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Re: Request for Rehearing, Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor (Docket No. 2007-OE-01)

• **Comments:**

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OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy
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Attn: Docket No. 2007-OE-01

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to request a rehearing of the designation of the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor (Docket No. 2007-OE-01). Clearly, the Department of Energy disregarded the true feelings of the local communities affected.

First, there were not enough hearings held to allow the public to voice their overwhelming disapproval of this corridor designation. The meetings held were in urban centers far from the rural areas most affected.

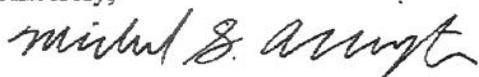
Second, this designation usurps states' rights. Such a designation takes away the right of the people to govern themselves. Calls by local, state, and federal elected officials to deny this designation have gone unheard. Both the citizens and elected officials have spoken.

Third, it is my opinion that the designation unfairly punishes the landowners for the profit motives of electric utilities. Such a designation would give these utilities the ability to build power lines with not accountability for need. It also punishes rural areas for the rampant overdevelopment of the Northeast cities.

Finally, and most importantly, the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor designation neglected to account for the effects it would have on scenic, preserved, and historical lands. This designation threatens all that we value in this country. Most importantly, this corridor would threaten our agricultural lands and food production that is vital to this country.

This corridor would only work to promote poor, outdated energy policy by allowing for more power lines. The DOE should instead focus on energy conservation and efficiency. Again, I request a rehearing of the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor to allow the people to truly be heard.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Arrington