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**FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET**

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**Date:** *November 2, 2007*

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

**Fax:** *202-586-8008*

**Subject:** *Application for Rehearing of the Mid-Atlantic Area National  
Corridor (Docket No. 2007-OE-01)*

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Attached please find a copy of my correspondence of October 15, 2007, to Secretary Bodman, expressing my outrage at the DOE's decision to approve the Mid-Atlantic National Interest Electric Corridor. Rather than rehash the entire situation I, hereby, request that this fax, along with the accompanying letter, serve as my request for rehearing of the order in Docket No. 2007-OE-01.

I am also enclosing a copy of the receipt for my electronically submitted comments (tracking number 80566), which were also hand-delivered when I presented my testimony at the June 13, 2007, DOE Public Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.

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## Senate of Pennsylvania

October 15, 2007

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REPLY TO:

Eighty Four

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

Re: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor Designation

Dear Secretary Bodman:

"Disappointment" does not begin to address my feelings at the decision recently reached by the Department of Energy (DOE) to approve the Mid-Atlantic National Interest Electric Corridor (NIETC) in Pennsylvania. "Outrage" would be a more appropriate depiction of my current emotion! What has the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our Public Utility Commission ever done incorrectly or inappropriately that would cause the United States Department of Energy to run roughshod over decades of responsible energy policies and decisions? Fifty-two of our sixty-seven counties (right now) have been placed in harm's way. This federal oversight has served to dismantle and render impotent, evolving statewide policy that has served Pennsylvania well. New initiatives are on the horizon to further green our Commonwealth. Why bother? You can just tell us what we should be doing!

On May 30, 2007, I introduced Pennsylvania Senate Resolution 129 opposing the designation of the NIETC corridors. My resolution had bi-partisan support and passed unanimously – not an easy feat in today's political climate. What each senator recognized was that what was happening in Southwestern Pennsylvania today could be happening in any other part of Pennsylvania tomorrow. It was not a Republican or Democrat issue, it was a Pennsylvania issue!

I also understand the argument that you put forth that this designation in no way implies that the federal government will exercise oversight, but it does mean you can. This is an albatross hanging over the head of each Pennsylvanian as we continue into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

I am enclosing copies of my original letter to you from June 20, 2007 and a copy of the testimony that I submitted before the U.S. Department of Energy on June 13, 2007. Both outline in more detail my position on this matter. I am, indeed, extremely frustrated that the DOE has chosen to ignore the input from the affected states in finalizing this NIETC and I ask that you reconsider your position on the designation for Pennsylvania. I stand ready to provide you any information and support that you deem necessary. Pennsylvania thanks you.

With kindest regards,

J. Barry Stout  
 State Senator

**From:** <NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov>  
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