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February 21, 2007

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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Re: Proposed Trans-Allegheny Interstate 500 kV Line (TrAIL)

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter as the State Senator representing the 46th District, which encompasses Greene and parts of Washington Counties – a region being considered by Allegheny Energy for the construction of a new 500-kV line (TrAIL), extending from southwestern Pennsylvania through West Virginia and Maryland to northern Virginia. This proposed transmission line is a result of action taken by PJM Interconnection in June of 2006, approving a five-year program, which we are told has been designed to maintain reliability of the transmission grid in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Many of my constituents have expressed overwhelming concern with the proposed power line - through petitions, letters, calls and visits with their elected officials. The Greene County Commissioners are on record with the U.S. Department of Energy, through a letter dated December 13, 2006, to Secretary Bodman, unequivocally opposing the building of this high voltage transmission line **anywhere** in their county.

I understand that this project will need the approval of the four states that the transmission lines will cross. As regulators appointed to protect the health and safety of the citizens of this Commonwealth, I urge you to conduct a thorough review of any filings that may be submitted to you, taking into consideration any potential health and environmental impact to our citizens, property devaluation, and the protection of wildlife in this area. In addition, please consider whether my constituents will actually benefit from a more reliable electric infrastructure as a result of this project. Will they serve as the unfortunate community hosts to power lines which have only negative health, economic and environmental impacts for them while benefiting only the power company and the end users in urban areas of other states?

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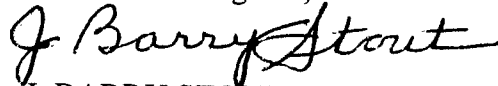
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I would like to be on record expressing my grave concern with this project. I will continue to closely follow this application process. In addition, I ask that you take these concerns to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which may also have authority in approving this proposal.

Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this matter of mutual concern.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Barry Stout". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

J. BARRY STOUT
State Senator
46th Senatorial District