

Other Correspondence Received in Response to the May 7, 2007
Federal Register Notice on the
Draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor
Designations

Other Correspondence: Batch 3

156 North Road
Norwich, NY 13815
June 27, 2007

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

Re: NYRI power line proposal and National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor designation

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We are writing to express opposition to the New York Regional Interconnect (NYRI) project and the establishment of a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) in central New York. Both proposals seem to us to be very bad ideas that will cause great harm to the state and to our nation as a whole. More specifically, we are requesting that the public comment period be extended and that local public hearings be held concerning the NIETC designation and the NYRI proposal.

Central New York stands to be severely adversely affected by both proposals. Yet those of us who live along the path of the proposed transmission corridor and the NYRI power line have been given no reasonable opportunity to be heard on the issue. Having public hearings hundreds of miles away from the proposed route of the power line is an insult to the concept of open government. Many of the people who live adjacent to the proposed line have no idea that their very homes may be taken through eminent domain by a private company. Other property owners may see the value of their homes plummet, with no compensation from NYRI. Certainly these people deserve the respect of having a local hearing.

Therefore, we are happy to join with our neighbors in requesting that the public comment period be extended an additional sixty days and that public hearings be scheduled in each county where the NYRI power line is proposed to be located. We look forward to learning of your decision, and trust that it will be favorable to the interests of those who call central New York their home.

Sincerely,

John and Betty Andrews

P.S. We were two of over 500 people who showed up for a hearing at the beginning of this process and weren't allowed into the hearing space. NYRI officials promised to have another meeting here which they never have!

Comment Sheet
 Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor Webcast
 Pittsburgh, PA June 13, 2007 1pm-7pm

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Comments:

I wish to protest approval of the Allegheny Energy
APT-RAIL through West Virginia.

- ① Poor rationale for energy corridors - need more local power plants
for high use areas - not creation of a centralized system that
becomes 240 miles of un-secured lines - terrorist disruption
of one tower can bring down whole system.
- ② With increasing need to reduce pollution/global warming, the very
existence of the APT-RAIL will soon be outdated - but the
environmental devastation and scars on the land will remain
for generations.
- ③ Allegheny Energy claims that this line is necessary. We know
that it is not in the interest of West Virginia and its
citizens. It is really only in the interest of Allegheny Energy's
a large, for-profit business.
- ④ Other alternatives: site local power plants on east coast,
run lines in existing corridors. Do not destroy undisturbed
family farms and rural communities.

Thank you.

Mail to:

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

June 25, 2007

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Dear Mr. Bodman,

I have no idea whether you will ever read this letter or not. However, if it merely ends up on a tally sheet of pros and cons re NYRI; I shall be satisfied.

I have been associated with the federal government in some capacity for over 60 years. During that time I have witnessed many necessary and valuable acts of eminent domain. If I believed NYRI fell into that category I would not be writing this letter. I just haven't seen enough of a convincing argument that NYRI is so essential to justify the impact upon central New York.

I am more than familiar with the hubris involved when the locals have the temerity to question the "experts" but having served through three wars I believe I can assess the "motives" of the people as opposed to the progressive plans of the government -

I don't believe this is the time for a relatively unpopular government to antagonize its citizens.

Respectfully,
Wallace Butler
LT, COL, USMC (Ret)

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The Secretary

From: Rodgerdevore@aol.com
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To: The Secretary
Subject: NYRI

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To: Secretary of DOE

Please see the attached letter. Thank you.

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See what's free at
<http://www.aol.com>.

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To: Secretary of the DOE

Dear Secretary, Re: NIETC proposals and NY Regional Interconnect (NYRI)

A reason NYRI is in such a rush to ram through their scheme is that the current US Administration personnel (Cheney & DOE head Abrahamson) who engineered this secret deal behind closed doors will not be around in another 1 ½ years, and consequently the likelihood of overturning the unneeded, onerous, and perhaps illegal EPACT legislation will increase. When requested under the Freedom of Information Act to deliver the minutes and notes of the secret meetings that produced EPACT, the DOE dragged its heels and then finally came up with amazingly censored documents - in many cases just a blank page with a dozen words left on it. There is proof that the private industries that were participants at those meetings drew up much of the wording of these EPACT regulations. This was probably illegal. Environmentalist groups were allowed only a very limited time in these secret meetings.

Probably another reason NYRI is pushing for fast action is that they also know about the new coal-fired generating plant technology, Oxy-Fuel (DOE report Jan. 2004). According to this DOE report and other sources, this technology, which is being utilized right now, produces almost no harmful emissions (including being CO₂-capture ready). This enables coal-fired generating plants to be built in the backyard of those who may need the electricity most – such as NYC. Also, existing coal-fired plants can be retrofitted at a reasonable cost with this new technology (C.A.R.E.). The US is the Saudi Arabia of coal – we have 250 years worth left in the ground. IGCC is another new technology which sharply reduces emissions and GE says can eliminate CO₂ production.

But NYRI likes the monopoly and the resulting guaranteed profits of owning transmission lines - just like National Grid, which is another foreign-owned monopoly with guaranteed profits (British empiricism continues). That's how NYRI appealed to the Canadian union retirement funds to become investors in the NYRI scheme – guaranteed profits. This gives NYRI some slick PR. They can say that these substantial investments are for the benefit of the working man. Also if NYC were to become dependant on NYRI, the privately owned Canadian company will continually push to increase rates as much as they can. NYC would be at foreign-owned NYRI's mercy just as is any area where National Grid has a monopoly (rates up 40% (?)).

In fact, The NYC Economic Development Corporation authorities have stated in print that they actually don't need new supplies of electricity right now, but may "*in the future*" when the need arises. A spokesman for the NYC EDC has stated that "*they prefer*" another proposal instead of the ill-conceived NYRI scheme. This is the proposal by the Mid-Atlantic power giant PJM of lines across the Hudson from New Jersey. PJM manages a long-term regional electric transmission planning process to maintain the reliability of the power supply system. They already operate 56,000 miles of transmission grids here in the US, and their proposal would even supply 100,000 more volts to the NY

Metro area than the NYRI proposal. PJM has a track record that everyone can see. If you want to give away guaranteed profits, give them to a US company, not some shadowy foreigners.

The foreign-backed and controlled scheme of *NYRI is the second choice* of the NYC EDC. Aside from the concrete advantages of the responsible PJM proposal over the NYRI scheme, people in the city know that it would be bad to despoil a large part of beautiful Upstate. In fact all people making decisions on this issue should come Upstate and see for themselves. They'd see the quality of life and they probably would like to live here.

Tourism has now become the biggest industry in Upstate, which is maybe the most beautiful region of the entire country. Because most business has already left the state (it's too hard to make money, due to high taxes and too many regulations), to now adversely impact tourism with destructive deals like NYRI would be just plain stupid.

NYRI people have even admitted that the reasoning for the whole scheme is almost a toss-up between making profits for NYRI, or because the NY Metro area may someday need the extra capacity ("*..in the future..*"). Incidentally the head of Con Ed stated that the recent blackout in parts of Manhattan and The Bronx was *not* because they needed more capacity.

By the way, that nice man Giuliani who came up to Syracuse talking about increasing jobs upstate actually represents NYRI through his law firm. NYRI has admitted that construction of this awful power line would *actually increase* electricity costs upstate to homes and factories. That of course would further decrease jobs. Is Giuliani actually that dumb (or thinks people around here are that dumb), or just another politician?

Why did the DOE have public meetings in Rochester and NYC? Why not Norwich, N.Y. or a few dozen other towns which are directly on the proposed NYRI line? Why should NYRI opponents (which probably includes everybody who lives Upstate) be forced by DOE to travel 100 or 200 miles to get the truth out on this matter? What's with the DOE?

DOE GOP political appointee Spencer Abraham and Cheney ran the closed door "energy task force" which has been roundly criticized for its secrecy and over-reliance on industry advisors. These secret meetings are what spawned NYRI. There was a quote somewhere that said: "This is totally about these people (power companies) who sat in meetings with the government to create this act (EPACT)". When honest authorities understand all this, they may see grounds for indictments and prosecutions.

This whole Bush administration is guilty of multiple crimes against the people. How many people know that the International Court of Justice would like to try Bush, Cheney and the rest of the criminals in this administration for their many crimes but can't, because W. conveniently withdrew the US as signatories to this body. Very clever but

this doesn't preclude a domestic investigation of those who were involved in those secret DOE meetings. It seems that Sen. Chuck Schumer has recently come down strongly on the side of what is right. Maybe Clinton will follow suit.

There's enough resistance from other wise legislators and the populace in general, which is finally catching on to this worst administration ever, to overturn this corrupt EPACT legislation and the resulting NIETC proposals. NYRI knows this, and also knows that the new "**Oxy-Fuel**" technology is here now, and can be employed on new coal-fired power plants near Metro NY "in the future". This will obviate the supposed need for the ugly and harmful transmission lines through the Upstate citizens' back yards.

Incidentally, how many people know that the Marcy-South power transmission lines which were rammed through in the 1980s that scar beautiful upstate NY, have actually been under-utilized? In fact, at times the power has been transmitted from downstate to upstate instead of the original plan of the reverse!

Where does National Grid (another foreign company) stand on all this? Aside from the monopoly that they have on supplying power to our homes and factories upstate, they own the old Brooklyn G & E, now named Keyspan, which probably will use whatever extra power NYC may receive 'in the future'.

Get this, someone from NYRI has even suggested the proposed transmission lines could be used to transmit windmill power from upstate to NYC. That's pretty naïve because windmill power is more expensive, and when the taxpayers eventually learn that it's money out of their pockets that goes to the promoters of these windmill deals, their enthusiasm for wind power will wane.

There's much more than can and will be written about these sneaky, maybe illegal, Cheney-DOE inspired NYRI dealings. And I haven't even addressed the negative effects that this terrible NYRI proposal would have on the residents of upstate. Those include decreased property values, homes taken away that have been in families for generations, increased cost of everything, decrease in jobs, wages, etc., decrease in tourism, exodus of population, ugliness of the power line, possible increases in cancer and other illnesses, etc., etc. – and for what?

History will prove this Federal administration to be the worst ever. Almost everything it's done in this age of amazing greed has been destructive to this country ((aside from shady DOE dealings, check out the FCC (including the GTI), FDA regs, bankruptcy laws, Iraq, Enron, Social Security privatization, Veteran's medical care, etc. ad infinitum.)). The fact is that W. received a C- (566) on his verbal SAT, a standardized test that measures reasoning ability. We have a 'leader' with a proven C- grade in reasoning ability!! As a result he's been played like a piano by many selfish private groups - including these foreign private power promoters. He is stupid, arrogant, and venal and everyone in cahoots with him will sooner or later be found out.

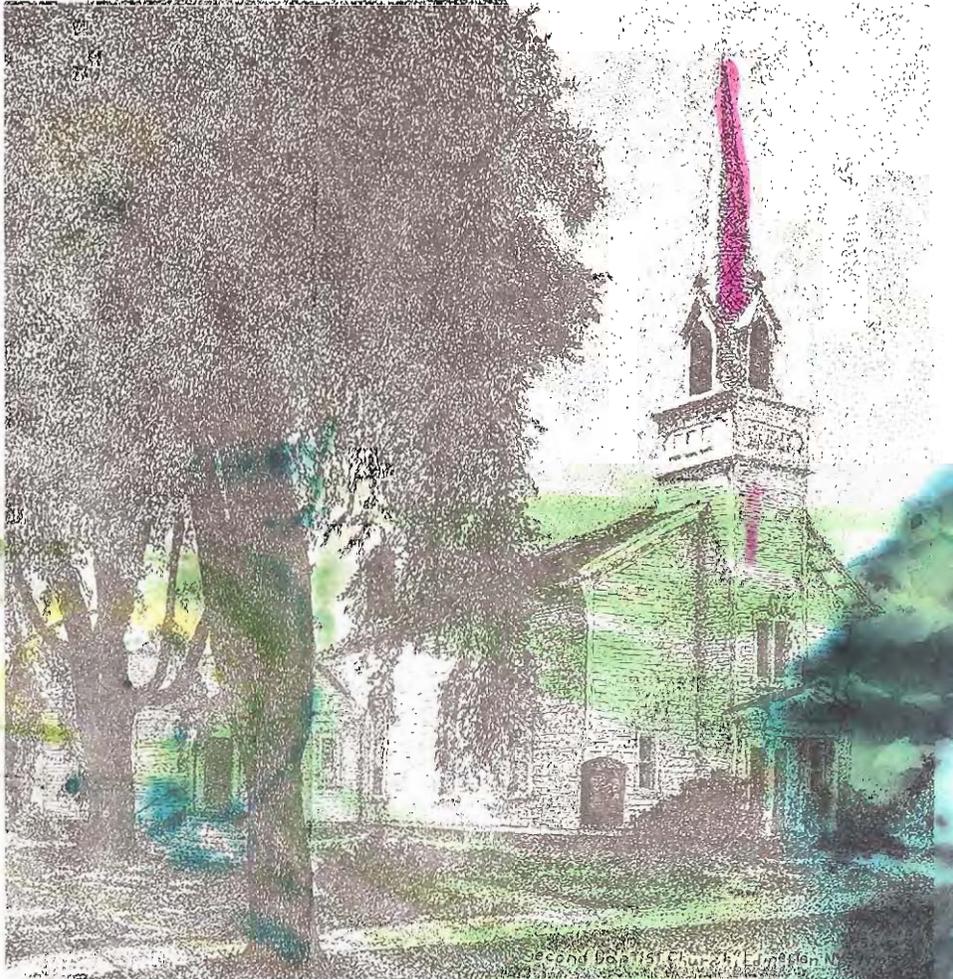
Metro NY has other and better options than the money- making scheme of NYRI, a private, secretive, foreign corporation. Nobody wants the awful NYRI – except NYRI.

Sincerely,

Roger De Vore - an interested citizen
Cazenovia, NY 13035 (30 miles from proposed power lines)

PS. I just listened to a report from NPR's All Things Considered (7/05/07) – absolutely disgraceful. They have it all wrong about “congestion” and they don't mention at all the *alternate proposal* which NYC **PREFERS**, among other omissions and mis-statements by this large propaganda organization. Check FERC 2004 SOM report.

Dear Mr. Bodman,
 Please spare
 our towns in
 upstate New
 York, Isn't
 there a
 better way?
 Thank you
 Ivy Earl



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The Secretary

From: Susan Foster Blank [sfblank@bentcom.net]
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2007 3:55 PM
To: The Secretary
Subject: Draft Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor - Docket No. 2007-OE-01

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Attached find comments regarding Docket No. 2007-

OE-01.

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

RE: Draft Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor
Docket No. 2007-OE-01

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I oppose the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC)
Designation because:

1. NIETC Designation impinges on states rights.
2. NIETC Designation will endanger local, state and federally protected areas.
3. NIETC Designation will cause a national security risk due to consolidation of power in hundreds of miles of unprotected transmission lines.
4. Individual states should determine what happens within their borders-not federal government.
5. Power failure or unreliability and congestion have not been proven.
6. It will increase air pollution in a region that ranks near the worst in air pollution.

Please consider these issues before finalizing the corridor designation.

Very truly yours,


Elizabeth E. Foster

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July 6, 2007

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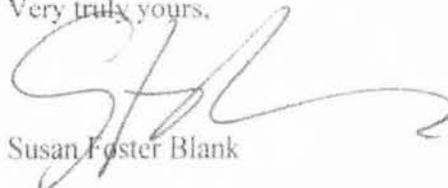
While I fully recognize the energy and environmental challenges that we face as a nation, the Department of Energy's recent designation of the Mid-Atlantic Corridor as a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) will have a substantial environmental impact on Pennsylvania. The Mid-Atlantic Corridor enhances the ability of coal based resources located in Pennsylvania and further west to reach eastern markets. Power generation is the biggest source of carbon dioxide in America. Coal produces fifty (50%) percent of America's electricity. The Department of Energy needs to be promoting clean energy investments rather than promoting increase in emissions. That means encouraging energy efficiency and promoting domestic energy sources, which, aside from coal, tend to be clean. The NIETC Designation biases the process against better, safer and lower environmental impact solutions. Pittsburgh, surrounded by power generating plants, is currently second behind Los Angeles for air pollution and these corridor designations translates to more air pollution for Pittsburgh and the tri-state area. Energy independence efforts are going to be undermined. In addition, the loss of electricity in transmission is wasteful and adds to global warming.

The Department of Energy and the Nation have a responsibility to focus on energy solutions before condemning the people and the environment of Pennsylvania to become crisscrossed with the transmission highways delivering power to the east coast.

I request that the Department of Energy reconsider its designation of the Mid-Atlantic Corridor. The proposed corridor invites the siting of facilities that are inappropriate and unnecessary.

I urge that the Department of Energy withdraw its designation.

Very truly yours,



Susan Foster Blank

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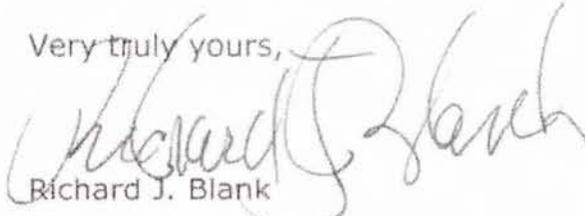
Dear Secretary Bodman:

The Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company, an Allegheny Energy, Inc., subsidiary, filed an application with the Pennsylvania Utilities Commission to construct a high voltage, 500 kv, transmission line that would travel through Pennsylvania, travel through West Virginia and terminate in Northern Virginia. Allegheny Energy's basis for the construction of the line is to ultimately provide for the unsatiated need for energy in urban areas of the east coast of this nation. This project will enhance the need for coal generated power. It will further compromise the air quality of Southwestern Pennsylvania. It will have a direct impact on our local businesses, population and environment while allowing the east coast to flourish with clean energy. Sites protected by federal, state and local designation or easements have no protection.

Section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the Mid-Atlantic Area National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor will be a devastation to Pennsylvania. It will allow utility companies unprecedented power to seize private property by exercising eminent domain authority.

I oppose these corridor designations.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Blank



Mr. & Mrs. Michael Holland
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Secretary Samuel Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington DC 20585

6/25/07

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Dear Sir,

I am writing from a little town in northern New York. In 1971 my husband and I purchased an old farm in Brandon, New York. We have spent our lives reclaiming the land and our home is our life long investment. We now have 40+ beef cattle which we sell to private buyers to pay our property taxes.

We are very concerned about the confiscation of property owners' land to allow a private corporation (New York Regional Interconnection) to build another power line corridor across New York State. It seems like a violation of land owners' rights. There are so many power lines already, why can't the corridor go through an existing avenue?

We all know of the need for

alternative energy, but it seems the wind industry is receiving enormous paybacks for inconsistent energy. Is there a need for power lines for an industry that hopes to provide 15% of 7% of the needed electricity nationwide in 15 years?

Two years ago a wind company came to our town. People signed on (35 to date) for turbine and power line easements. We were approached for power line easements but we politely declined. We are concerned about the effects of a huge magnetic field on our cattle. One of the wind representatives said, "There's always, 'Eminent Domain.'" That seemed like intimidation to us. After paying taxes on our home for 35 years, an out-of-state company can force us to yield our rights to our property using, "Eminent Domain!" Does that seem fair to those in the US Department of Energy? Would any of your



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staff appreciate relinquishing their land for a for profit corporation? Will anyone in the US Department of Energy be brave enough to investigate the viability of wind energy? The US Department of Wildlife is ignoring the highways of birds in the North Country. God forbid if anyone mentions drilling for oil in Alaska. All the environmentalists come to the defense of the Alaskan wildlife. But we live near swamps, wetlands, woodlands, that border the NYS Adirondack Park. The bird kill from the Maple Ridge Wind farm in New York State is thousands per year, according to the wind company. So, how will we live in an insect laden area with a significant amount of bird kill? The wind industry has such a powerful lobby including GE and other private industries pushing the wind development. Would anyone be bold enough

to challenge the feasibility
of wind power? As a
taxpayer I would like to
believe someone would
care about the land owners
in New York State. I would
like to challenge the Department
of Energy to thoroughly investigate
the wind parks in our country.
Are the wind parks producing
enough electricity to warrant
use of "Eminent Domain" for
power lines? It seems that our
Country is no longer the govern-
ment of the people, but the
government of big businesses,
such as the wind industry.
If the officials in the US
Department of Energy were
being threatened by the
wind companies, they could
better understand the
plight of the property owners
facing "Eminent Domain"
for power lines. We are only
little taxpayers, but stopping
the ~~so~~ power line corridor would
begin to ~~of~~ restore our faith in
our representatives in Washington
DC.

Sincerely,
Beverly Holland

July 5, 2007

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Samuel Bodman, secretary
U.S .Department of Energy
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Washing ton, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing this letter looking for answers to several major concerns regarding the Department of Energies (DOE'S) recently developed proposal for a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC).

The first major concern regarding the DOE's proposal is that it will take away the states authority in developing and implementing their own energy plan and making their own decisions on what's best for the state energy needs. This proposal will give the federal government the authority to overrule states decision and use eminent domain to seize land and give it to private and foreign owned companies.

The proposed (NIETC) corridor directly affects me. I live in upstate New York where New York Regional Interconnect (NYRI) is proposing a 400,000-volt direct current power line. This is a very destructive project that runs through many communities and affects thousands of thousands of people in its path. I am opposed to this project for many reasons mainly for the health impact to our community and the financial loss.

It was noted from a news conference in Rochester NY that the DOE is only designating the corridors locations, not allocating how the issue is to be resolved. By allowing the DOE to have final ruling and the ability to grant eminent domain to private and foreign companies are controlling the solution. You must have polices in place to protect the safety and financial being of the people directly affected.

My biggest concern is the direct health effects that high voltage power lines create. I live within several hundred feet of the NYRI power line project on an alternate path. The towers would be on my neighbor's property but the lines would be considerably closer to my home. If this project goes through I will be forced to sell my home due to the fact that I have small children for a huge financial loss, and it is scientifically proven in many studies that high power lines cause cancer especially in children. If there is any doubt to these findings, try to build a new school or open a state run day care next to a power line. You know what the answer will be to that application. Add in the aesthetic view of giant towers, I doubt anybody would purchase my home. If the DOE is going to designate

these transmission corridors then it is your responsibility to develop guidelines that protect the people from known health issues by burrowing the lines underground and to protect us from financial property loss. The companies proposing this project should be prepared to compensate not only landowners but also people who live within two thousand feet of the lines. In my case the property lines to the tower would be on his land but I actually live closer to the power line.

Compensating people for their loss should be the responsibility of the power line companies, federal and government. We were told that the DOE has determined there is a need for more power downstate and along the coast and that they need cheaper power. Before any people downstate get cheaper power and definitely before privately owned companies make profits, all affected people should be compensated for their losses. Please let me know how the DOE is setting up protection or compensation for residents along these corridors by allowing the federal government to take your land or ruin your property value so others can profit. I read about things like this happening in places like China or Korea not in the U.S. I am an American citizen and I and my family should not be forced to live near dangerous high power lines or forced into financial difficulties so others can profit from it. How would you feel if you were forced to give up half or more of your property value to protect your family so others could profit, especially if your own government dictated it? President Bush said we need to become less dependant on foreign power. How do these (NIETC) corridors help with his concerns?

Looking forward to the answers to my questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert A. Jubis".

Robert A. Jubis

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The Secretary

From: Diana Kupris-Mettler [dkuprismettler@mail.colgate.edu]
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2007 4:38 PM
To: The Secretary
Subject: From A Central NY Resident.

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Attachments: From the people of Chenango County 1.doc



From the people of
Chenango Co...

To whom it may concern:

Please read, print and act on this important issue! Thank you. Your input on this is imperative.

Sincerely, Diana Kupris-Mettler

Diana Kupris-Mettler
761 Knapp Road
Sherburne, NY 13460

To Whom It May Concern:

Friday, July 6, 2007

From the people of Chenango County - We do not want the proposed NYRI lines to go through because it not only will be a eyesore through our beautiful landscape it will also be a health risk to our children and their grandchildren.

I was born and raised in Central NY State. This is my home and putting the power lines in my back yard is a threat to our community's welfare. We want to keep our environment safe and beautiful for our families and their future families! My great grandmother came to the US from Lithuania to start a life here not to far from where I live now. She had a subsistence farm and worked the land with her husband and etched out a living raising her family the best way she could. She never threw anything away and utilized what she had to the best of her ability. I now have a large extended family and we don't want to leave because this is our heartland. It is beautiful lush and green, it is teaming with wildlife, streams, rivers, rolling hills and small towns. Our property values will decrease, our taxes increase and our already fragile local economies will fail if these lines are put through. No one will want to live here and no one will want our properties with the threat of health related problems literally hanging over their heads or undermining their communities and futures.

We know that there are alternatives. What about Oxi-Fuel (which produces almost no harmful CO2 emissions)? Coal plants can easily be changed over to this technology. What about wind power generators? What about harnessing solar power? All of the above can be done closer to the city where they will need more electricity. If you ask me NY City has enough people living there. Why are people moving there? They should be moving away from the place! What is wrong with society? What are people thinking? What kind of catastrophe will have to happen to get the world back into some kind of order?

Why did the DOE public meetings have to be so far away (New York City, Rochester)? For some of us that is a million miles to either place, many of us had to work and could not attend them. Why were the meetings scheduled at the last minute? Also, many of us working class folks need to make plans before we can take time off from work so that we can have a day off. At the local store the day before the meeting in Rochester was being held, I discovered where and when it was by a friend. Rochester is at least 5 hours round trip, NY City is 9 hours round trip, not to mention having a scheduled meeting sometime. This is not fair play if you ask me!

The proposed lines will be sent through the middle of our towns because that is where the railroads are. It will be a sad, sad day if and when this proposal goes through. Help us stop this, PLEASE!

Sincerely, Diana Kupris-Mettler

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6/28/07

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly A. Lamb", with a long, sweeping underline.

440 State HWY 12B
Earlville, NY 13332

6/28/07

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

Re: NYRI power line proposal and National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor designation

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin C. Leenbock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Wingate E. Mackay-Smith
1038 Carters Line Road
White Post, Virginia 22663
June 24, 2007

The Office of Electricity and Energy Reliability, OE-20
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20285

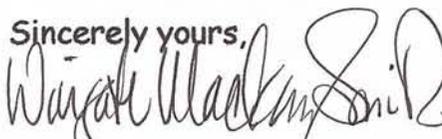
Dear Sirs/Madams,

The broad sweep of the NIETC corridors proposed by the Utility industry has a potentially devastating impact on 75 million taxpayers in at least 11 states. As one of those potentially disenfranchised landowners, I am outraged that the D.O.E. would empower the Utility companies to receive Federal eminent domain with so little regard for state and local land-use planning.

The pitiful number of public hearings (7) have been far outnumbered by D.O.E.'s meetings with special interest representatives. Has D.O.E. consulted with the representatives of my state, Virginia? If so - who, where, when, and what was their input?

It seems to me that D.O.E. has a chance here to show some vision, so far sadly lacking in D.O.E. policies. (I use as one example, reported in the Sept. 25, 2006 "New Yorker", your August 2006 decision to recommend a Level 2 efficiency for Transformer Standards, after your own Department assessed the ideal level to be Level 4. If the report is correct, this decision alone wastes 12 billion KW hours a year and the net cost per transformer is higher! A nice bonanza for the Utility industry?). Why not encourage more efficient energy use in industry, commerce and residences which would obviate the necessity for endless additional generation (with troglodytic coal-fired methodology). Why not encourage local clean power generation rather than building more high pollution coal plants hundreds of miles and several states removed from consumers?

Please consider the myriad impacts on what should be our TRUE "National Interests", minimizing energy waste, improving air quality, conserving our natural and historic resources, and reducing global warming..... not just the bottom line of the Utility companies, and business as usual inside the Beltway.

Sincerely yours,

Wingate Mackay-Smith

To: Honorable
SAMUEL BODMAN
Secretary of US Dept of Energy
1000 Independence Ave S.W.
WASHINGTON, DC 20585

Date: 5/3/07

Name MARTHA MCCARTY
 Address 830 HALLOCK RD
MORGANTOWN WV 26508
 Phone 304 291-2945

Sir: For your information -

I protest the Trans-Allegheny Interstate line that is before WV PSC (Case No. 07-058-E-CN) because of several different detrimental problems that it will bring to West Virginia. I have sent this protest to Ms. Squire and a copy to our Consumer Advocate, Billy Jack Gregg. I request your assistance to stop this unpopular expansion through a state that has the rustic beauty and population that has made this a home for retirement. Some of our farms and homes are more than 100 years old and future generations will have a quiet safe haven to raise their families.

First of all West Virginia has been the site for rape of the region for outside interest too long, herbicides used to clear the right of way may affect gardens and under ground water supplies, the health of our families may be compromised, elderly people who live on farms that have been in families for years may have to move, property values will deteriorate, electric bills will increase with no benefit to us which outweigh Allegheny Energy's desire to satisfy the need for energy in other parts of the country. We like our quiet rural lifestyle and do not want the noisy transmission line in our neighborhood. The wild life, forest and other environmental problems will follow the course of this line being established in West Virginia.

Signed: Martha McCarty

Cc: List attached N/A

Comment Sheet
 Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor Webcast
 Pittsburgh, PA June 13, 2007 1pm-7pm

Name: Christyna Mecca

Organization: Citizens of White Day Creek

Address: 128 Williams Lane

Morgantown, WV 26508-2404

Email: _____

Comments: Dear DOE officials:

- 1- It is my understanding, that Allegheny Power has NOT yet done an Environmental Impact Statement on proposed power line route - THEY should do so - it is the Law!
- 2- The mileage, 240 miles of power line are vulnerable to terrorist attack - IF built, BURY IT
- 3- West Virginia does not need the power so BUILD POWER PLANTS CLOSE TO AREA OF NEED!
- 4- IF power plants are used, build NON-COAL-BURNING ones to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions
- 5- Wv power plants are OLD. what happens when they go down?
- 6- Plan for future - Think far enough ahead - and outside box
- 7- Promote energy conservation not continued + escalating use.
- 8 - Developers greed will come to an end when they have ruined the countryside - and we all pay.
- 9- Property values under line are shot. Very Unfair
 please see attached letter to Editor

Mail to:

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 U.S. Department of Energy
 1000 Independence Avenue SW
 Washington, DC 20585.

Power line proposal to leave TrAIL of devastation

Sunday June 24, 2007

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DR. ROBERT L. McCONNELL

Three conditions have coalesced to bring about the proposed 500-kilovolt power line. First, Allegheny Power has excess generating capacity in our region and wishes to find a market. Second, there is inadequate power being generated on the East Coast. And, third, federal bureaucrats are trying to find ways to make the eastern power grid more stable in the name of national security.

The fact that Allegheny Power has excess generating power capacity may be due to bad decisions by the company executives or they may simply be victims of a changing market. In either case, West Virginians will not benefit in any way from this line and it does not justify disrupting the lives of a lot of West Virginians to build the Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line. If it is built, past experience shows that it is very unlikely that those affected by the existence of the power line on or near their property and homes will be adequately compensated for their losses in value and quality of life. To add insult to injury, we are being asked to pay for its construction.

For many years East Coast residents have protested every proposal to build power plants in their areas and for the most part

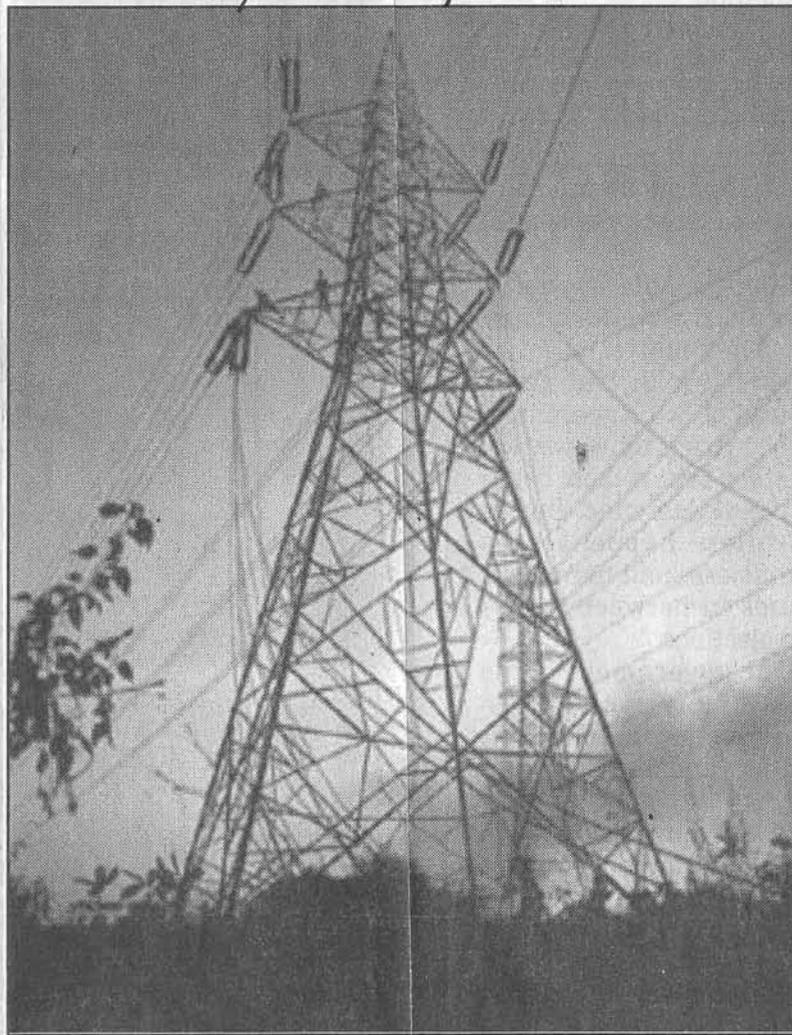
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have successfully prevented their construction. They have relied on other areas being willing to supply their electric power needs; pushing the negative aspects of power generation onto others; noise, pollution, and power lines. They seem to feel that their environment, air quality, well being and quality of life are more important than ours. It is time for us to stand up and tell them to take care of their own problems and stop dumping them on others.

Adding this power line will very likely improve the stability of the eastern power grid. However, any suggestion that it would improve the stability of the power grid in our region flies in the face of common sense. For the moment, let us assume that this power line is built. If there is a massive power failure on the East Coast, three things could happen.

First, this line might carry enough power to prevent a total collapse, thus, improving East Coast stability. If the line cannot prevent the collapse, either the failure will propagate into our region reducing our reliability, or the tie will be severed, which will not prevent the eastern collapse. Now what happens if the massive failure originates in our region?

Either the eastern region will also collapse or the tie will be severed to prevent the failure propagating to the eastern region. Since the eastern region has inadequate power generation for even its own needs, how can it supply emergency power to us? This tie can in no way



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improves our stability.

I am a retired professor of electrical engineering from WVU. I have not worked with the load-flow analysis programs. However, I have done a lot of modeling and simulation. It is clear to me that when simulating large and complex systems, it is

fairly easy to manipulate the models or the data to show any result you want to show. A model is just that, only an approximation of the real thing; the more complex, the less reliable.

Serious thought should be given to this issue of interconnect-

edness and reliability. It has been shown time and time again that small independent systems are less vulnerable to wide-scale disruptions than large inter-dependent systems. Yes, any one of the small systems is more likely to fail and the results are perhaps catastrophic to those involved. But, the consequences are less significant to the nation as a whole than a widespread failure of a large inter-connected system. If we are talking about national security, it would only take a single terrorist incident in the right place to bring down the whole interconnected system and the results could be catastrophic to the nation.

Finally, we need to think about the future. The issue of global warming and CO2 emissions is going to change the landscape of power generation. As President Bush recently stated, we need to reduce our CO2 emissions. While difficult to accept in our region, burning coal for power generation must be phased out. This process will probably take decades as older coal plants are replaced by power generation that does not produce CO2. The result will likely be that this power line will be obsolete within one or two decades, leaving a useless scar on our landscape and a TrAIL of devastation on too many lives.

All-in-all, this power line should not be built.

DR. ROBERT McCONNELL is a retired associate professor emeritus, who taught electrical engineering at WVU. He lives in Independence. This commentary should be considered another point of view and not necessarily the opinion or editorial policy of *The Dominion Post*.

The Secretary

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From: Debra Miles [damiles1@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 10:43 AM
To: The Secretary
Subject: NIETC Designations

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1571 Little Britain Rd.
Rock Tavern, NY 12575
July 5,

2007

Samuel W. Bodman

U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary. Bodman,

As a resident of and property owner in the Hudson Valley, I am greatly disturbed by the NIETC designation of a large portion of New York State, which includes several towns and villages in the Upper Delaware and Hudson Valleys.

I am concerned about the quality of life for myself and my family, the potential reduction in property values, the destruction of one of the most beautiful areas in the country and the displacement of several wildlife species that are co-inhabitants of this area

Surely, there is a better way to provide energy to New York City and other areas in need of increased transmission capacity, rather than destroy the homes, towns and villages of those for whom this designation would have little or no benefit. I request that you examine alternatives, many of which have been previously introduced and discussed.

Eminent domain should be used only for critical governmental need - not to benefit those who seek only to make a profit, and to do so on the backs of the very people that this government was created to protect. New York State should be allowed to decide what is best for its residents and businesses.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider the NIETC designations. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Miles
1571 Little Britain Rd.
Rock Tavern, NY 12575

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Women of Philanthropy

We are a beautiful state
and do not want Electrical
Wires ruining our city or
state!

We object strongly. Our
children and elderly are at
risk and we object to the
wires and noise of the wires.
Keep out of Pennsylvania.
It's bad enough we have garbage
sent here.

Thank You

The land
of the free!



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The Secretary

From: Heather Palmer [hjopalmer@twcny.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 10:15 PM
To: The Secretary
Subject: RE: NYRI

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Good Evening -

Attached is a letter outlining our thoughts on the NYRI project. The proposed route is slated to run through the center of our village, including our backyard. Please take a moment to read what we have to say.

Thank you for your time and consideration -

The Palmer's
28 South Main Street
Sherburne NY 13460

THE PALMER'S
28 SOUTH MAIN STREET
SHERBURNE NY 13460

July 3, 2007

Samuel Bodman
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave
Washington DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Camp Fiver, Madeline's house, EveAnn's farm, Kross' farm, Mom's house, Skip's IGA, Sherburne-Earlville Central Schools campus, D&D Diner, Kenyon Press, Gilligan's Dairy Island, the Soccer House for developmentally challenged adults, Kara & Vinnie's house, the Sherburne Village barn, NBT bank, Joe & Vinny's Pizzeria, the Sherburne Fire Department, the Sherburne Village offices, Service Pharmacy, Meeting Management, Chenango Valley Pet Food, the US Post Office, Sherburne Big M, Fowler's house, United Church of Christ, Aunt Peg's house, Burgess Funeral Home, the Pratt Newton Home, Todd & Lisa's house, Piazza's house, the Sherburne American Legion, Mrs. McCarty's house, Mrs. Knapp's house, our house, the McDaniel's house, Standard Printed Circuits, Sherburne Steel Sales, Bruce & Dori's house, Claudia's house, Posson's farm, Allie's house...

Wow! The proposed NYRI project will pass through the backyard's and businesses of many people we know. I'm not talking a mile from the route, we will all be within 100 yards. You see, the sited pathway does not run through miles of vacant land. NYRI considers our communities to be inconsequential. Do you?

The Sherburne Pageant of Bands, Music in the Park, Gus Macker, Pumpkin Fest, Blues Fest, NYS DEC fishing sites, canoeing, pancake breakfasts at the firehouse, snowmobile trails, cross country ski trails, Roger's Environmental Center, Sunday church services, breakfast at the diner...

Amazing! Not only do we live and work with in the shadows of the proposed NYRI project but our children go to school, families go to church and we welcome thousands into a variety of festivals, events and outdoor activities throughout the year. Many of those traveling into the area come to enjoy the pristine surroundings that scream upstate New York. Surprisingly, I've yet to meet anyone who would be interested in coming to catch the incredible sight of a gigantic power tower while being lulled to sleep by its constant hum. Are the gentlemen from NYRI going to help the businesses forced to close their doors because our beautiful Chenango Valley is no longer an appealing destination? Are you?

The highest property tax rate in the country, staggering income tax rates, climbing sales tax rates, the loss of thousands of jobs for states with better tax breaks for big business, one of the highest poverty rates in New York...and now you'd like to introduce eminent domain and increased energy costs?

Simply Incredible! It seems that residents in this region are already fighting an uphill battle. We choose live in this area because we believe in the values of our neighbors, because it's a safe place to raise our children and because it's void of the industrial havoc of a metropolitan area. We do this knowing that we are severely disadvantaged in terms of taxes vs. income. Nearly \$4000 in taxes on a \$100,000 assessment. Do you realize that makes our escrow payment more than the principle and income payment on the mortgage? And now, the brilliant gentlemen at

NYRI would like to put a towering power line through our backyards. Are they going to help us when our property values plummet? Are you?

Widespread herbicide spraying, clear cutting miles of forest, blasting, lost crops, endangering area wildlife, endangering our children's lives...

Disrespect! That's the word that comes to mind every time I think about or discuss this project. Disrespect for our lives, disrespect for our property, disrespect for the history of this area, disrespect for what most of us have worked all our lives to accomplish and earn. Disrespect and greed. I guess it all goes back to the basic piece of premise we work so hard to instill in our children – "Do unto others". We don't want this project running through our backyard. Would you?

As you might have suspected this is an emotional issue. There are some that say we are fighting a losing battle; that big business has our elected officials securely in their back pockets; that the project was approved before we even had a chance. I say, prove them wrong.

If this is truly deemed a necessary project and not just an attempt by NYRI's foreign partnership to make money at the expense of the residents along the route, then force NYRI to go back to the drawing board and do their homework. Ask them to seriously research all their options and present alternate routes and methods of transport (such as existing lines and rights of way or underground transmission). Remind them that the easiest way is not always the best way. Require them to produce third party environmental, economic and health impact studies. Ask them to respect everyone's integrity and intelligence by doing their homework. Make them prove they truly believe in this project and its benefits, not just profits NYRI has projected. And when all the facts are in front of you, then make your decision.

In the meantime, don't act in haste...do unto others.

Thank you,

The Palmer's
Brian, Heather, Alyssa & Sydney

May 6, 2007
Executive Chamber, State Capitol Bldg.
Albany, New York 12224
Phone: 518-474-8390/FAX: 518-486-4466

Dear Governor Spitzer:

Having heard your comments during the campaign and since your election, I know you listen to the voices of all New Yorkers, especially when they ask for fairness and social justice. I also know you have a deep appreciation for the problems facing Upstate New York. So I am confident you hear me and many others like me who vehemently oppose the creation of the New York Regional Interconnect, Inc. electric transmission line.

Now I am asking that you and Attorney General Andrew Cuomo please act immediately to block the federal Department of Energy from creating a national interest electric transmission corridor (NIETC) that includes most of New York State. The DOE's deadline draws near, so it is imperative the fight be joined quickly.

Please use the power of your office and your stature as a national leader and voice of reason to lead the fight against NYRI and the NIETC. As governor, people are looking to you to defend New York against unwarranted federal intrusion and usurpation of the state's right and desire to manage its affairs and create its own energy policy.

Citizen opposition to NYRI and support of a fair, equitable and sustainable state energy policy continues to grow. The time is right and the need is great. You and Attorney General Cuomo will find exceptional support when you agree to take the lead in defending your constituents from NYRI and the federal government's unwarranted intrusion into the daily lives and future energy policy of all New Yorkers.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and the threat NYRI poses to the communities, economy and families of New York State.

Sincerely,



Additional comment:

Printed name, mailing address:

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The Secretary

From: Jane/Joyce [glojojs@alltel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2007 6:57 PM
To: The Secretary
Subject: Towers please read

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Eminent domain, where are our rights?? (Towers) We maintain our land, our homes, our buildings, our animals, creeks, ponds and pay Taxes on all. How can anyone have the right just to install these monsters on the property? Property that has been in our family for years. How can anyone mar the beautiful pastures, fields we grow corn or put up hay on.? How can we possibly even begin to go near these towers, to work or just to take a casual walk??? How can anyone take drive through Greene county knowing that they will see the huge towers up in the sky??? This will hurt the tourism that we do have and will be having soon, due to hard work of our commissioners. My family 30 plus years ago, might have sold the right away, but not for these towers but for a 10"electric line to be ran. No on could of possibly foreseen this mess. We do not need these on our property, we do not want them, electric bills will increase, our value of our homes will decrease for what so other states may have electric. Install them underground or along side the interstates. Yes other states might need Powers sources but there has got to be another way.This is involving so many counties in PA.This massive transmission corridor will Decrease our Property Value, also consider the air pollution, consider how they maintain the weeds by spraying not by hand but by helicopter. Gosh who would want a helicopter spraying the herbicides over your pastures, fields, near human beings, near animals, near water sources such as ponds, streams or creeks.

I encourage you and your colleagues to help us here in Greene county as well as our surrounding counties.

I thank you in advance for what you have been doing and to keep up the great job.

Here in Greene County
Gloria Joyce Snyder
270 Center School Rd
Jefferson, Pa 15344

724.883.3713

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The Secretary

From: John O'Brien [jobo@localnet.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2007 9:36 PM
To: The Secretary
Subject: Mid-Atlantic Transmission Corridor

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To whom it may be concerned,
I wanted to voice my opposition to the Mid-Atlantic Electric Transmission Corridor. The federal government should not site electric transmission corridors in environmentally sensitive and protected areas.
Thank you,
Robin Whiteman