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Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20)
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Attn: Docket No. 2007-OE-01 – Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

I filed comments marked "Attn: Docket 2007-OE-01" electronically at <http://nietc.anl.gov> before July 6, 2007, and I would like to request a rehearing concerning the designation of the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor.

Clearly, the regulators and representatives in the designated regions are the most reliable sources of information for the decision-making process and they were not adequately consulted in the decision-making process. There is no reason for the Federal government to step in and overrule these state decisions. The power industry failed to make its case at the regional level, therefore it is hard to understand how DOE could have made this designation based on the same information.

In its press release, DOE states that it,

“pursues and encourages a number of solutions for meeting future electricity demand, including: implementing energy efficiency measures across the country; developing and encouraging the increased use of clean, renewable energy technologies; developing more local generation; and researching, developing and deploying technologies that optimize operation of the electricity grid.”

It is interesting that DOE has not promoted a single one of these measures in the northern Virginia area where I live, and I suspect not anywhere within the mid-Atlantic region, in general.

Along with millions of potentially affected taxpayers and property owners in the designated area, I am requesting a rehearing that truly takes into consideration energy conservation activities. The hearing should address future potential electricity demand involving energy saving and conservation measures instead of relying on thoughtless solutions that primarily benefit the power industry and encourage “dirty” energy production.

Sincerely,



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