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Allen Stagers
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RE: 500 KV Transmission Line

Dear Mr. Stagers:

On behalf of the Development Authority of Hampshire County, West Virginia, we wish to register our general support for Allegheny Energy's proposed 500 KV Transmission Line Project from southwestern Pennsylvania to northern Virginia. We share our company's interest in improving system reliability; meeting growing demand for electricity; making cost-effective generation available to move consumers; and expanding the potential for new generation projects and more jobs for residents in Allegheny's service area.


Although we have not closely reviewed the specific alternative transmission line alignments, we understand that some do fall with Hampshire County. This is fine. We realize that the ultimate alignment choice is a balancing of a multitude of factors.

Over the past several years Hampshire County has experienced considerable residential growth. We encourage this growth and the vibrancy these new residents bring to our local population and economy. Much of this new residential growth is occurring in legally planned residential subdivisions. We ask that Allegheny Energy identify, and attempt to avoid these legally recorded and actively developing residential subdivisions in determining the ultimate alignment of this project.

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As always, if we can be of assistance to you with regard to this important project, please project, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas D. Jones", written in a cursive style.

Thomas D. Jones
Executive Director

cc: John Emerick

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