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Designations

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

I am especially concerned about the effect these enormous power lines and grids will have on the people and the environment both short and long term, for us now and for our children and our children's children. No lands should ever be used for power over our farming communities. And citizens, by our very constitution, have a right to their lands. Too many wealthy companies have and are displacing our American citizenry by seizure of their lands to the end of making a buck. It is unconscionable that profit bearing power companies should take the food from our mouths. The oil companies and their multi billion dollar profiteering are already doing just that. Further more, it is unconscionable that these intentions to increase power availability should only serve the interests of a few in a small area to the grave disadvantage of those displaced by or put under the deleterious effects of the entire line. I strongly urge these intentions to be rethought and the direction be changed. These profiteering electric and power companies can just as easily spend their big dollars elsewhere and find another, more companionable way to enhance our power systems. I say NO to these two plans.

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Thank you for your comment, Linda Georgia.

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Comment Submitted:

We do not want and high lines that would disfigure our area. It would permanently scare this entire area. We would loose property value.

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Thank you for your comment, Alfred Clark.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I am against any new corridor as unnecessary. Any new lines should follow existing routes such as paralleling railroad or highway routes.

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Thank you for your comment, Richard Thompson.

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Comment Submitted:
Dear Madame/Sir,

The Department of Energy has refused to perform a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement that would protect the historic, culturally significant and environmentally sensitive lands which would be impacted by the NIETC. Our communities have worked hard over the past 20 years to establish and preserve these areas. This study should be completed before any corridor is considered.

Given the absence of adequate public hearings, and balance between meetings with the public and meetings with the power companies, the NIETC Corridor process has not been transparent. The power industry has been consulted heavily by the DOE, while those most impacted by the NIETC have had limited opportunity to express their concerns.

We want to voice our positions as the public that will be impacted most by these discussions and decisions. The DOE has not consulted Virginia or other impacted states during the corridor process.

The DOE has not conducted a thorough analysis of alternatives to meet future energy needs. Virginia can meet its future energy needs through a comprehensive state energy plan that encourages efficiency and the use of modern technology.

Regards,
R. Moses Thompson, property owner, involved public

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Thank you for your comment, jeffry michalski.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:
no matter what we do or say here in new york it dose'nt matter because the fed. gov. already said they are going to allow it, i would just like to know which gov. officel they paid off!!! its just wrong, let people down state build a plant down state!!!

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Thank you for your comment, Carl Austin.

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Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study
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First Name: Carl
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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

The upper Mohawk Valley is struggling economically and the higher energy costs and negative environmental impact resulting from the construction of the proposed power line would make things more difficult. It seems we keep being asked to share our resources with others because of perceived surpluses. When are other areas going to share with us? Couldn't some of the jobs be sent here? Also, the lack of hearings in the area directly affected shows the lack of regard for this region's concerns on your part

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Thank you for your comment, Eugene Gulland.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor
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Comment Submitted:
Comments submitted 6 June 2007---

Tina Gulland and I strongly oppose designation of the proposed Mid-Atlantic "Corridor." We put the term "Corridor" in quotes because it is no such thing. It is instead a sprawling designation of an entire region that is entirely at odds with the possibility of informed comment and environmental assessment. The proposal comes without a reasoned-- or reasonable- showing of need for the designation or informative explanation of the origin and destination markets that would be served and the alternatives to the proposal. We also incorporate by reference (and attach) our previous comments dated October 6, 2006, which are equally applicable to this proposal. In sum, not only is the proposal without adequate factual support, the procedure by which the proposed designation would be made is arbitrary and capricious and denies the public a meaningful opportunity to understand the proposal and make meaningful comments.

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October 6, 2006

Via Email and Mail

Hon. Samuel Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

***Re: Dominion Power/Allegheny Power/PJM Interconnection
Request for NIET Corridor Designation.***

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write in strong opposition to the Dominion Power/Allegheny Power/PJM Interconnection request that DoE designate a NIET Corridor that would effectively rubberstamp important planning decisions that the utilities have already made. By granting the designation, DoE would make a *de facto* endorsement of the utilities' preferred pathway without following any public planning process for determining the alternative-- and much more suitable-- pathways in which a corridor might be sited. As we explain below, the proposal is fundamentally flawed for the following reasons:

- The utilities' proposal asks DoE to make a hasty designation of a NIET Corridor under procedures that would plainly violate the Energy Policy Act of 2005, NEPA, the Administrative Procedure Act, and other federal laws. While the utilities assert, on the one hand, that they merely seek a general designation of a so-called "Allegheny Mountain Path" to bring power from the west into the Washington area, they in fact have devised a very detailed plan that already confines the alternative sites for such a corridor into a small "study area" that is among the nation's most historically and environmentally precious resources. The utilities' plan excludes from the outset consideration of many other pathways through which such a corridor might better run. If any new corridor is truly necessary, there must be a public planning process that considers multiple alternative sites and pathways. DoE must not allow the designation process to make a *de facto* siting decision that precludes meaningful public participation and planning, forecloses other alternative pathways and sites, and results in a decision that would be arbitrary and capricious.
- The utilities' proposal is not supported by genuine evidence of need for a new corridor. There is no satisfactory explanation and data showing that existing transmission

corridors cannot be used, with appropriate augmentation (including far more modest acquisition of additional right-of-way), to satisfy anticipated electrical demand. Strikingly, the public statements that the utilities have made are squarely contradicted by the utilities' own sworn testimony and arguments presented to the Virginia State Corporation Commission in early 2005.

- Last, but certainly not least, is the extraordinary adverse impact that the utilities' preferred corridor would have on the small "study area" in the northern Virginia Piedmont through which they want to site their new power line. No area in the country surpasses this in terms of historic, scenic and recreational resources. It is evident that the utilities seek a hasty NIET designation from DoE as a basis for arguing that they have obtained DoE's blessing for siting a new corridor in this area, thus ruling out alternative pathways and sites. Any project based on such a procedure would be dead on arrival, arbitrary and capricious, and heedless of NEPA's requirement that there be a full consideration of alternatives before consuming scenic, historical and environmental resources.

DISCUSSION

We are long-time residents of Loudoun County, Virginia. Our home lies midway between two properties in the Trust For Historic Preservation-- Oatlands and Oak Hill (President Monroe's home)-- which bracket us on a four-mile stretch of U.S. Route 15 south of Leesburg, Virginia. Our home lies in the northeastern portion of the utilities' "study area" for the new powerline.

Many of us worked together 15 years ago to have Route 15 in that area designated as a "Scenic Highway." This segment of Route 15 is also part of the "Journey Through Hallowed Ground" that runs from the Gettysburg Battlefield to Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia, which is being designated by Congress as a National Heritage Area. We and our neighbors have preserved the open space and vistas that draw thousands of Washington residents and others to our area every month. Oatlands is Leesburg's single most important tourist attraction, and the principal gateway to Oatlands is the Route 15 Scenic Highway. Crossing the highway in this area are two designated scenic rivers, Goose Creek and the Little River, where the largest Native American battle in the North American continent occurred several hundred years before Columbus landed in the New World. A new super-powerline in this vicinity with 125-175 foot towers would despoil this landscape. It would cross Route 15, pass over wetlands and steep hillsides, be clearly visible from Oatlands and Oak Hill, and would mock the efforts of so many of us to preserve the heritage of the area. That is why we and many others will vigorously fight the utilities' proposal to site their new powerline within the small "study area" that Virginia Dominion Power and Allegheny have identified.

The Utilities' Plan Already Rules Out Key Alternatives

PJM Interconnection asserts the need for new transmission corridor facilities in what it calls the "Allegheny Mountain Path" to route power eastward from the Allegheny mountains. It

carefully refrains from defining any specific route. Indeed, if there is a need for such facilities, there are multiple paths in which such a corridor might be located. Rather than launch a public planning process for identifying such alternatives, however, PJM, Allegheny Power and Virginia Dominion Power have *already* determined their own preference that the corridor run from Allegheny's Meadowbrook Substation to Dominion's Loudoun Substation. Having made that decision, they have identified (through Dominion) a small "study area" between those two points through which the powerline would run. And PJM, Allegheny and Dominion are now seeking DoE's blessing of their planning decision in the form of NIET designation. This "study area" is the portion of the northern Virginia Piedmont that is a most extraordinary historic, scenic and environmental resource.

DoE cannot permit the utilities to curtail the public planning process in a manner that allows them to make the key corridor decisions and then present the states and citizens with a *fait accompli*. The utilities seek to foreclose consideration of any alternative routes that lie outside the small area they have proposed. This would undermine the opportunity of the public to participate in a planning and environmental review that would identify many alternatives and select the best one with the smallest adverse impact on environmental, scenic, historic and cultural resources. The utilities seek to misuse the corridor-designation procedure of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to avoid such a consideration of alternatives. To grant the NIET designation they seek without first engaging in a genuine planning process would violate that law, NEPA, and the Administrative Procedure Act.

***No Adequate Showing Of Need for a New Corridor
And The Utilities' Contradictory and Conflicting Positions***

The utilities' submissions in support of the NIET designation are strikingly lacking in evidence showing a need for an entirely new corridor, much less a corridor that must run from Meadowbrook to Loudoun. There is no showing why existing corridors, augmented with new facilities and/or more modest additions to rights-of-way, cannot suffice to transmit the power that is thought to be needed. There is no discussion of other possible routes for new corridors. This is but another reflection of the fundamental flaw in the utilities' effort to obtain a *de facto* designation of a particular pathway without any genuine consideration of alternative corridors or other ways of achieving the goals at less cost to environmental resources.

Furthermore, the utilities are seeking a hasty NIET designation on grounds that contradict their statements made just before adoption of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. One of many possible examples of such contradictions arises out of Case No PUE-2004-0062 before the Virginia State Corporation Commission, in which Dominion sought and received authority to build a new 500 kV power line parallel to its Morrisville-Loudoun line and a switching station. Dominion's chief witness (company engineer Peter Nedwick) testified in January 2005 that the line was necessary to serve increased demand throughout Dominion's Northern Piedmont region and to reach "major load centers" in northern Virginia and beyond. He described in detail the requirements to "meet projected load growth in a manner consistent with the North American Electric Reliability Council ("NERC") Planning Standards." He concluded that "the proposed

transmission facilities *will resolve all of these reliability concerns.*"¹ On the basis of this testimony-- Dominion's representations under oath-- the Hearing Examiner recommended approval of Dominion's application and the State Corporation Commission concurred.

Now, however, the utilities are telling quite a different story. Their representatives have repeatedly claimed that the Meadowbrook-Loudoun power line "is needed to bring energy to Northern Virginia, which only generates half [the electricity] it consumes."² Thus, the assertions of need for the new powerline are based on new justifications designed to promote a hasty NIET designation, not a genuine showing of need for a line that would scar the Northern Piedmont. DoE should conduct a full investigation of the facts-- including communications among Dominion, Allegheny and PJM-- before proceeding with any consideration of the utilities' request for the NIET designation.

The Environmental Issues.

There is already broad public concern about the utilities' hasty proposal, and we are confident that you will be receiving many letters describing the reasons why the northern Piedmont region of Virginia is a precious resource warranting special protections. We will not guild the lily with additional observations.

We do, however, stress some important legal points. DoE should not become embroiled in the controversies that would result from the utilities' efforts to obtain an ill-considered *de facto* blessing of their preferred new route for a 500 kV powerline. The Energy Policy Act of 2005, NEPA, and the Administrative Procedure Act each contemplate that major federal decisions must be made through a process that affords genuine opportunities for public participation and the good faith consideration of alternatives to the proposed action. The utilities are trying to avoid these rudiments of fair and lawful decisionmaking. They seek a federal endorsement that, they will argue, restricts the obligation to consider a broad range of options that may be better than their proposal. They want to stampede DoE into endorsing their preferred route while not considering the many other routes that would impose far lesser burden on the natural and human environments that are protected by federal law.

Conclusion


We close with an observation about practical considerations. We do not profess to know whether there is any genuine need for new transmission facilities. But if there is such a need, the utilities have embarked on a path that promises to delay, not to speed, the building of the facilities. That is so because the utilities propose a procedure and decisionmaking process that

¹ See Report of Michael D. Thomas, Hearing Examiner, at 6-7 (June 8, 2005) (emphasis added).

² See, e.g., "Dominion Power Studies Southern Loudoun Route for Major Transmission Line, *Leesburg Today* at 1 (Sept. 8, 2006).

will be struck down by courts, postponing by years the building of new facilities. If there is a long-term need for these facilities, it should be evaluated by a careful and measured consideration of the best way to fulfill that need, not a process flawed by haste. The utilities should go back to the drawing boards, solicit the views of the public and local governments, and proceed on that basis to make their proposals. DoE should not reward their refusal to do so with a designation that is doomed to fail when the inevitable legal challenges are filed.

Sincerely,



Eugene D. Gulland



Kristin S. Gulland

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Thank you for your comment, Richard Gray.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Southwest Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

This must NOT be routed through the Morongo Basin, as this delicate environment has been under onslaught too many times this century to survive another massive intrusion. STOP this NOW!

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Thank you for your comment, Francis Duffy.

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Comment Submitted:

I object to the use of eminent domain taking private property for public use when other corridors are available for public use. This should never be used for private industry except by our government.

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Thank you for your comment, Marilyn Villante.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

PLEASE do not allow the construction of NYRI power transmission lines throught the beautiful Chenango Valley. I feel this would adversely effect the quality of life in this area. Health concerns and visual polution will certainly lower property values. In this day of advance technology there must be a better way. Upstate NY has enough economic probles. Listen to the citizens of the area!

Thank You

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Thank you for your comment, Lauren Taggart.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

Before the Department of Energy decides on a national corridor for more powerlines, an extensive study should be conducted by several independent parties to determine whether or not this corridor actually is needed. Before the federal government - an agency of the federal government, not even an elected body! - decides on matters of eminent domain, which affects millions of people's lives and homes at the expense of big corporations, this extensive study should be concluded. In preliminary studies it appears that in fact, this corridor is not needed. The utility companies, instead of fixing existing facilities to meet EPA standards are instead circumventing EPA standards and building extensive corridors in the Ohio River Valley, so that coal from Tennessee can provide energy for New York and New Jersey. The utility companies would rather destroy thousands of acres of land, including national battlefields, than front the cost - which they can well afford, considering Dominion's recent selling of it's gas division to Loew's - of renovating existing facilities to meet EPA standards. There has to be another way, and there are many, many energy alternatives that thousands of people are starting to employ. Instead of trying to force rate hikes on consumers for the new power lines which will destroy natural habitats and privately held homes, force rate hikes on consumers for renovating existing facilities and have them comply with EPA standards. Don't let the power companies cost us any more than they already do.

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Thank you for your comment, Vicki Grey.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

NO. No more power corridors without local limits/consents. We need better and cleaner sources of energy not raping land for old polluting forms of energy.
NO TO THESE POWER CORRIDORS.

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Thank you for your comment, Naomi Swerdlow.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:
Please do not cut land for unnecessary power line corridors.

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Thank you for your comment, shirley girton.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

Chenango County recently decided to develop a plan for a cow manure digester. This is a new and innovative approach to making energy. This energy would be used in our own area. PLEASE do not allow for the large eyesore power lines to ruin our natural landscapes for power to another area. It just doesn't seem reasonable to allow us to suffer for others when better solutions are available. Tidal generators for example would help create the energy needed for the downstate areas. PLEASE COME SEE HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS WHERE YOU WANT TO CREATE TOWERS>

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Thank you for your comment, John Hecht.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80418. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

My name is John T. Hecht. I am a resident of Brooklyn and a part-time resident of Callicoon, New York, which is in the path of New York Regional Interconnect (or NYRI)'s proposed power line - in derogation of the protection Congress gave the area 30 years ago through the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

This underscores the problem with a NIETC designation, which is that just about anything can be labeled in the "national interest" depending on who's deciding what the national interest is. But not just any area can be designated by Congress to deserve federal protection "for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations." Perhaps not incidentally, the designation is also inconsistent with a June 2006 House report that found that New York's electrical grid could get along without the Indian Point nuclear reactor.

By awarding a NIETC designation, the DOE invites a utility, such as NYRI, which operates for profit and therefore in its own, rather than the public interest, to avoid solving a much greater problem - how to change our wasteful habits of energy consumption and environmental destruction.

The addition of a new hydroelectric plant will not make the metropolitan areas of the East Coast energy sufficient, given our habit of consuming energy without restraint, but it will further the destruction of our environment.

The DOE should, respectfully, engage in more creative and difficult thinking that would address our energy problems with longer-term solutions, for example, requiring new building construction to be sustainable; promoting green roof and solar panel installation; persuading consumers to buy energy-efficient products; requiring city building owners to turn off lights when not in use; imposing surcharges on consumers who

use electricity extravagantly - in other words, decreasing our energy needs through conservation and changed behavior.

We look to government to lead and innovate and educate. The NIETC designation allows unprecedented power to be given to profit-motivated interests at a real cost to everyone. That is not what government is supposed to do, and that is why I oppose the NIETC designation.

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Thank you for your comment, susan HARTSFIELD.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:
STOP STOP STOP. THIS IS A CRAZY IDEA. IN THE LONG TERM IT WILL NOT ADD TO THE SOLUTION. PLEASE PLACE THE MANPOWER, ENERGY AND COST INTO RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES. MY FEELING REFLECT THOSE OF THOUSANDS WHO FEEL THE SAME. THIS IS A HORRIFIC PLAN. DIRECTLY FROM BEN FRANKLIN "INSANITY IS DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER AND EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS" WAKE UP AND SMELL THE TREES BURNING. FOR GODS SAKE AND THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE AND LIFE OF THE WORLD STOP THIS PLAN. HOW CAN YOU SLEEP AT NIGHT? WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR THIS IDEA TO BE SCRAPPED? FIND OUT AND DO SOMETHING TO BENEFIT THE WORLD!

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Thank you for your comment, Andrea Mudd.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:
It is UNCONSCIONABLE to continue building energy sources that pollute. NO to the corridor.

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Thank you for your comment, Lee & Carolyn Koukes.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

This proposed transmission line that Dominion and Alleghany are so anxious to build has never been proven that there is a need for it in Northern Virginia. We have asked for this information and cannot supply that to us because it doesn't exist. Please don't let them put our health at risk, ruin our property values and/or decimate our beautiful and historic Northern Virginia countryside. Their greed must be stopped.
Lee and Carolyn Koukes

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Thank you for your comment, steve karas.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

Say NO to massive new power line corridors for more dirty coal plants. Invest in alternative energy and keep these companies off of private undeveloped land.

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Thank you for your comment, Robert Eurich.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:
To Whom it may concern:

Making sure that adequate electrical energy is available for Mid-Atlantic communities and that the infrastructure for delivering that power is reliable are important.

However, when a foreign venture capital project like New York Regional Interconnect plans to route its obtrusive power lines through the upper Delaware River corridor, a National Park whose increasingly rare natural setting has again, after many years of careful nurturing, become home to American Bald Eagles, the propriety of such an irreversible undertaking must be questioned.

While NYRI stands to make its investors a great deal of money, that return should not come at the expense of our Nation's habitats and aesthetics which are priceless and irreplaceable.

It therefore seems only reasonable that if NYRI has the means and intention of providing substantial economic rewards to its investors and administrators, that even if the initial cost to NYRI is greater, the power lines could and should be constructed along existing major transportation routes rather than the path currently proposed.

The negative impact of unsightly power lines in the Upper Delaware corridor and all that will be involved in their construction and maintenance can hardly be overstated.

Accordingly, I strongly urge the Department of Energy to use its authority to compel NYRI to construct its power lines in a manner and area where they will not affect or otherwise impose upon the Upper Delaware River corridor, its wildlife, citizens and their properties, visitors, economic resources, historically important sites and habitats.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Thank you for your comment, Glenn Stein.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor
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Comment Submitted:
Please see attached 2 page document in MS Word format.

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June 6, 2007

The Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, OE-20
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Attn: Docket No. 2007-OE-01

Comments on the Boundary of the Proposed Mid-Atlantic Corridor:

The Department of Energy has egregiously overstepped its authority by designating a corridor that covers the majority of the Mid Atlantic States, including almost all of NY State. The law states:

“(2) After considering alternatives and recommendations from interested parties (including an opportunity for comment from affected States), the Secretary shall issue a report, based on the study, which may designate any geographic area experiencing electric energy transmission capacity constraints or congestion that adversely affects consumers as a national interest electric transmission corridor.

The DOE Congestion Study as well as all of the NYISO report clearly shows that the geographic areas in New York State that are experiencing congestion are in NY City and Long Island. The Department’s own data shows this to be the case. Yet by choosing to designate a NIETC across the entirety of NY State the DOE has abused the power granted to it under the law.

The NYISO data shows that all zones follow a very close price fluctuation pattern. The only areas that are experiencing unusually large price fluctuations are zones J and K. There is also some congestion shown in zones H and I covering Millwood and Dunwoodie. All other zones in the state follow the same closely aligned pattern of normal price fluctuation. See figures VIII-12 and VIII-13 from your own analysis as sourced by the NYISO found here <http://nietc.anl.gov/documents/docs/colorfigures.pdf> on pages 15 and 16.

Of course, all areas of the country experience some price fluctuation. It would be absurd to use this standard to define energy congestion and ridiculous to infer that this was the intent of the law. Under that strict a standard the entire country could be designated as a “congested area” in need of a corridor designation. Yet this absurd standard seems to be what the DOE has employed to propose a NIETC that is not a corridor at all, but an enormous swath covering the majority of the Northeastern United States.

The only reasonable boundary of a corridor that runs along the east coast from Washington, DC to the north would have to end in the NY City Metro Area. Any designation north of Zone H would constitute a deplorable violation of the authority granted to the DOE by the Congress. The DOE must revise the corridor designation so that NY zones A through G are eliminated from the NIETC.

Comments on the DOE Campaign of Misinformation Regarding NIETC:

After reviewing the Department's PowerPoint presentation on the proposed corridor, as well as the information provided on the Department's website, I am compelled to express my outrage at the reprehensible tactics being used by the DOE to promote these Corridors to the public.

It is completely disingenuous to promote the notion that the designation of an NIETC does not take away authority from the states. While you readily point out that the primary authority to approve and site power lines will still rest with the State regulatory agencies, you blatantly leave out the fact that you will be taking away the State's authority to deny a power line project. The "special circumstances" that will prompt federal override of State authority will occur any time a State denies a transmission project. It is clear that the main purpose of these corridors is to bypass local opposition and State regulations. This lie of omission is unbecoming of the Department.

The promotion of the NIETC as a means to prevent blackouts is an even bigger disgrace. Your presentation discusses the Blackout of 2003 and uses it as a scare tactic to encourage public support for the NIETC designations. I am sure that the DOE is well aware that the Blackout of 2003 was caused by human error in Ohio. No amount of additional transmission capacity anywhere in the country would have done anything to prevent that blackout. Yet the Department falsely claims that corridor designations will somehow save us from the threat of future blackouts. It is despicable to see a once respected agency of the Federal government employ the politics of fear to promote its agenda.

The citizens of the United States deserve honest information from our Federal government. I urge the Department of Energy to adopt new straight-forward and truthful standards with regards to its communications with the public. The shameful actions of your Department to promote a corporate agenda that disregards the genuine needs of the public will have profound consequences on our nation for generations.

Sincerely,

Glenn E. Stein

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Thank you for your comment, Edward Jasiewicz.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

The Bush Administration's proposed plan to use a form of eminent domain to course power lines through various lands across Pennsylvania is ludicrous and smacking of greed and improperly justified, unwarranted environmental compromise. Please put a stop to this attempted action while common sense is at a premium; once natural areas or historic preservations are lost, they are gone for good.

I say NO to massive new power line corridors for more dirty coal plants! Money and corporate priority is a danger to all living things, including you! Do something about it before it's too late!!

Sincerely,
Ed Jasiewicz

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Thank you for your comment, Barbara Wasilausky.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80426. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

Public health and safety should be a primary concern. Large power grids have a negative impact on the environment and on human lives.

Do not pass this act. Preserve our environment. Stop putting big business interests ahead of human interests and the public.

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Thank you for your comment, Karen Gillison.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

I was very disappointed to learn that our government's Dept. of Energy is giving higher priority in it's decision making to for profit energy companies than to private citizens and land owners. We need to make sure there is due process in any eminent domain case, and that property rights are not needlessly surrendered to corporations. It's the duty of a just government to look out for the interest of it's citizens. I hope you will rectify the situation promptly and live up to your responsibility to the citizens of this great country.

Sincerely,
Karen Gillison
Haymarket, VA

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Thank you for your comment, Cynthia DuRoss.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80428. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

I was already aware of your scheduled "public" meeting of 12 June 2007, in Rochester, NY. That happens to be a 2-1/2 hour drive for me (along with the price of fuel). Why do you refuse to schedule a meeting here in the Mohawk Valley (greater Utica area) which is most impacted by your decisions? Doesn't sound like responsible government to me nor my tax dollars working for me. Stop politicking!

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 11:32 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80429

Thank you for your comment, r bozeat.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80429. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 6, 2007 11:31:34PM CDT

Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study
Comment: 80429

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Southwest Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I wish to express my outrage that such a program would be run through Anza Borrego state park without the ability of the people in this region to attend local meetings. Furthermore SDGE is only a lobby group and does not represent the interests of us or those of future generations.
Stop the powerlines from encroaching on our land and parks system now.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2007 7:34 AM
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Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80430

Thank you for your comment, Michelle Martin.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80430. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 7, 2007 07:33:56AM CDT

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Comment: 80430

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

I say NO to power line corridors in my home state of Pennsylvania. Now is the time that we must be looking for alternative energy sources, not building up outdated sources like coal plants. We in Pennsylvania and across the nation do not want to invest our time, money, and land in technology that is harming the environment and our health. The energy trying to push this power line corridor project should be spent finding renewable energy sources. Say NO to this power line corridor idea!!

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2007 7:46 AM
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Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80431

Thank you for your comment, Arlene Louton-Brown.

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Comment Date: June 7, 2007 07:45:34AM CDT

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Comment: 80431

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I am opposed to the use of massive above ground electrical towers running through pre-established neighborhoods and subdivisions for several reasons. First, they are unsightly, they destroy the views and devalue the land. They turn pristine God-made landscapes and vistas into manmade atrocities. Second, they give off radioactive impulses that have been linked to cancer "cells" or centers in residential areas, and though one may argue that the facts are not conclusive in this matter, it is not a risk worth taking when there are other means available. Thirdly, I have seen these huge towers blow up in storms or due to extreme surges. This is very dangerous and could cause loss of life and property when located close to residential areas, especially when resulting fires encroach on those areas. Though the cost may be greater to use underground cabling or to take alternative less populated routes for the corridor, I believe that the risk and invasiveness of going through residential areas poses a greater hardship on a greater number of people than the probable added cost.

Thank you.

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Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80432

Thank you for your comment, robert lorraine.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80432. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 7, 2007 10:51:53AM CDT

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Comment: 80432

First Name: robert
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Country: USA
Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:
no to NYRI
short and sweet

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Thank you for your comment, Kirsten Gabrielsen.

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Comment Date: June 7, 2007 10:55:27AM CDT

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Comment: 80433

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

It is with utmost sincerity that I oppose the proposed N I E T C designations. Although the Department of Energy assures us that this designation does not give any particular Electric Transmission Company, such as for example N Y R I, permission to build power lines, I think we all know that in reality it does in fact open the doors wide for any company to advance their proposed projects. I am perplexed that a federal designation such as this would enable private companies to ignore the concerns of thousands of people and so arrogantly work against public interest. I do not deny that New York City needs energy. I feel that a much better way to deal with this energy need is to take advantage of, and help promote, the many alternative energy developments and serious conservation efforts spearheaded by Mayor Bloomberg. It seems to me that power lines running 200 miles through rural and scenic areas of upstate NY is NOT the solution. Let us instead begin to solve the energy needs in a technologically modern and environmentally sound way. To begin this process I feel very strongly that we need to STOP the proposed National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor from becoming a reality.

Thank you.

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Thank you for your comment, Brent Boyer.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80434. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 7, 2007 11:09:41AM CDT

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Comment: 80434

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

Please do not erect these lines!
If you have to do it, can't they be put under ground?
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Brent Boyer

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Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80435

Thank you for your comment, Robert Klaput.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80435. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 7, 2007 12:16:32PM CDT

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Comment: 80435

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:
Re: Trans-Allegheny Interstate 500 kV Line (TrAIL)

The proposal to allow the federal government and the energy industry to by-pass state and local regulations regarding power transmission lines is un-American. Decisions affecting property values, historical sites, wetlands and the very idea of local control should not be superseded by those with powerful political connections. In this age of global warming, we should be striving towards greater efficiencies and not making it easier and more profitable to supply energy from old coal-burning generating stations.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
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To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80436

Thank you for your comment, Geraldine Cusumano.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80436. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 7, 2007 12:39:08PM CDT

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Comment: 80436

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

To whom it may concern: I oppose the NYRI project since it is a no win project or our area of the country. Upstate New York has become devastated due to the lack of industry. The beauty of the region which attracts tourism is the only resource that is left to bring in money for our families. There are more direct routes for the power companies to take like along the NYS Thruway. To upgrade the power lines there instead of running new poles and lines would make more sense. In this way no one would lose their farms or land. It is a shame that a Canadian based company is coming here to ruin our land, increase our electric rates and get rich off the Americans who live in this Northeast corridor. The use of DC electric in this day and age is not appropriate. I oppose every aspect of this project and hope that it is not allowed to continue. Sincerely, Geraldine Cusumano
181 Pat Farley Rd.
Norwich, NY 13815

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2007 2:09 PM
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Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80437

Thank you for your comment, Richard Bolton.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80437. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 7, 2007 02:08:30PM CDT

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I am not sure what "congestion" problem there really is. NYSIO shows a very abundant supply of under-utilized power plants in New York, peculiarly most are downstate. Further study reveals however that the east coast cities would like to import as much power as possible. Why? The price of locally produced electricity is almost twice as high as imported energy from inland hydro and other sources.

I am adamantly opposed to constructing new transmission lines to feed the growing consumption along the coastal region when the underlying reason is purely financial. If these regions need more power then the "easy out" of adding more transmission line capacity is not a solution. Power should be produced near where it is consumed, that has always been the guiding principle in New York. Coastal cities should not transfer the environmental degradation created by the transmission lines and associated massive wind turbine installations expected to feed it. If coastal regions want to grow and have superior economic status compared with the interior regions then they must share in their full environmental responsibilities by using the power plants they already have, and be prepared to build more.

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Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2007 2:48 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80438

Thank you for your comment, Barbara Grover.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80438. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 7, 2007 02:47:43PM CDT

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Comment: 80438

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

The DOE should CANCEL any action to allow energy companies to build power lines and pipelines anywhere they see fit WITHOUT consideration for state and local concerns about their location. It is difficult for me comprehend that the DOE is even considering such a proposal. We MUST protect wilderness areas, wetlands, national park areas, and any other areas in which the environment is impacted by such construction.

Surely we have the technology to identify other approaches to deal with energy needs that will protect the environment and the health and welfare of our citizens. I am confident the DOE has sufficient talent to find alternatives. CANCEL these proposals.

Thank you for your attention.

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Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2007 2:48 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80439

Thank you for your comment, Ronald Goddard.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80439. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 7, 2007 02:48:14PM CDT

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor
Attachment: C:\lotus\WK1JIMG\Powerline letter.doc

Comment Submitted:
Please see attached

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R. James Goddard
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May 31, 2007

My name is Jim Goddard and I live at 14 Kraemer Place, Utica, NY. For the record, Kraemer Place is a one block long street in South Utica running parallel to, and less than 80 feet from, the railroad tracks. Needless to say this is what originally got me interested in this whole power-line fiasco. The thought of losing our homes without any recourse and an entire village (Clayville) being erased from the map is still unsettling.

I, however, would like to focus on something I believe is far more basic and will have a much broader impact on our region than just those of us who are in harms way of the railroad tracks. That focus is: WHY SHOULD THERE BE ANY POWER LINES TO ROB POWER FROM MARCY AND DELIVER IT TO NEW YORK CITY? I accept the fact that there is a power shortage in New York City, but wouldn't it make far more sense to build a permanent solution (known as a power plant) in the New York City area to serve their needs?

I don't see the logic of spending \$1.6 billion to provide a temporary solution to a problem, when those same dollars could become part of, if not all of, a permanent solution. The only apparent benefit to a power line over any route from Marcy to New York City would be to line the pockets of NYRI with gold.

We stopped the intrusion of this foreign company from coming in and reaping havoc on our citizens by seeking and gaining proper State sanctions. Please allow us that same privilege from the Federal level.

We are told that we have excess power here in the Mohawk Valley. I have wondered the exact definition of excess power. Does it mean power we may not use today but will use tomorrow when we are able to recruit new or expanded industry to our area? You see, we now have the water and the power to use in recruiting efforts to bring more people and business to our area. Some years back, you may recall an effort to reroute water from Hinkley Lake to New York City that failed. This transporting of power should also fail so that we retain our valuable resources.

The simple truth is that power lines are temporary solutions while power plants are permanent solutions. Therefore, let us keep our power and build the necessary plants to produce power where it is needed. Thank you.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
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Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80440

Thank you for your comment, Krista Reitz.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80440. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 7, 2007 07:04:49PM CDT

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

It never fails to amaze me how irresponsible the Bush administration's policies on the environment have become. Now he wants to build more power lines and pipe lines for the old, passe power plants instead of thinking creatively for the long term. His recent speeches that spoke about the issues of global warming would seem to be nothing but window dressing to cover a plan to simply help the establishment power sources that are one of the major sources of the global problem. STOP IT! I am tired of this unethical behavior.

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To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
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Thank you for your comment, LEROY HERSH.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80441. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 7, 2007 07:51:04PM CDT

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

- *Withdraw the proposed rules to create "National Interest Electric Transmissions Corridors"
- * Preserve state and local powers to review and permit transmission lines
- * Repeal the federal legislation that gave the federal Department of Energy power of eminent domain over state and local government should be repealed - Section 1221 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
- * Adopt aggressive energy efficiency and renewable energy programs to fight global warming, save money, create jobs and eliminate the need for new power plants

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
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Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80442

Thank you for your comment, Dr. Richard Sheldon.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80442. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 7, 2007 07:53:59PM CDT

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Comment: 80442

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

Before I retired I facilitated annual updates of an electric utilities long range plan. Each year DC transmission came up only to be rejected due to the lack of technology available to cost effectively build the necessary substations on each end of the line. What form of alchemy have these people come up with? Or, is this just an excuse to get the right-of-way for a corridor to later use for what ever purpose they can make money at?

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Subject: Receipt: Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study Comment 80443

Thank you for your comment, Patrick Shupp.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80443. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 8, 2007 06:53:37AM CDT

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

Request that electricity rate caps of at least 60% lower than normal residential rates be considered, acted upon and passed, for all senior citizens over the age of 67.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
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Thank you for your comment, john rushton.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80444. Once the comment response document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 8, 2007 08:22:04AM CDT

Sec 1221(a): Congestion Study
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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

We object to running this power linse thru our housing area to enable domonion power to sell electricity to the northeast. They should use a more direct route to the north east.

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Thank you for your comment, Margaret Moran.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

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Comment Date: June 8, 2007 09:15:57AM CDT

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Comment: 80445

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I would like to respectfully submit my comments/objection to the Draft Corridors for the following reasons • This process circumvents states rights which have been in place since the writing of the constitution.

- This designation does not give adequate protection to historically significant and environmentally significant places.
- 57 of the 60 counties in Pa are designated as part of this corridor, unfairly targeting almost all of our state.
 - The underlying data which was in the congestion study has never been disclosed, so we as the public are not being kept informed on the reasons for this draft designation.
 - Myriad security issues come into play, when considering a corridor of this magnitude and size.
 - Air quality issues are very concerning in a state which is ranked No. 3 in carbon emissions in the country.

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Thank you for your comment, WILLIAM DOUGLASS.

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ATTN: DOCKET NO. 2007-OE-01

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WASHINGTON DC 20585

RE: Draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor Designations
Docket No. 2007-OE-01, Draft Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) has reviewed the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) Designations, specifically Docket No. 2007-OE-01, Draft Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor, as per a notice which appeared in the May 7, 2007 issue of the *Federal Register*. We note that comments must be received on or before July 6, 2007.

The "Summary" of the notice in the 5/7/2007 Federal Register states:

SUMMARY: Having issued the first National Electric Transmission Congestion Study under section 216 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), and having evaluated public comments on the Study, the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) today begins two proceedings that may lead to one or more orders designating one or more national interest electric transmission corridors (National Corridors). The Department believes that, although the FPA does not require it, allowing an opportunity for comment on draft National Corridor designations prior to the Department issuing its FPA section 216(a) report will aid both the public and the Department. Interested persons may file written comments in one or both of these proceedings in the manner indicated in the ADDRESSES portion of this notice. Only those persons who file such comments by the date listed in the DATES portion of this notice will become parties to the proceedings and, thus, eligible to file a request for rehearing under FPA section 313 of any final order issued in these proceedings.

Working together to conserve the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River

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The Upper Delaware Council accepts that everyone needs energy and that it is wise to plan for future growth. However, it greatly troubles us that the designation of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors could possibly circumvent state and local jurisdictions and ultimately lead to the use of eminent domain on private property by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and/or private or public, profit-driven corporations, for new transmission lines which may not be in the best public interest. We believe that the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and the entire process for selecting NIETCs, is flawed and that the federal government has overstepped its bounds in this situation.

The siting of new transmission lines is traditionally a state government responsibility and we believe that it should continue as such. Certainly, the federal government can assist the states with energy projects, but the federal government should not override the states' policies and actions. The states are well aware of where congestion areas are and what needs to be done to address them, and we are confident that they will address them. We believe that the state governments would be more sensitive to the wishes of their citizens and responsible to them.

It appears that the Congestion Study looks at new transmission lines as the only solution to our nation's energy problems without considering other options. Other alternatives must be considered, such as siting new power sources where the need exists, upgrading existing transmission corridors, using new technologies, and conservation. The construction of new major transmission lines should be a last resort, if at all.

The UDC is the oversight body responsible for the coordinated implementation of the 1986 River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Our voting members are the two states (NY and PA) and eleven local governments (NY Towns and PA Townships) which border on the Upper Delaware River. The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) is a non-voting member of the Council. We operate under a direct contractual relationship with the National Park Service (NPS) for the oversight, coordination, and implementation of many elements of the River Management Plan.

The Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor was designated by Congress in 1978 for its outstanding natural resources. It is home to numerous threatened and endangered plant and animal species. It is a world-class trout fishery and is recognized by the Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area. It is a Pennsylvania water trail. Part of the river is included in the Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation Registry. New York State Route 97 is designated as both the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway and New York State Bike Route 17. The river corridor contributes three sites to the New York State Revolutionary War Heritage Trail. There is also legislation pending in New York State to designate it as the "Delaware River Greenway."

Section 1271 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act states:

"It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Congress declares that the established national policy of dam and other construction at appropriate sections of the rivers of the United States needs to be complemented by a policy that would preserve other selected rivers or sections thereof in their free-flowing condition to protect the water quality of such rivers and to fulfill other vital national conservation purposes."

In our October 5, 2006 comment letter to the DOE regarding the National Electric Transmission Congestion Study, we stated that **units of the National Park System, particularly the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor, should be exempt from any National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors.** The "DOE Response" on page 25848 of the Federal Register notice for the NIETC designations attempts to justify including parks and other environmentally protected areas in the NIETCs because "the statute provides little direction on how the Department should draw the boundaries of a National Corridor" and "the statute does not define the term 'corridor'." The intent of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is very clear. These areas of national interest are special and were intended to be protected for future generations. The same can be said for other units of the National Park System as well as similarly designated state-owned lands.

As you know, a company named New York Regional Interconnect, Inc., filed an application on May 31, 2006 with the New York State Public Service Commission to develop, construct, and operate a 190-mile, 400± kV High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission line extending from the Utica, Oneida County, NY area to Rock Tavern, Orange County, NY. The proposed project is called the New York Regional Interconnection (NYRI). Note that 73.4 miles of one of the two proposed study routes for this 190-mile transmission line is located within the nationally-designated Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor.

According to the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Management Plan (RMP), page 134, "*Major Electric Lines*" are an incompatible use anywhere in the river corridor. They are defined in the RMP, page 129, as "*Any new electric power lines, cables, or conduits used for transmission of power between two points which has a design capacity of 125 kilovolts or greater and extending a distance of one mile or more in length, or of between 100 kilovolts and 125 kilovolts, extending a distance of ten miles or more in length. This definition does not include telephone and electric distribution lines.*" Note that there is no distinction made between above-ground or below-ground lines.

The NYRI proposal would pose a clear and direct threat to the outstanding resource values that qualified the Upper Delaware for designation as a component of the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers. The RMP, page 126, defines "*clear and direct threat*" as "*An instance where a new land use is proposed which is either: (1) identified on the list of new land uses which are incompatible within the Upper Delaware river corridor; or (2) identified as a land use which would, if developed in such a way, be counter to one or more of the principles and objectives set out in the River Management Plan and the Land and Water Use Guidelines.*"

Principle E, Objective 2 of the RMP, page 123, states, "*Power plants, stream channelization and other projects listed as incompatible uses in the Schedule of Uses will not be permitted within the river corridor.*" Again, note that "Major Electric Lines" are listed as an incompatible use on page 134 of the RMP.

In a March 6, 2006 letter, NYRI requested that the DOE designate their proposal as a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor in New York State from the Edic Substation in the Town of Marcy in Oneida County to the Rock Tavern Substation in the Town of New Windsor in Orange County. The NYRI letter further states that, "*It is essential that the DOE designate the proposed corridor on an expedited basis.*" Even though the DOE did not make any early designations, that area is identified by the DOE in the Congestion Study and included in a northeast "Critical Congestion Area". Now, the DOE has designated a Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor which includes the NYRI proposal.

On July 26, 2006, the NYS Public Service Commission determined that the NYRI application was incomplete and requested additional information. NYRI has not submitted the requested information and appears to be more concerned about being included in a NIETC in order to facilitate its application. We are concerned that should the NYRI proposal be designated as a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor, the Public Service Commission will be rushed into making a decision before the one-year federal deadline. Even if the state was to deny the application within a year, FERC could possibly override that decision.

On August 23, 2006, the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) completed "*A Comprehensive Reliability Plan 2005*" regarding the New York Control Area (NYCA) that states under "*Reliability Plan: A Summary*" (page 6), "*Based on the evaluations of the Market Proposals, Responsible To Updated Plans, modeling refinements, and continued operation of the Poletti unit, the NYISO has determined sufficient resource additions to the NYCA are planned or under development such that the NYCA can meet reliability criteria for the first five years and through four of the second five years of the Study Period. In order to meet criteria for the last year of the study period, additional Market Proposal or Regulated Solutions will be needed.*"

Given that this need is sufficiently far in the future and the next round of the Comprehensive Reliability Planning Process (CRPP) has already begun, the NYISO has determined that no action needs to be taken at this time to implement a regulated backstop solution or alternative regulated solution to address this reliability need. As such, **we recommend that the NYRI proposal not be**

included in any area designated by the DOE as a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor.

Please note that even though the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is a unit of the National Park System, most of the land in the river corridor is privately owned. Private property rights is an important issue. We hope that the new Congress will repeal the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which pertain to the use of eminent domain. To allow a federal agency to condemn lands for the benefit of a few profit-driven corporations would not be in the public interest.

The UDC is opposed to the creation of the Draft Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor for the following reasons:

- NIETCs usurp the states' right to site transmission lines and energy facilities.
- Corridors would negate the NY State Public Service Commission's permitting process, and allow the FERC to approve a project even if the state denies it.
- It puts the power of federal eminent domain in the hands of private corporations.
- Creation of a corridor undermines New York Governor Eliot Spitzer's recently announced energy plan that promotes conservation and alternative/green energy;
- Building large-scale transmission lines is contrary to New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's "green print" for clean air and energy conservation.
- Transmission projects could be federally approved that would transmit electricity generated by old, dirty, coal-fired plants, thus increasing air pollution and acid rain in New York State.
- Corridors have not been reviewed under the National Environmental Protection Act which will circumvent protection of our cultural, historic and environmental resources. FERC could site transmission lines through sensitive environmental areas including the Upper Delaware River Corridor, a federally designated Wild and Scenic River cited as one of the most endangered rivers for 2007 in the country by American Rivers (Washington, D.C.) due to the NYRI threat.

We are dismayed that the DOE has not scheduled any public hearings in the areas which would be most adversely impacted by the proposed NIETCs. It lends credence to the belief that the decisions have already been made and the DOE is just going through the motions and trying to avoid local public participation.

We strongly recommend that the Congressionally-designated Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor should NOT be included in any designated National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor.

Please be advised that we are obligated to uphold the Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Management Plan. We urge you to give this matter serious consideration at this point in the process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor Designations. In conclusion, we feel that this process is geared more toward expediting the approval and siting of transmission corridors than it is geared toward respecting states' rights to make important decisions about their residents' energy future and needs.

Sincerely,



F. Gerald Mackin,
Chairman

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Thank you for your comment, Debbie Ross.

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Comment Submitted:
Opposition to PJM Allegheny National Corridor Designation

My husband and I live in Jefferson Pennsylvania. The sites of this new, undesirable energy delivery system runs about 1 mile from my home in which we have a 2 year old son. From a health risk point of view, as well as other points which are below, we oppose the Allegheny Power 500 Kilovolt Towers in our backyard as well as our neighbors backyards, be they next door or in a neighboring state.

- 1) There has not been an adequate consideration of specific alternatives to new transmission lines, including a full range of demand management and peak demand reduction measures, energy conservation measures, renewable sources, new generation capacity of energy located nearer the East Coast, and alternative transmission technologies and upgrades.
- 2) There has not been an assessment of impacts on human health and the environment, a requirement by the National Environmental Policy Act which is reasonable given the demonstrated potential impacts on historic, scenic, natural, and cultural resources in the proposed corridor.
- 3) Allegheny should be required to provide the public with the data and assumptions to enable independent verification of the claimed potential for power disruptions.
- 4) In Allegheny Power's proposal to DOE, they admit they do not meet all of the criteria for NIET designation. They also state that these criteria should not be applied rigidly by DOE, even though the criteria are meant to determine whether projects are worthy of NIET designation.

Please understand that Allegheny Power is a For-Profit Organization, where they are trying to increase profits by any means necessary. Even if it means endangering our children, our environment, our country's beauty or our personal bank accounts. Most people in our region are low to middle income families; this includes many elderly, which are trying to make ends meet, with a hike in energy rates they will be forced to cut back on other essentials to pay the energy bills.

I hope that this letter and other letters like it will show that Allegheny Power does not need to construct the 500 Kilovolt towers in our backyards, nor anyone else's. There are other avenues for energy distribution. Lets look into those before we construct an energy highway that isn't even needed.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your comment, Henry Woolman III.

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Comment Submitted:

This Transmission Corridor will ruin more property value than will ever be paid for in damages. The impact on rural estates, historic areas, and open space set aside both in conservator easements and privately will be degraded both in their actual and financial values.

The time for more towers is past. The new wave of energy alternatives is on our doorstep, and these power companies need to lead the way, not be stuck in out moded methods of providing energy.

At the very least they should lead us in conservation of electric use, which has not even been made common knowledge. Let them begin a conservation effort to see what might be accomplished.

Last but not least there has been no EIS done so why are we this far along without one. This is a democracy, I think!!!

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Thank you for your comment, Monica Trogdon.

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Comment Submitted:

As a citizen of Virginia, I strongly urge that you deny the request from Dominion Power and other utility companies for eminent domain to lay additional high power lines. We need to first have a comprehensive energy study and plan developed by impartial groups comprised of government, energy experts and citizens, in order to properly understand what the citizens of the impacted east coast states truly require. In addition, we should be looking for the most efficient and most environmentally friendly methods available for providing growing energy needs, not relying on the past methods used to solve energy needs. We definitely DO NOT need additional & permanent eyesores strung up and down the east coast countryside under a hasty decision process. We have got to start investing in the best available methods for energy conservation and energy supply lines that will benefit all generations to come, not just the current greed and need of the utility companies. I'd rather live with a few power brownouts or blackouts than to see such a disasterous rush to grant what the utility companies have requested in their own self-interest. We need your strong leadership to determine what is in the best interest of the citizens after a careful and thorough examination of all available facts and evidence before implementing additional energy needs and ways to solve. Please, please, please.

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Thank you for your comment, Robert Richards.

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Comment Submitted:

We neither need nor want this Power Line. It will no way serve any purpose in our region. Our lives will be severely affected for what might turn out to be a Power Line to Northern Virginia. Please build this Power Line next to the people who will be using this energy. Why should we and our children and grandchildren, ad infinitum, have to live with such a dangerous and ugly monstrosity?

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Thank you for your comment, Jacob Strano.

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Comment Submitted:

Please take time consider that PA has been in a long overdue period of landscape healing. One of the best things we have going for our future is a clean-up of the land and an emphasis on eco-tourism. As one of the slowest growing states population-wise, give us a break. We are the second slowest in growth and the fifth highest in land development. The figures don't make any sense. The LAST thing we need is the federal government coming in and making matters worse! Please reconsider this horribly unfair plan of usurping state's rights.

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Thank you for your comment, John Bolton.

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Comment Submitted:

NYRI should not be permitted to build a power line from Utica to Orange County, NY. It would devastate the area and its economy, it poses health threats, jeopardizes our businesses and way of life. There ARE other alternatives than creating a new right-of-way. Two rights-of-way exist already. It is a horrendous proposal with disastrous results

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Thank you for your comment, Judy Phillips.

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Comment Submitted:

We don't want or need any more taxes. We are elderly people that can't afford any more burdens. We don't want those ugly power lines over our property to lose the value of our property when it is time to sell. Let the states that benefit from them pay the costs. WE CAN'T AFFORD MORE EXPENSES!

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Thank you for your comment, Virginia Eberhart.

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

As a resident of the Southeastern Green School District and as a School Board Member, I have serious problems with this corrodor going through our area. Southeastern Greene has already lost a considerable amount of land and property values that are the backbone of our area and tax structure. All of the school districts involved in this pathway are going to be significantly impacted and the loss immeasurable. We will loose citizens and students, many who will move into another area, we will loose our tax base, and the property values in the areas around the corrodor will plummet since very few will want to live in its pathway. How will this loss be made up? By the Power Companies???

Sincerely,

Virginia M Eberhart

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 7:06 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80455

Thank you for your comment, Mark Fiorini.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80455. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

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NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80455

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Zip: 19534
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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

This is an outrage. I demand a public hearing within my jurisdiction. You abuse of Eminent Domain is treasonous and is a dessication upon all that you tread upon.

You are about to destroy wilderness, habitat, and peoples homes and lives.

Do not do this now or ever. We, the american people, have a voice, and that voice is saying stop this madness.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2007 9:04 AM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80456

Thank you for your comment, John and Jan Carlson.

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Comment Date: June 9, 2007 09:03:22AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80456

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City: Marianna
State: PA
Zip: 15345
Country: USA
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Corridor(s) for Comment: Southwest Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

Not being able to attend the hearings on the ApTrails puts us at a disadvantage. It's good to know that there are people out there that are willing to fight for the rights for the little people. Please let us know what we can do ... Thank-you!

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2007 7:00 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80457

Thank you for your comment, Ann Aurelio.

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Comment Date: June 9, 2007 06:59:57PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80457

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I am opposed to the entire idea of generating energy from use of coal. We should be steering away from the use of all fossil fuels, and coal is the unhealthiest of all to generate. It spews such particular matter into the air making for air pollutions for as far as the wind may blow it. We need to clean up our air, and begin to use renewables not take over new areas. There are many states that are now trying to do the right thing for it's people and it is not right to over-ride the laws of a particular state to run to power lines. It is counter productive to what they are trying to accomplish. Please carefully consider the implications here and say no to eminent domain. Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2007 7:09 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80458

Thank you for your comment, Leslie Smith.

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Comment Date: June 9, 2007 07:08:42PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80458

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I feel that each state should be able to determine what is in the best interest of its residents. The power should not be taken away under a national security smoke screen. If this corridor is approved the wealthy corporations stand to gain everything and the private property owners lose everything they have worked so hard for. Do not allow the decision making power to be taken away from individual states. This is a money making move for the power companies and not in the interest of national security.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2007 7:26 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80459

Thank you for your comment, Russ WIECKING.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80459. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 9, 2007 07:26:02PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80459

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:
State and local regulations must not be by-passed.
Adding infrastructure to support coal plants electrical distribution and changing/over-riding regulations is supporting the wrong technology in the wrong way.

Please provide a forward-thinking plan to meet our energy needs. The answer that we need to make the proposed changes in the interim is just so much bull. Do something to meet the needs of the people, not just the corporations.

Is it true that we cannot find solutions to nuclear waste? To the use of solar energy? To just CUTTING BACK? I am willing, but is industry?

Sincerely,
Russ

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2007 8:36 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80460

Thank you for your comment, joseph and arlene mercurio.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80460. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 9, 2007 08:36:04PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80460

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Country: USA
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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

We should be planting trees and phasing out fossils fuels, especially coal fired pwer plants, not cutting down trees for the sake of old technology. The consequences of global warming are serious and new directions must be taken now. We oppose these corridors.
Joseph & Arlene Mercurio

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Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2007 9:17 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80461

Thank you for your comment, Ralph Gatten.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80461. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 9, 2007 09:16:49PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80461

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

The area I am referring to is the proposed 500kv line north from Mt. Morris Pa. known as substation 502 to North Strabane Twp. near Eighty Four Pa. known as Prexy. This north extension is 38 miles and will run through Greene and Washington Counties.

there is no reason to feed the new Prexy substation from another substation 38 miles away when the Mitchell Power Generating plant at New Eagle Pa. is only 9 miles from Prexy.

The Mitchell plant may need upgrading and an increase in the output but it sure would be better than running through 38 miles of private property to achieve the same goal.

If the Prexy Substation is necessary for national security then the up grade at Mitchell if necessary is warranted.

Please consider this option when the planners ask for the permit. Thank You

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Sent: Sunday, June 10, 2007 7:56 AM
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Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80462

Thank you for your comment, Kathleen Brown.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80462. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 10, 2007 07:56:14AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80462

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

I wonder if the Department of Homeland Security has any idea how they would protect hundreds of miles of transmission lines all over this country from terrorists. Especially lines over railroad tracks that would be electrified if a power line fell. These lines would just create another target for them, and an easy target at that. Have we learned nothing from 9/11 except to expose ourselves even more? Have we also not progressed at all in providing power except for these antiquated, unhealthy and intrusive, enormous electrical towers that will invade residential and business property without regard for peoples' Health, Safety or Quality of Life.

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Sent: Sunday, June 10, 2007 9:09 AM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80463

Thank you for your comment, Virginia Rommel.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80463. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 10, 2007 09:08:29AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80463

First Name: Virginia
Last Name: Rommel
Country: USA
Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

With regards to the NYRI--this should be opposed and stopped. If more energy is needed in NYC, they they should find a way down there instead of involving the whole state! Why can't they put something on top of some of their skyscrapers to generate energy? I'm sure there MUST be a way--they probably just do NOT even want to consider it! We do not want property taken or used and make the landscape look terrible. Maybe they should learn to conserve a little also!

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Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80464

Thank you for your comment, Laura Krauza.

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Comment Date: June 10, 2007 09:53:28AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80464

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

If we are in need of more power for the designated corridors, we should build upon existing routes and not create new routes to deliver power. If this power is for everyone, then let everyone decide or use everyone's property -i.e. - The NYS Thruway route. I also believe the gov't should cap limits on power use per person or family. Go over and pay a fine, which would fund Energy Smart Research and NYSERDA. Encourage energy conservation, fund solar energy projects for downstate NY. We need to get smart about doing the right thing now, not a bandaid approach. Power lines do no belong in already established communities and populated residential neighborhoods. USE EXISTING POWER ROUTES!
Thank you,

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Thank you for your comment, Jack Maskil Sr.

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Comment Date: June 10, 2007 07:01:40PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80466

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Country: USA
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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

Pa is not a dumping ground for some one else's problems or some energy czar. The Govt does nothing for this county (Greene) except use us. I am told and many others likewise we will footing the bill for this project Enough is Enough!

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Sent: Sunday, June 10, 2007 9:06 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80467

Thank you for your comment, Witold Kuncewicz.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80467. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 10, 2007 09:06:14PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80467

First Name: Witold
Last Name: Kuncewicz
City: Flint Hill
State: VA
Country: USA
Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

Easier to insure security-underground-access at snow and other storm time too. In the end the whole country gains through no loss of production and other resources.

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Sent: Sunday, June 10, 2007 9:12 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80468

Thank you for your comment, Jo Pat Murphy.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80468. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 10, 2007 09:11:57PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80468

First Name: Jo Pat
Last Name: Murphy
Country: USA
Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

Underground is easier to insure security access at snow and other storm time too. In the end the whole country gains through no loss of production and other resources.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Sunday, June 10, 2007 10:37 PM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80469

Thank you for your comment, LORI RICKARD.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80469. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 10, 2007 10:36:48PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80469

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:
Dear Sir or Madam:

The above ground utilities is not a very well thought out plan. There are so many soft spots for leaving our country open to undesirable hostile attacks. However, if our leaders would be willing to initiate and follow through with a National Utility Transmission Subway (NUTS) I believe that a lot of our problems would be solved or at least lessened.

With NUTS all the companies: water, gas, electric, phone, cable and waste would be in an underground corridor(s) uniting our country like never before. In these corridors the climate would be controlled year round, security monitoring systems would be the best (not the cheapest), workers would be able to do work 24/7.

Think how this project would boost our economy! Jobs for engineers, construction companies, vendors, as well as adding access to every back woods location. Finally, NUTS would allow people to connect to services unattainable in the past which as a result would boost revenue for all the utility companies.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lori Rickard

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Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80471

Thank you for your comment, Jason Gray.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

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Comment Date: June 11, 2007 08:01:28AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80471

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State: NY
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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I live near the proposed path of the NYRI powerlin stretching from Marcy to the NYC area. I work in a small city the the powerline will pass through. The DOE should not have the ability to designate entire states as corridors for private companies to use in destroying the landscapes and endangering lives. Further more, we should not be the ones who have to suffer in order to allow for more NYC area residents to receive power. Build a new plant in their backyards. They already have powerlines coming from this area to them, they have flooded entire valleys to make reservoirs in our area and this has to stop! If they want more water, power or whatever, they need to be the ones creating it there, not stealing it from us.

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Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 9:14 AM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80472

Thank you for your comment, Mary Polansky.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80472. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 11, 2007 09:13:43AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80472

First Name: Mary
Last Name: Polansky
City: Eighty Four
State: PA
Zip: 15330
Country: USA
Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I object to Allegheny Power's plan and the NEITC program for four reasons: 1.It sacrifices the rights of some citizens for the comfort of others and for corporate profit. 2. The Energy Policy Act of 2005, and NEITC program, failed to prioritize reduction of greenhouse gases through already available methods,and adequately incentivize clean power. 3. The burdens of air and water pollution from energy production must be levied locally, on direct consumers, or there is no incentive to conserve energy,or build clean, renewable sources. 4.Allegheny Power's plan infringes on my right to breathe clean air and consume toxin-free water and food.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 10:23 AM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80473

Thank you for your comment, Elaine Allen.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80473. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 11, 2007 10:22:37AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80473

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I've been hearing the term "for the greater good" being bantered around by those who are in favor of NYRI.
Does the greater good mean because there are more people in downstate than in the upstate area?
If so, what about the number of people in the entire United States of America? Each and every one of us from the Atlantic to Pacific will be effected by the fact that if this goes through it will be making a sham of the Constitution.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 11:05 AM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80474

Thank you for your comment, Robin Yager.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80474. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 11, 2007 11:05:07AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80474

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

There is not a great surplus of energy in the Upstate NYS region to be transmitted to the metropolitan region as we are being led to believe. Our power supply is so undependable and delivery methods so out-dated that we have purchased a generator to get thru the frequent 2-3 day stretches that we go without due to storms both in the winter and summer. I also do not appreciate being made to pay an increase in my energy bill to finance the proposed transmission line to an area that does not recycle, reduce or conserve. Let's turn some lights off and burn some refuse to generate steam for power like the rest of us have to do!! Again, upstate is being forced to pay for another downstate project tht we can ill afford. Our factories and businesses are slowly being bled to death by soaring energy costs and out of control taxation. We should not be wasting money and time with out-dated ideas and methods but rather investing in the future both in principal and technology. Let's look at the whole picture and do what's right for the future.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 11:48 AM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80475

Thank you for your comment, Stephen Kazakewicz.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80475. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 11, 2007 11:48:00AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80475

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Zip: 15317
Country: USA
Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I feel like I am being lied to by Allegheny Power and those that want to build the AP Trail Project.

If the part of the line that is to be located in Pennsylvania is truly just for local power needs, why is it even connected and running through MD and northern VA? The study that was mentioned brought up the fact that those areas have a serious power deficiency.

Am i to believe that the PA section of the line will be run all the way to VA (and area of need) so that power can be transmittedly locally to the PA areas? That obviously doesn't pass the smell test.

That's why i feel like my intelligence is being insulted and i'm being lied to so the power companies can raise their profits.

This country seems to have turned in favor of big business. Please examine the impact of this line on the families and citizens in its way.

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Sullivan, Robert G.

From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 11:56 AM
To: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80476

Thank you for your comment, Robert Christman.

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NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80476

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I find the designation of a national corridor of energy transport to be important. However, it should not used to destroy the American dreams of American who live in these corridors. These two large population centers could be impacted. Property values could drop to a federal decision with no recourse for those who live along these routes. It seems unfair and unAmerican to proceed in this manner. There is need for protection for those who live along the possible routes. Unless there is protection for home owners and the area impacted. Any use of public domain ought to be at the local level, not the federal level.

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Thank you for your comment, Meredith Leland.

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NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80477

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

Central New Yorkers are united in their opposition to NYRI and the NIETC designation that will allow a corrupt government to hand over our private property, thereby destroying our health and economy, to greedy foreign investors for an energy plan that is outdated and unfair. The nation must reduce energy consumption and explore alternative energy resources, not run these nightmarish and inefficient electric poles across 200 miles to power some McMansion in Long Island. WE ARE COMMUNITIES NOT CORRIDORS, and we will fight a tyrannical unjust power for our land just as our ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War to gain these lands in Central New York as gifts from General Washington and Governor Clinton!

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Thank you for your comment, Roberta Healey.

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NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80478

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

It seems to me that it oversteps the federal government's bounds over state's sovereign rights and citizen's personal property rights, to designate an "energy corridor."

It is particularly fitting that the coastal cities should look to the oceans for a source of power. If the federal government wants to seriously help the energy problems, they would devote time and money to the development of off-shore technologies -- wind farms and wave harnessing technologies.

It is absolutely amazing to me that a little country like Scotland, and many of the other European countries, can be so fore-sighted with developing these new forms of energy technology, and we are instead focusing of old technology and now to expand it.

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Thank you for your comment, Andrea Chisholm.

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NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80479

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

The proposed TrAIL power line will pass through my neighborhood in Mount Morris, PA. I moved to this area from a suburb of D.C. five years ago. The differences in life in the two areas are numerous: one of the many differences is that, here, my neighbors and I all have to buy generators, to protect ourselves from the frequent and sometimes lengthy power failures that occur.

Allegheny Power says that installation of this power line will increase existing power and decrease the likelihood of power failure. But Allegheny Power is referring new and/or highly populated areas of demand; Allegheny Power is not referring to old service areas such as my neighborhood in Mount Morris. How ironic it would be, if the power line is approved: a expensive and dangerous degradation of my neighborhood will alter our existence; we will pay for it; and we will still have to rely on our generators!

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
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Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80480

Thank you for your comment, Timothy Cornish.

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NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80480

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor
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The New York Regional Interconnect (NYRI) is working diligently at ruining the peaceful quality of life that upstate New York has to offer the residents of the communities that they wish to run their High Voltage Power lines through. NYRI has been shot down and rejected by all local government and State Government for their proposal, due to the poor concept and design of their proposed power line.

NYRI wants to take power from one of the New York Power Authorities switching locations, and transport it down to NYC and sell it for an inflated price to an area that already has a high power cost today. There is no surplus of electricity in upstate NY, and the proposal from NYRI will create a shortage of electricity to the Residents and businesses of Upstate New York, thus causing the price to increase due to the law of supply and demand.

I would like to ask the US Department of Energy to consider the neglected Residents of Oneida County and all of the counties that NYRI's proposed power line plans to run through. NYRI's proposed power line will:

- Destructively tear through and by schools, playgrounds, and highly populated residential areas.
- Create a shortage of Energy Oneida County, which will cause rates upstate rates to increase.
- Require the acquisition of Private Property through Eminent Domain.
- Raises potentially dangerous health questions and physical hazards.
- Poses Danger to Farm land, wetlands, and wildlife.
- Damages local tourism in upstate communities.
- Goes against all energy conservation efforts.

NYRI is not a company that should be allowed to neglect and destroy the residency, businesses, and local ecologies of upstate New York. NYRI is a dishonest company, which has withheld information and lied to local and state officials. They are trying to strong arm the local communities for their benefit, and not upstate or New York City. NYRI's proposed power line will not benefit any of the communities it passes through, and is purely a one way transport to New York City.

The US Department of Energy needs to focus its efforts on creating incentives for the creation of green energy, and not allowing the use of Eminent Domain by Greedy Corporate entities. In a Market such as New York City, new methods of energy generation need to be implemented, whether it be harnessing energy from the current in the ocean, or solar and wind energy incentives on the tops of taller buildings in the City.

Right now there are Windmill farms in Madison County which have half of the windmills at rest on windy days. These farms are vital to producing green energy, but there is only one entity they have connectivity to in order to distribute that green energy, National Grid. National Grid will only accept so much energy a day from these windmill farms, which causes the windmills to be still and not producing energy.

The US Department of Energy needs to make these large power conglomerates invest in more energy production, and stop using practices typical of monopolies. The end goal should be trying to reduce the cost of energy so that the elderly and poor can afford to live in the Beautiful State of New York.

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Thank you for your comment, Linda Arrington.

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NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80481

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to the draft NIET Corridor. Designating an area in such a way would be an irresponsible, overreaching action taken by the federal government.

As you know, electric utilities would gain access to the federal eminent domain authority. This decision should rest with the states. The states are more able to understand and decide what is in the best interest of the people.

Allowing the NIET Corridor essentially gives electric utilities a free pass to build power lines regardless of need. The DOE has not done anything to promote conservation, alternatives to high-voltage lines, or efficiency. The utilities need to be made to consider these alternatives first.

Also, I live in Virginia, a state that would be affected by the NIET Corridor. It is rich in agricultural and natural resources. The federal government only would work to destroy what Virginia and its people are all about. Such a corridor would ruin farmland which helps feed the nation. I cannot think of anything that is in the public interest more than food production. These environmental impacts have not been adequately considered.

It appears to me that the NIET Corridor process has not been transparent. Representatives of the electric industry have been given every opportunity to lobby for this while regular citizens have been given almost no chance to voice concerns. The public meetings in large cities during working hours are unacceptable. More meetings need to be scheduled in rural areas where we would have to contend with the power lines.

Finally, the NIET Corridor is not in the spirit of our nation. Landowners are entitled to own and enjoy their property. Electric utilities and the federal government would

essentially get to decide what they think private property should be used for. Utilities would be allowed to profit at the expense of landowners. In my opinion, that is a clear violation of our rights as Americans.

Sincerely,

Linda Arrington

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Thank you for your comment, Richard MacLean Sr.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80482. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 11, 2007 04:34:12PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80482

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

While I understand the need for this type of activity it greatly disturbs me that my utility bill will go up because of this. NY City wastes power every night by their light displays at Times Square and Broadway. They waste as much energy in one night as a small town uses in a month. I have to scrimp and save on using my utilities, as a Disabled Vet, I have limited income. So why should my bill go up when NY City does nothing to conserve energy but wastes it openly each and every night.

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Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80483

Thank you for your comment, Susan Sullivan.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80483. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 11, 2007 05:02:44PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80483

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:
Attn: Docket No. 2007-OE-01."

I am writing to strongly oppose the designation of NIETC's. In my state, New York, the proposed MidAtlantic "corridor" will cover 47 out of 60 counties. This designation is opposed by citizens, local officials, town boards and town supervisors. It is opposed by county officials, including our Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission. It is opposed by our NY State Representative, Aileen Gunther, and our State Senator, John Bonacic. It is opposed by our US Congressman, Maurice Hinchey, and our US Senators, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Charles Schumer. It is opposed by the Governor of New York, Elliott Spitzer.

Your Department chose to decline the invitation of our Congressman to attend a hearing located in an area that could be profoundly affected by this designation; Western Sullivan County, New York, in the form of the proposed NYRI power line project. With the exception of Senator Schumer, all of the above officials were either present, or sent a representative bearing a written statement to Lake Huntington, New York this Saturday, June 9, 2007. Senator Schumer has written to me stating that he urged your Department to change the location of the public hearings to the areas affected and expressed his opposition to the effects this designation would have on New York State in the form of the NYRI project.

I applaud Congressman Hinchey's leadership in opposing not only the NYRI project, but the designation of NIETC's which would make this destructive project possible, OVER THE UNANIMOUS OBJECTION OF THE STATE. Our State has adequate oversight, and regulations in place via the New York State Public Service Commission. Putting it very simply, designation of NIETC's gives the Federal Government authority to approve projects which can take our property by eminent domain and construct projects we don't want or need. .For

example, New York Regional Interconnect, formerly the Canadian company, Pegasus, and its "secret" investors, could be given permission to construct powerlines through a Senic and Recreational River District, through the Mongap Wildlife Preserve, and through our communities, strictly for the profit of this Canadian company.

In New York State, we are united in opposition to the designation of NIETC's, specifically the Mid Atlantic Corridor.

Sincerely,
Susan Sullivan, Narrowsburg, NY

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Thank you for your comment, charles page.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80484. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 11, 2007 05:41:53PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80484

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I am a resident of Madison County New York, and have been all my life. The purpose of the proposed powerline from Marcy to downstate New York, as I understand it, is to distribute upstate power to the New York City area. Wouldn't it make more sense to produce the power closer to where it is needed than to transmit power over long distances? Why not build power plants downstate, disrupting a few hundred people instead of building a giant transmission line that disrupts hundreds of communities and tens of thousands of people.

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Thank you for your comment, duane kerr.

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The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80485. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 11, 2007 05:49:46PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80485

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

the corridor that runs from utica(oneida county) to orange county would run overtop my mobile home.I live a few feet from the railroad tracks,and would like to know,health wise,am i going to be in a area dangerous to my health?also,i rent the land my mobile home is on and if i had to move who would flip the bill? and what about the price of electricity going up? if the corridor is to supply newyork city with electricity,why would my rate go up by up to 30%? It's bad enough that our region is going to be defaced,but to make us pay for it,is completely wrong.do they help pay for our high prices for gas?of course not,but we do help pay for the mass transit system(taxes) It's hard enough trying to live in NY STATE,but your finding more and more new ways to drive people out! Thank you, Duane Kerr

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
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Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80486

Thank you for your comment, Mary Jane Smith.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80486. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 12, 2007 06:13:38AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80486

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

In (improverished) Chenango County, New York as in most of Upstate New York we've watched helplessly as companies big and small closed and moved out of New York State. What are we left with? An absolutely gorgeous landscape of State lands, parks, lakes and camping areas and our counties are marketing themselves as tourist destinations for that reason. Allowing this Canadian concern to string these enormous power lines through our landscape threatens the beauty of this area while it benefits noone here. There are a great many people who consider these lines a health risk. Would you vacation or buy a vacation home in an area if there was any question if could possibly harm you or your family? I wouldn't. We have nothing left but our landscape. Leave us in peace and put your power lines elsewhere.

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
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Thank you for your comment, Connie Fowler.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80487. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 12, 2007 06:58:53AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80487

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I do NOT feel it is right or fair to force a property owner to "GIVE" a utility company a right of way through their property & then increase utility costs to these same people by 15%. People are reaching the point of choice between paying all the taxes & increasing costs to live in New York State or moving elsewhere. I know when I retire I plan to move out of upstate NY just to get away from the high cost of living in a state that does not care about its citizens.If these additional costs don't stop soon there will only be people on public assistance or very low income people living in the state because they can't afford to leave. With a Federal gov't that doesn't care if gas goes to \$5.00/gallon as this will only increase their profits.It's time the American people said enough is enough.Do NOT allow a PRIVATE company to annex land so they can make more profit at the cost of the utility consumer. This is becoming a MONOPOLY which I know was outlawed many years ago. STOP IT NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
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Thank you for your comment, Gary Crandall.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is 80488. Once the comment document has been published, please refer to the comment tracking number to locate the response.

Comment Date: June 12, 2007 07:13:36AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80488

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

we need to make sure that what is being proposed is not just a short term fix to a growing problem. Families will be displaced by this project so we need to do this right the first time. We all know there is a need for more electric energy, but at what cost to our families and environment?

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From: NIETCwebmaster@anl.gov
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Thank you for your comment, Claudia Sall.

Your comment has been successfully received and entered into the comment tracking system. Please note that there is no need to send a duplicate set of comments via mail or other means.

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NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80489

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Southwest Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

Your draft plan includes the protected federal lands of Death Valley National Park, Mojave National Preserve and Joshua Tree National Park in a blanket nietc corridor. It is not only not necessary but against the public interest to include these protected lands as they are bordered by several interstate routes (I-15,I40,I-10, I-8 which serve more appropriately and cost effectively for these corridors. These routes are recognized as the preferred and designated corridors in the planning reports of the local, state and federal geographical agencies. Therefore, I request you remove the areas of those federal lands from your national interest corridor.

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Thank you for your comment, Rebecca Empey.

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Comment Date: June 12, 2007 11:38:34AM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80490

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

We in Upstate New York is NOT AGAINST powerlines. We are not against powerlines to New York City, or anywhere.

We in Upstate New York are against powerlines slicing through the hearts of our towns, down our Main Streets, over our houses and gardens, and across our properties.

It is UNJUST to string these powerlines over our heads, and UNJUST force us to leave our properties.

UNJUST!

One Appropriations Committee Chairman member, Jose Serrano said we needed to give up some trees for the larger good. we are giving up MUCH more than trees. We are giving up EVERYTHING. Thousands of people forced to leave their homes and farms. This is UNJUST.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2007 1:17 PM
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Subject: Receipt: NIETC and Congestion Study Comment 80491

Thank you for your comment, Scott Trisler.

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NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80491

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow but do wish to express my opposition to the Power Transmission Lines being presented by the Allegheny Power Company. I purchased my property here in Eighty Four, PA to have the tranquil, Peace and Quiet of the country and be able to see the trees and animals run. I love my home. I love my county, and I love my State. If these Power Lines come into My Back Yard or any of my neighbors I'll be surely looking for another home in another state. Surely. NOT PENNSYLVANIA. I grew up in Allegheny county in Mt. Lebanon. I served in the U.S. Navy during Peacetime and Desert Shield and Desert Storm. I am a Disabled Veteran and will be damned to have my home and property transferred to a Public Power company for them to reap the benefits. I send this in trust that I will be heard. Thank you and May God Bless America. Respectfully Submitted, Scott A. Trisler

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Thank you for your comment, Titus Schleyer.

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Comment Date: June 12, 2007 02:26:45PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80492

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:
Hi,

I think the idea of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors is an extremely bad one, and this proposal should not be allowed to go forward. I oppose the implementation of those National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors.

Thanks

Titus Schleyer, DMD, PhD

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Thank you for your comment, Richard & Joan Armstrong.

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Comment Date: June 12, 2007 05:36:49PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80493

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Southwest Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

We are so concerned about these towers being in our back yard for various health reasons for now & in the future. We are also concerned for our wildlife. This will damage our property value & property value very severely. No one wants a huge tower in their back yard. How would you feel if this would be going thru your yard. We truly are against it.

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Thank you for your comment, Mary Plunkett.

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Comment Date: June 12, 2007 05:37:05PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80494

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

Each community should have a say in the creation of the National Corridor. If more communities were to look into wind and solar power, you may not need such a large project. Each community should be responsible to make sure their needs could be met. I think back to a recent blackout that affected the North East, what if it was a result of terrorism? Maybe looking into ways each person, each community could be self sufficient could be a better option. I recently looked into solar power for my home, what if every home owner and business used solar power. Would we need such a project? With our country under the constant worry of terrorist activities, you would just make the way we supply our energy a more attractive target.

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Thank you for your comment, Sandra Norwood.

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Comment Date: June 12, 2007 06:09:50PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80495

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

We should not be penalized with these high power lines running thru our beautiful countryside to benefit NYC. I am concerned for my health & my families health and our value of the properties in our area. New York Regional Interconnect Inc (NYRI) is backed by Canadian investors who are trying to force this upon upstate New Yorkers - nobody cares about us in upstate New York, only the big city!

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Thank you for your comment, Will Zavala.

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NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80496

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I believe designating 'corridors' is a bad idea, because:

1. It can be used to subvert the legitimate needs and aims of localities, including protection of lands for any number of reasons.
2. It sets a bad precedent of taking land "in the national interest", when such vague declarations deserve greater debate and scrutiny.

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Thank you for your comment, Shane Cummings.

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Comment Date: June 12, 2007 10:53:46PM CDT

NIETC and Congestion Study
Comment: 80497

First Name: Shane
Last Name: Cummings
Country: USA
Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

Your recent designation of a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) covering much of Upstate New York demonstrates a total disregard for the people living here. As one of those people, I am vehemently opposed to what amounts to a federal takeover of my community and ask that you rescind your decision.

In specific, I live along the route that has been proposed by New York Regional Interconnect, Inc. (NYRI) for a 400,000-volt, direct current power line. This foreign-owned project would bisect numerous communities, undermine our already fragile economy, wreak havoc on our environment and raise electric rates while delivering no benefits.

One of the most disturbing aspects of this federal takeover is the specter of federally supported eminent domain to seize land needed for NYRI's ill-conceived project. Corridor designation allows NYRI to complete the state Public Service Commission's review process knowing the federal government can and will say "yes" even if the State of New York says "no" to it.

NIETC designation is bad government, bad energy policy and bad for people who would have to live with the consequences of NYRI's destructive project. Rescind this unwise and destructive decision and allow state and local governments to exercise their rights.

Sincerely,

Shane Cummings

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Thank you for your comment, Lawrence Foisy.

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Comment Date: June 13, 2007 08:10:35AM CDT

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Comment: 80498

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:
To whom it may concern:

June 13, 2007

I am against the power line proposal because it is a double negative for all of central New York. We are losing pristine land in the recreational Leather Stocking region which is one of the main resources of income for the area. We are also being asked to accept a 20% increase in our power costs to boot.

We receive nothing positive out of this so how do you people expect anyone in upstate New York to be for this project. Just like a contract between a corporation and a union there is give and take, and this all take so we are naturally negative towards this proposal all the way. One has to sweeten the pot if they expect a positive reaction towards this proposal.

Last but not least let's talk about wasted energy. We all know that you lose power over long transmission distributions in line resistance. This causes more green house gas emissions due to wasted power. The logical solution is to build your power plants next to your demand.

The resistance in these proposed lines is not the only resistance you are going to receive from upstate New York!

Sincerely yours,
Lawrence A. Foisy
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A retired Niagara Mohawk / National Grid employee.

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Thank you for your comment, Caroline Tibbetts.

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Comment: 80499

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Both draft National Corridors

Comment Submitted:

We do not need these corridors. We need to invest in renewable energy. Think long term investment instead of short term profit

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Thank you for your comment, Lori Walker.

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Comment: 80500

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Corridor(s) for Comment: Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor

Comment Submitted:

I oppose the new power line corridors. This will contribute to global warming by serving outdated coal power plants. Nuclear and solar and wind energy solutions need to be supported instead. Global warming is an URGENT problem. Also, the federal government should not be allowed to superceed the rights of state and local authorities and private individuals in order to take their land. We need forward thinking solutions to our energy needs. Please help save the earth for future generations. It' up to us. Do the right thing, please.
Respectfully, Lori Walker

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