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Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
OE-20
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Attn: Docket No. 2007-0E-01

Re: Rehearing Request - Designation of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors

Dear Sir/Madame:

The Pike County Board of Commissioners are extremely concerned with the Department of Energy's disregard of thousands of legitimate comments and concerns over the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor designation announced by your office in early October. Our lengthy concerns outlined in our June 13, 2007 correspondence over such a designation went unaddressed as well. The future potential siting of electric transmission lines through our rural tourism based landscape would have far reaching impacts to our local tourism economy and the quality of life that our residents and visitors enjoy. As we expressed previously, the Pike County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to oppose the siting of the Mid-Atlantic NIETC in its entirety, and have identified numerous related concerns in the draft plan.

The Pike County Board of Commissioners feel that all possible alternatives should be comprehensively considered that would make an NIETC designation and transmission line development unnecessary. Further, the Notice of Public Inquiry makes little to no mention of any public process related to NIETC designations. Transmission siting is an important state and local issue that has the potential to impact the daily lives and quality of life of hundreds of thousands of citizens. This decision needs to remain a local and state issue.

By receipt of this letter, the Pike County Board of Commissioners formally request party status to a rehearing on the Department of Energy's NIETC designation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact (570)296-3476.

Sincerely,

Pike County Board of Commissioners

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