

Attn: Docket No. 2007-OE-01

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I am formally requesting a rehearing by the DOE regarding the designation of the mid-atlantic NIETC. Based the comments I made formally at the hearing and submitted.

As stated previously:

Like millions of other Americans, my husband and I looked for the beauty and peace for our young family by buying several acres in the suburbs and building a beautiful home to watch the sunset and deer from our back deck. Our two children, a boy and a girl, are, of course, our most precious possessions and protecting their well being our greatest priority. Who could imagine that a legislative act of Congress that almost nobody knows about could threaten the tranquility of our lives and, perhaps, the health of our children

Utilities have pointed to the NIETC as a way to protect our national security. Unfortunately, like many other actions taken in recent years since 9-11, we have to ask whether allowing the electric companies to build new transmission lines wherever they want, actually protects our security or endangers it; whether these new lines will actually serve a national security and national energy purpose or simply serve as a shortcut for the electric companies to add more profit to their bottom lines while endangering the environment and the health of our children.

When Congress passed the NIETC provision, it failed to include any environmental protections. By guaranteeing that any new transmission line would receive a guaranteed financial return, the Federal Government assured the use of cheap dirty coal as a means to power future energy consumption. This is one of the most critical issues America and the world faces if we are going to mitigate the danger of global warming. Hopefully, now that the Supreme Court has ruled that the EPA CAN regulate CO2 emissions, serious steps should be taken towards that goal. The more we use coal, the more green house gases are produced, the warmer our summers will to become, the more we will need to offset the electricity needed for those peak days, the more transmission lines we will need, and so on. We will be the dog chasing its tail until it finally drops dead from exhaustion.

On April 26, Congressmen Tom Davis convened a hearing regarding the serious negative impacts of an NIET Corridor, the very next day, April 27, the Department of Energy (DOE) announced the release of a draft Mid-Atlantic NIET Corridor affecting millions of Americans. This corridor runs through eight states, 202 counties, and the District of Columbia. The corridor could affect one third of the state of Virginia alone. DOE has given citizens only 18 days to prepare for the hearing on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree hotel in Arlington There has been NO formal public notification and no REAL transparency within this entire process. The question has to be asked. Who formulated this transmission policy and why is it being steamrolled ahead in spite of concerns of Congressmen and Senators, Governors in the affected states, local county

leadership , and thousands of citizens due to its potential adverse affects on so many people. Who is watching out for citizens we asking?

When asked, DOE reps will tell you that they don't require transmission lines as the main mode of energy transportation, but let us be real, it **IS** called the National Interest Electric **TRANSMISSION** Corridor. A high level DOE official, who asked to remain anonymous, finally became so worn down by my questions regarding why **ONLY** new transmission lines had a guaranteed federal financial return that he finally said, "I didn't write this legislation, congressional staffers did, ask **THEM** why they did not put in incentives for conservation or renewable energy". When I pressed him regarding the use of dirty coal and that it is responsible for 40% of co2 emissions, he said he agreed with me. There was **NO** policy within the DOE to reduce green house gasses. He said " I was preaching to the converted" and encouraged me to express my views at the upcoming hearing.

Who will benefit the most from this NIET Corridor? The national security of the United States or the management and stockholders of the electric companies. Congress needs to take a second look at this potential monster before it is totally out of control. Energy independence and security is, of course, one of our highest priorities. But there are better ways to ensure a reliable and secure electric grid – energy efficiency, energy conservation, new technology, and distributed generation – and unlike transmission lines, these alternatives don't come at the expense of the natural beauty of a world that we hold in trust for the future well being of the next generation and, hopefully, many generations to come. I urge the Department of Energy to be ethical, courageous and above all, **FAIR**, and deny these designations of corridors. This is a **NEW** era, and citizens are paying attention, not simply for their property rights, but for the future of their children and generations yet born. I imagine these comments are probably not even read by anyone of significance, but I want **MY** children to be able to look back and know their mother tried to change the course of a failed energy policy.

Sincerely,

  
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