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Dear Sir:

Please accept this letter as a formal, written request for a rehearing on the recent designation of the Mid Atlantic Area National Corridor as a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC). As a Board member of the Energy Conservation Council of Pennsylvania, I am submitting the following comments in opposition to this corridor:

- Designation of this corridor pre-empts what has long been fundamental powers of state and local governments. Section 1221, for example, transfers the authority to approve the sites of certain transmission lines from state governments and their political subdivisions to agencies of the federal government.
- 52 of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania, or 75% of the land within the Commonwealth's geographic borders, are included in the mid-Atlantic area NIETC designation.
- Designation of NIETC in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania diminishes or eliminates the role of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the administrative agency of the Commonwealth that has regulatory authority over the approval of applications for the construction of transmission lines.
- Designation of NIETC also adversely limits or completely eliminates the roles of the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate, which are administrative agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expressly established by Pennsylvania statute to represent the interests of consumers and small businesses in proceedings before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, including matters related to the location and construction of transmission lines.
- Designation of NIETC eliminates or diminishes the roles of other administrative agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that were established for the express purpose of protecting Pennsylvania's economic, natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources, including the Department of Environmental

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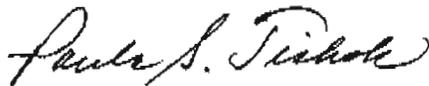
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Protection, Conservation of Natural Resources, agriculture and transportation, as well as the Game Commission and the Historical and Museum Commission.

- Designation of NIETC in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania undermines and in some cases eliminates the Commonwealth's ability to determine, manage, and control land use policies, including land use policies on its agricultural land, forest reserves, agricultural area, recreational areas, game lands, and other national and environmental sensitive areas.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a rehearing on this designation in order to provide adequate input from all affected parties. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Paula S. Tishok, Secretary
Energy Conservation Council of PA