee	Conference call	June 16, 2006
ISO-New England (ISO-NE)	Meeting	Holyoke, MA	June 19, 2006
Edison Electric Institute (EEI)	Presentation at EEI Annual Convention	Washington, D C	June 20, 2006
Allegheny Power, ICF Consulting	Meeting	Washington, D C	June 21, 2006
National Grid	Meeting	Washington, D C	July 28, 2006

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3812

May 10, 2007

The Hon. Jill L. Sigal
Assistant Secretary
Office of Congressional Affairs
U. S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585-0002

Dear Ms. Sigal:

I am writing on behalf of Washington and Greene County constituents who are greatly concerned about DOE's designation of a proposed transmission project as a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC).

There are hundreds of people in the 12th Congressional District, which I represent, who will be adversely impacted by this project. Further, I am not convinced that they will benefit from it because I am not convinced that there is a local need for increased transmission capacity. Rather, it appears that the purpose of this project is primarily to serve east coast energy demand. Yet, due to the rate structure, Pennsylvania residents will pay for the project via higher utility rates.

Additionally, they have valid concerns regarding the health effects of living within a few hundred feet of these lines; the adverse environmental impact during construction and operation, including the pesticides used to clear the route; the decreased property values and marketability of surrounding land; and, lastly, ruin of the picturesque landscapes. These are all very compelling concerns that must be taken into consideration.

I appreciate the Department of Energy's recent announcement of additional public hearings on this issue, one of which I understand will be held at DOE's National Energy Technology Laboratory in Pittsburgh in June. However, I am concerned that not everyone who is affected by this route will be

able to attend this meeting and I therefore urge you to **hold** additional public hearings in Greene and Washington Counties at times and locations **that** will reasonably allow participation by those who are most affected.

Finally, I **respectfully** request your assurance that my office will be kept apprised of all DOE actions associated with **this** matter. Please do so through my staff via **email** at debra.tekavec@mail.house.gov and jean.mcaleev@mail.house.gov. Your staff may reach Debbie at (202) 225-2065 or Jean at (814) 533-6630.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Murtha", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JOHN P. MURTHA
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

JPM:jm

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May 29, 2007

United States Department of Energy
Honorable Samuel Bodman, Secretary
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Co.
Docket Nos. A-110172, A-110172F0002,
A-110172F0003, A-110172F0004,
G-00071229
("TrAIL Application")

Gentlemen:

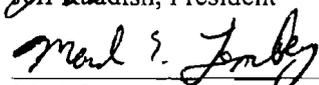
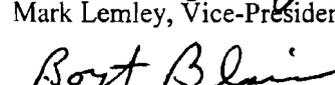
The undersigned Board of Supervisors of Whiteley Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, over the past few months, have followed the various meetings, read articles, and discussed with their constituents, as to the construction of the 500-kilovolt transmission line to and from Virginia, through Greene County, by PJM Interconnection and Allegheny Energy.

Whiteley Township, Greene County, is included within the corridor as a site for the extra high voltage transmission lines. We believe that this project must comply with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, in order to review the environmental and public health impacts upon the residents of Whiteley Township.

As public officials, we serve our constituents. Our constituents have expressed concerns as to this project relating to its adverse effect upon the health, environment, wildlife, property values, or esthetics of Whiteley Township.

As presently proposed, we can not support the proposed location of the power line. We would request that you re-examine the location of the power line in certain portions of Whiteley Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania. For your reference, we include a copy of a map showing the proposed location and a suggested relocation route which would serve the same purpose. This relocated route would have less of an impact upon the health, safety and welfare of our constituents. We thank you for your consideration.

WHITELEY TOWNSHIP
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BY: 
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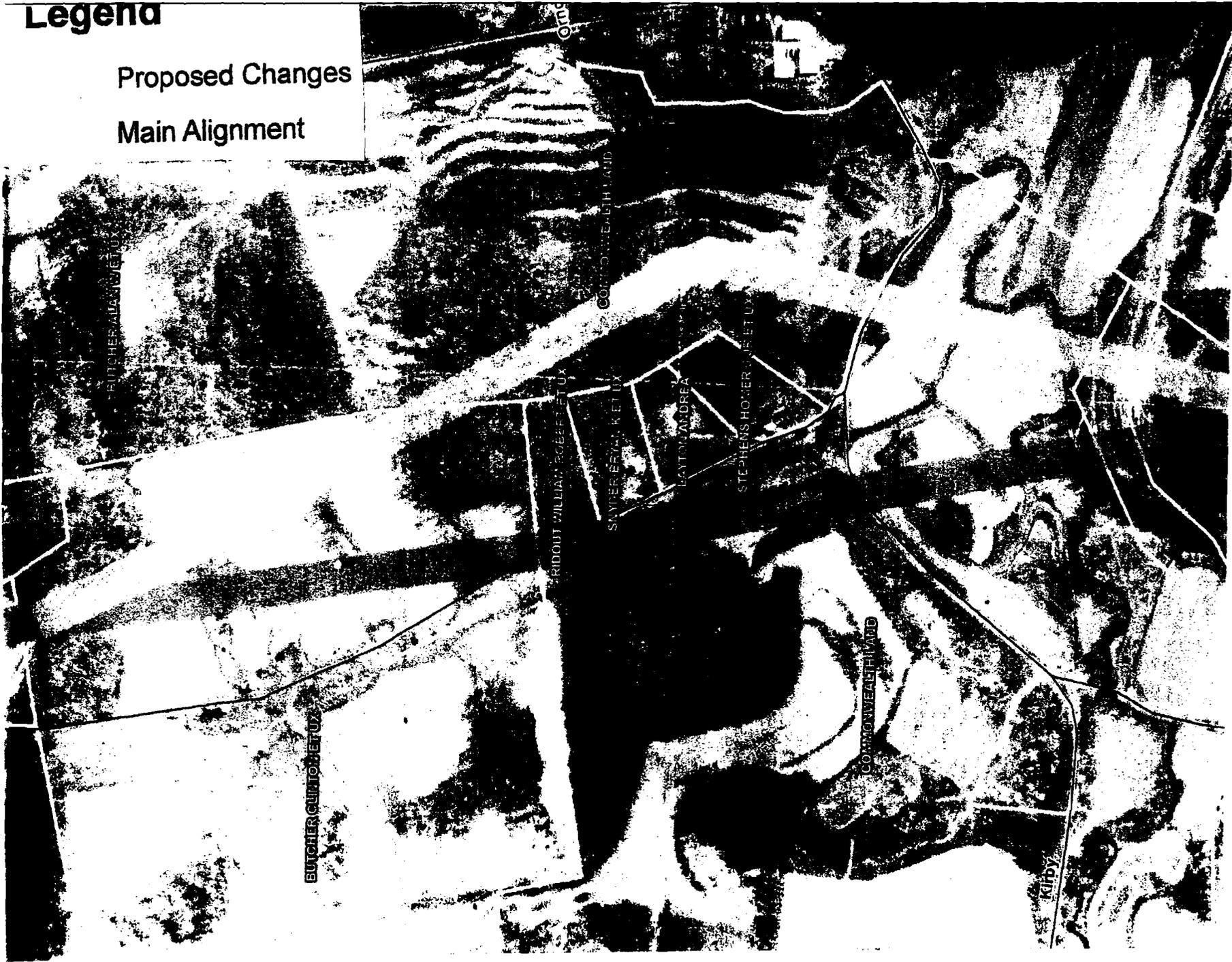
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CC Poonum Agrawal, Manager/U.S. Dept. of Energy

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Proposed Changes

Main Alignment



Exec - 2007 - 006163

Mr. Kevin Kolevar, Director
Office of **Electricity** Delivery and Energy Reliability
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585
Via Facsimile 202-586-4403

May 2, 2007

Dear Mr. Kolevar:

I am writing with regard to the Department of Energy's (DOE) draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) designation announcement on April 26.

My county is within DOE's proposed Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor, where, as you know, New York Regional Interconnection (NYRI), a private company, is hoping to build a 190-mile high-voltage direct-current electric transmission line from Oneida County, NY, to Orange County, NY.

Given that NYRI's project has been unanimously opposed by citizens' groups; local, county and state officials; businesses; agricultural, and environmental, historic and cultural organizations in Upstate New York, I am particularly alarmed at the prospect that under the proposed NIETC designation, New York State's authority to review and permit NYRI's proposal could be preempted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission after one year of this designation or in the event that New York State denies the applicant a permit.

I understand that as part of the 60-day public comment period, DOE will hold three public meetings (New York City, NY; Arlington, VA; and San Diego, CA) to examine each draft corridor designation. I find it disingenuous that DOE would select only the abovementioned sites for public meetings. Restricting the public meeting to New York City will require members of my community to travel up to five hours to voice our concerns, which will make it impossible for many of us to participate, particularly during the middle of the week.

Even more troubling is the fact that all three public meetings are to be held in cities that will merely receive the added power these projects will bring. They are not the places in which the projects will be built, the places that will be devastated by them and in which opposition is unanimous. Obviously, your choice of locations will serve to heavily favor one side of this very critical public debate.

I respectfully request that **DOE** hold at least one additional public meeting on the proposed **NIETCs** within the **60-day public** comment period and that that meeting **be held in** the place the power lines **will** be built--upstate New York.

I am a stakeholder in this process and deserve to be given fair opportunity to convey my opinions in this matter.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Ellen Rayhill
111 Paris Road
New Hartford, NY 13413

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

Exec - 2007-006115

May 24, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary, Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write today to express OW concerns about the proposed schedule of the public comment meetings with respect to the recently issued draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors pursuant to Section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Federal action of this magnitude must allow adequate input by interested homeowners, community groups, utilities commissions and government officials at all levels. Holding just seven public meetings does not accommodate the rights of American citizens to have their voices heard by federal officials. Our constituents will be directly affected by this federal decision. Yet some would be required to drive up to six hours to attend a hearing being held in the middle of the work week with only two weeks notice,

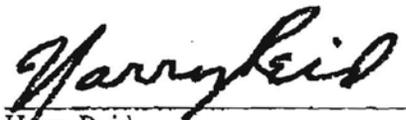
The Department of Energy should seek to hold a public meeting in each affected congressional district during evening hours when OW constituents will be able to attend. Our constituents must have a full and adequate opportunity to be heard.

We respectfully request that you extend the comment period for an additional 30 days to allow the Department of Energy to conduct an adequate number of public meetings. Additionally, notice of these public meetings should be published in the newspaper of record in each affected county at least one week prior to the meeting date.

Thank you for taking steps to assure that the voices of our constituents will be heard.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Harry Reid


John Ensign

Frank J. Schmid
Elfriede L. Schmid
104 Rollins Ford Road
Amissville, VA 20106

April 19, 2007

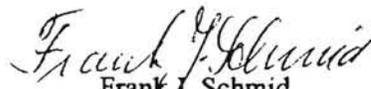
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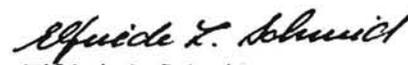
Dear Mr. Secretary,

We are writing to you to express our concern about Dominion Power's announced plans to build an additional 500 kV power line by expanding the existing right of way through Rappahannock, Culpeper, and Fauquier counties. I am not convinced that Dominion has made an adequate case for the need of the additional line to satisfy Virginia's power needs. Dominion has made no efforts to show that alternative solutions do not meet the requirement. Furthermore, Dominion has done nothing to encourage power conservation. I am particularly upset about Dominion's now "preferred" alternative along the existing right of way, after a more direct route mainly along I66 resulted in protests from citizens and large, powerful landowners in that area. The so-called preferred alternative makes no sense, since it is about 18 miles longer than the more direct route, will cost more to construct, and will result in increased operating costs and energy waste for as long as the powerline is operated. It is pretty clear that Dominion considers the "preferred" as the path of least resistance. However, this path will impact many more homeowners directly than the more direct I-66 path. When Dominion submits the request to the appropriate authority, they should be required to:

1. Show proof that all alternative solutions, including conservation programs and local peaking plants, have been considered and will not meet Virginia's power needs;
2. If the additional line is the only feasible alternative, the path should avoid unnecessary detours, such as the current preferred alternative, just to avoid confrontation with influential large landowners, thereby impacting many more small property owners.

Respectfully Yours


Frank J. Schmid


Elfriede L. Schmid

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April 24, 2007

Wendell Holland, Chairman
PA Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265Re: Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Co.
Docket Nos. A-110172, A-110172F0002
A-110172F0003, A-110172F0004
G-00071229

We understand that Allegheny Power's "Notice of Application Filing" to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PA PUC) has been sent to potentially impacted Greene County property owners within the proposed corridor of the TrAIL project.

It's been the very serious concern of the Greene County Commissioners that Allegheny Power could be providing timely and thorough information so that full public disclosure is conducted. This information package received by property owners supports our concern that Allegheny Power fails to provide the property owners the opportunity or sufficient time to understand the project, the potential impacts, and the process. Nor does Allegheny Power provide contact information for representatives for our property owners to contact and meet.

Overall, Allegheny Power has not proposed a process for property owners that is appropriately informative and allows them the opportunity to be heard.

1. Page 2 states that protest or intervention must be filed on or before May 29, 2007. This is a very complicated situation for property owners to understand why is there such a short time period in which they "must" file a protest?

It does not state what a property owner would protest, nor does it state the definition of intervention or protest or who should intervene or protest.

2. Page 2 states the PA PUC Administrative Law Judge will hold a prehearing conference in Pgh at 10AM on June __, 2007. (Date and purpose of prehearing is not explained?) Is it possible to schedule PUC proceedings in local (Greene and Washington Counties) facilities?

3. Eminent Domain Notices are included - but there is no information regarding an Allegheny Power representative(s) to contact to understand:

- a) If Allegheny Power has a right-of-way
- b) Intends to negotiate for a right-of-way
- c) The proposed locations of the towers
- d) Which properties are potentially affected with towers
- e) Construction impacts associated with the towers
- f) Real estate/property acquisition/eminent domain process, etc.

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How can a property owner fully understand the project if representatives, able to answer their questions, are not provided?

Coupled with the fact that this mailing is Allegheny Power's first and only attempt to assure information is provided for each property owner, how can a property owner determine if there is a need to protest "on or before May 29, 2007", only five weeks from now? Our property owners need to be given more substantial time and opportunity to fully understand the impacts of this proposed project. There is simply not enough information in this package for a typical property owner to understand and determine if they would want to or should participate in the process.

A representative to answer questions about maintenance of the line is included in the mailing - but, Allegheny Power needs to make available representatives that can provide far more information than maintenance of the line at this time.

4. This information does not include a statement of the need for this project. How would a property owner understand that the PA PUC will be evaluating this project for "need"?

There is no explanation of the study of project alternatives, or by what process Allegheny Power determined their preferred alternative.

How would a property owner understand that the PA PUC will be evaluating this project for appropriate siting?

There is no information regarding a proposed project schedule.

5. Attached to the Notice are 12 pages of "Names of Property Owners and Property Addresses within the Proposed Right-of-Way and Within 600 feet of the Centerline of the Proposed Lines" - approximately 480 names/addresses. However, these are not the Greene County property owners. In other words, these are not the neighbors, nor members of the community, that could help in gaining an understanding/insight into the magnitude of this proposed project.

6. A fair public disclosure process should have included the above information in these individual packages. We are concerned that the omissions and errors of this Notice of Filing, coupled with Allegheny Power's notification process, have failed to provide a comprehensive public disclosure of this proposed project. The intent of the Notice of Filing would be to give property owners notice and an opportunity to be heard. The Notice is inadequate. It does not really explain the project, the process, nor does it explain what property owners might need to do to participate.

Prior to receiving this Notice of Filing, Allegheny Power did not notify individual property owners of this proposed project. The previously conducted advertised Public Open Houses, information available at Public Libraries or via the internet cannot be accepted as Allegheny Power's effort to inform property owners of the details of such a highly significant project that can have potentially devastating effects on their properties and in their communities. How can property owners be expected to fully understand and evaluate the impacts of this proposed project? There is no substitute for one-on-one discussions and meetings, in a timely manner, so that a sufficient and reasonable time to understand and take action is provided for each potentially affected property owner.

April 24, 2007

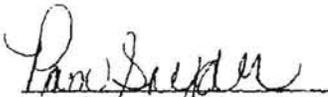
7. Page 3 states "If you retain an attorney to represent you before the Commission, you must do so at your own expense." Besides representation in front of the Commission, why is there no provision for stipends so that each property owner can have access to legal counsel, property appraisals or surveyors/engineers to understand and protect their rights with the utility? (The PA Department of Transportation has this provision for every potentially impacted landowner. Utilities are not expected to do so?)

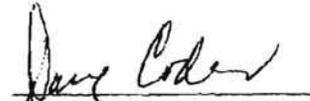
It would be easy for Allegheny Power to provide information from the local bar association or legal referral services. There is also no mention of how a property owner may check rights-of-way.

The key problem is this - there is not enough information to give people an adequate understanding of what is being proposed nor adequate time for people to have an opportunity to be heard. It is our concern that Allegheny Power is advancing a process that treats our property owners as if they are largely defenseless.

We ask that the PA PUC require that Allegheny Power revamp their efforts to inform the property owners, addressing each of the items above, and then begin the process again.

Sincerely yours,
GREENE COUNTY
Board of Commissioners


Pam Snyder, Chairman


Dave Coder


Judith P. Gardner

cc: Secretary Samuel Bodman, U.S. Department of Energy
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April 12, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman, Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Opposition to
Allegheny Power Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL)
National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) Designation

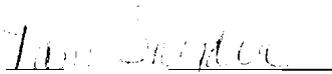
On April 5, 2007, the Greene County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution opposing the 500 kV Allegheny Power TrAIL being proposed by Allegheny Power. This resolution also opposes any designation of a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor and encourages our legislative delegation, state and local officials to oppose this project.

A grassroots organization, Stop the Toners, has begun to collect petition signatures and to educate the public on the issues surrounding this project. Attached are copies of petitions containing thousands of signatures of citizens opposed to this project.

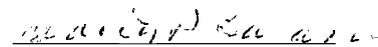
It is our belief that the construction and operation of this project through Greene County will have a devastating impact on our property tax base, the health, safety and welfare of our residents and neighbors and on our efforts to preserve our rural landscape and historic sites. The energy companies have failed to provide a full range of alternatives and/or documentation of the need for the project.

We respectfully request that you acknowledge receipt of these petitions and create opportunities for our position to be presented appropriately. We would also request that you provide notice of those opportunities in order for our citizens to participate in the administrative process at the appropriate time.

Sincerely yours,
GREENE COUNTY
Board of Commissioners


Pam Snyder, Chairman


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Attachments

cc: Secretary Samuel Bodman, U.S. Department of Energy
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April 27, 2007

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Proposed National Interest
Electric Transmission (NIET)
Corridor Designation
in 50 PA Counties, April 2007

Dear Secretary Bodman:

The Board of Commissioners of Greene County, Pennsylvania adamantly opposes the NIET Corridor designation of Southwestern Pennsylvania. We challenge your statement "The parochial interests that shaped energy policy in the 20th century will no longer work." It is our belief that the parochial interests at play today are that of the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) supporting "public" utilities acting as private corporations for the sake of private profits. Instead of usurping state rights and authority in a matter such as this, the USDOE has a responsibility to establish progressive energy policy for the United States that balances the conservation of resources, advances safe energy technologies, protects the public interest and the quality of life of the residents of this nation.

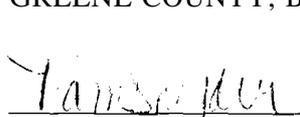
As you are aware, the Honorable H. William DeWeese, Majority Leader of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, testified on April 25, 2007 in a hearing before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy in regard to the potential dissolution of states rights and the consequences the NIET Corridor will have in 50 Pennsylvania counties.

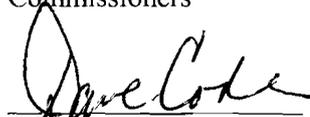
We strongly urge you to comply with this request:

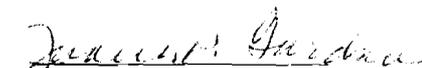
- Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), release the underlying data the DOE relied upon for congestion studies that formed the basis of the proposed NIET Corridors
- Confirm that the congestion studies complied with the Energy Act of 2005 - particularly regarding consultation with the states included in the congestion studies
- Given that 50 of PA's 67 counties are included in the NIET corridor, schedule an additional public meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, to allow our citizens the opportunity to support a progressive energy policy for the USA, confirm states rights and protect themselves from all opposing interests.

We look forward to your favorable response

Sincerely yours,
GREENE COUNTY, Board of Commissioners


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May 3, 2007

RE: Request Opposition to Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 1221,
National Interest Electric Transmission (NIET) Corridors in PA,
Allegheny Power's proposed 500 **kV** Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL)

The Board of Commissioners of Greene County, Pennsylvania adamantly opposes:

- Section 1221, Energy Policy Act of 2005 provisions for "backstop" authority by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) overriding consideration of the PA Public Utility Commission's judgment
- the NIET Corridor designation proposed by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) on April 26, 2007 that includes 50 of 67 Pennsylvania counties
- Allegheny Power's proposed **500kV** Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL)

Fifty (50) Pennsylvania counties have been identified in the USDOE designation of NIET Corridors. This lays the groundwork for construction of new high voltage transmission lines across Pennsylvania - to provide power to relieve alleged electrical congestion in the Mid-Atlantic. This is an inadequate solution. It fails to set forth progressive energy policy, and does not provide incentives for conservation, advanced clean generation technologies, reduced *greenhouse* gas emissions, or competitive energy supply markets. In the process, homeland security concerns have apparently been ignored. Is it a good idea to consolidate so much power in lines that run for hundreds of miles through rural areas?

On April 13, 2007 Allegheny Power/TrAIL applied to the PA Public Utility Commission (PA PUC) for authorization to locate, construct, operate and maintain new high voltage transmission facilities in Greene and Washington Counties. These lines will connect to new high voltage lines running to just outside of Washington, D.C. Our opposition to TrAIL will be presented to the PA PUC in the form of a challenge to the need for, and location of, the proposed new transmission facilities. TrAIL provides no benefit to this county or PA, for far more electricity is generated here than needed. Nevertheless, Allegheny Power strives to pass-on the costs of this \$208 million

project to PA rate payers. Investments by public utility companies need to be structured to maximize competitive pricing and promote conservation initiatives that would have a benefit. This proposal seeks to only increase corporate profits and renders a harsh and cruel impact on Pennsylvania, including Greene County.

Should Allegheny Power not obtain their desired approvals from the PA PUC, they will turn to the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Section 1221 of the Act gives FERC "back-stop" authority over the PA PUC, in areas the USDOE designates as "National Interest Electric Transmission ("NIET") Corridors". These NIET corridors are allegedly a method of dealing with electrical congestion issues identified in the USDOE's National Electric Transmission Congestion Study (August, 2006). After the Congestion Study, Allegheny Power and PJM Interconnection (a regional transmission organization that includes Allegheny Power as a member) asked the USDOE to designate several NIET Corridors. On April 26, 2007 the USDOE announced its first draft NIET Corridor. The "corridor" includes extensive portions of eight different states and 50 of 67 counties in Pennsylvania.

The USDOE has provided a 60-day comment period to voice opposition to the NIET Corridors. But the underlying data supporting the DOE's Congestion Study, and the reasons it is designating these huge corridors, has not been released. If the draft NIET Corridors are approved, Allegheny Power can apply to FERC for approval of TrAIL, including the use of federal eminent domain, increased electricity prices to our rate payers, and exemptions from environmental, cultural and/or land use regulations. Effectively, the TrAIL project could be approved without regard to the decision of the PA PUC, local need, impacts on property-owners' lives, properties, possible adverse health effects, the county's tax base, and the economy of our struggling rural population.

Therefore, the Greene County Board of Commissioners asks the following:

- Members of the:
 - U.S. House Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality of the Energy and Commerce Committee
 - U.S. Senate Committee Energy and Natural Resources
 - U.S. Senate Committee Environment and Public Works
 - U.S. Senate Committee Commerce, Science and Transportationcall for Hearings to re-examine the provisions of Section 1221 regarding federal authority to site electric transmission lines throughout the country, and the NIET Corridor designations (including Section 1221's impact on global warming and national security), and
- Members of PA Legislative Delegation call for the swift and just repeal of Section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, eliminating **FERC's** "backstop authority" and confirming state jurisdiction to approve transmission lines and associated matters and,
- Require the **USDOE** to immediately release all underlying data considered **and/or** relied upon for its congestion studies (under the Freedom of Information Act or **otherwise**). The release must allow sufficient time for review before the end of the 60 day comment period. Also, schedule a public meeting in Pittsburgh, PA given the imminent concerns associated with Allegheny Power's proposed TrAIL project.

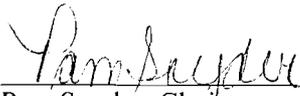
The USDOE has a responsibility to establish progressive energy policy for the United States that balances and promulgates the conservation of resources, advanced energy technologies, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and protects the public interest and quality of life of the residents of this nation. These long transmission lines waste energy (as heat) and cause increased greenhouse gas emissions. Consolidating electric transmission is also an obvious and unwarranted **risk** that jeopardizes the security of this nation.

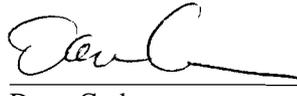
Your support opposing the NIET Corridors and the TrAIL project is necessary, and will be appreciated. Please direct any questions to this office.

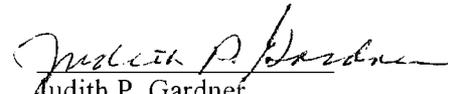
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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 15, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary, Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write today to express our concerns about the proposed schedule of the public comment meetings with respect to the recently issued draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors pursuant to Section 1221 of the **Energy Policy Act** of 2005. The draft Mid-Atlantic corridors alone affect the homes of almost 50 million Americans and over 16,627 square miles. The Department of Energy's intent **was** to hold just three public meetings, now there are seven, but this is still unacceptable.

Federal action of this magnitude absolutely must allow **adequate** input by interested homeowners, community groups, utilities commissions and government officials at all levels. Holding just seven public meetings in the middle of the work week simply does not accommodate the rights of American citizens to have their voice heard by federal officials.

Our constituents **will** be directly affected by this federal decision. Yet some would be required to drive up to **6** hours to **attend** a hearing being **held** in the middle of the week with only two weeks notice.

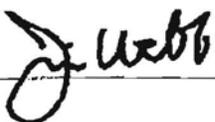
As the members of Congress representing the affected constituents, we feel the Department of Energy should hold a public meeting in **every** congressional district during evening hours when our constituents will be able to attend. Our constituents must have a full and adequate opportunity to be heard.

Due to the constricted time frame of the comment period, we urge you to extend the comment period for at least an **additional 30** days to allow the department to conduct an adequate number of public meetings. Additionally, notice of these public meetings should be published in the newspaper of record in each affected county **at least two weeks prior to the meeting date**,

Thank you for **taking** steps to assure that the **voices of our constituents** will be heard.

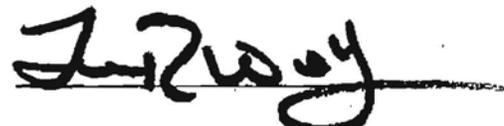
Best wishes.

Sincerely,









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April 25, 2007

Susan H. Witt
26 Hunter Zane Road
Fairmont, WV 26554

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I protest the Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (Case No. 07-0508-E-CN) as I am concerned with the possible impact on a family member's health. My spouse is a cancer survivor. We recently moved away from the city to the country to get away from carcinogens and pollution. This power line may compromise his health. I am also concerned that the herbicides used on the power line right of way will damage the land held by my family and destroy the abundant wildlife habitat we have in our area.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I can be reached at the address provided above or by telephone: (304) 292-5026.

Regards,



Susan H. Witt

April 25, 2007

D. Byron Witt
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Fairmont, WV 26554

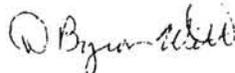
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May 10, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Brodman
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
100 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Brodman,

We were recently made aware of public hearings being held to potentially designate National Interest Electrical Transmission Comdors (NIETC) throughout much of the Mid-Atlantic States. Only one public hearing is scheduled for Virginia on May 15th in Arlington. This one hearing, in a largely unaffected locality, is **insufficient** to adequately hear the anger and frustration of the hundreds of thousands of Virginians who will be affected by designating national interest comdors without clear regard of all the ramifications of this action.

Loudoun County shares the concerns of all in the Commonwealth of Virginia who would be affected by these designated comdors. Potential NEITC designation could unravel years of carefully developed local zoning and land use practices. A national designation could in fact be seen as being undemocratic as it would strip local and state decision-making authority from us and hand it to un-elected, profit-driven corporations who would then have the ability to circumvent our master plans and local zoning requirements.

This designation is also disturbing in that the primary effort is not focused on enforcing air quality standards nor using other **efficiency** maximizing technologies such as demand-side management programs and integration of demand response technologies. We need to first deliver the message to our citizens that electric power is to be used wisely and efficiently rather than disrupt many thousands of lives for the sake of easier decision making for power companies.

The designation of any part of Virginia as a National Interest Electric Transmission Comdor is not in the best interest of the residents of Loudoun County.

Scott K. York
Chairman

February 4, 2007

The Honorable Secretary Samuel Bodman
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

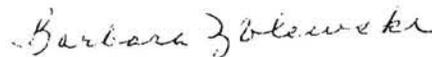
I am retired and just recently moved to the Regency at Dominion Valley. I looked forward to moving to this area and enjoying this beautiful environment. I have invested much to be able to live in this community and now I am deeply concerned because my home stands to be directly impacted by Dominion Power's proposed plan to build a 40-mile, 500,000-volt line through parts of Frederick, Warren, Fauquier, Prince William and Loudon counties. This proposed transmission line, which would be alarming enough were it not for the stark implications of the negative impacts to local tax revenues, the dramatic environmental impacts to the region nor the unprecedented implications of empowering a private entity to seize my private property utilizing Federal powers of eminent domain.

The project has been proposed on the premise of "need" with Dominion Power contending a transmission line through this region must be built to meet Northern Virginia's rapidly growing demand for electricity. To date, the basis of the study indicating "need", as defined by Dominion Power, has remained a closely held secret for the utility company. Further, Dominion Power maintains that no viable alternative exists and that it would be impractical to bury a high-voltage line, but again the details for this assessment has not been shared with the public.

The impact of this proposal is already being felt. This opposition has grown out of concern regarding compromised property values and quality of life, decimated historic and environmentally sensitive areas and potential for undermining the economic viability of an area struggling to provide for its citizens.

Resolutions opposing the transmission lines have been unanimously passed by organizations ranging from the Prince William County Board of Supervisors and the Prince William County School Board to my Dominion Valley Homeowner's Association. These resolutions are not posturing of a few concerned citizens, rather the beginning of a large-scale movement to stand firm against the Dominion Power proposal. For this reason, I ask your support in opposing this line. I respectfully request a response to this query.

Respectfully,



Barbara Zblewski
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