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

Dear Commissioners:

The Washington County Board of Commissioners has been asked to oppose efforts for the construction of the new 500-kV Allegheny Energy line that will extend from Southwestern Pennsylvania through West Virginia, Maryland and Northern Virginia. Many of our residents and our neighbors have signed petitions, written letters and held public hearings in opposition of the proposed Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL). The Greene County Commissioners, as well as several Washington County state and local officials, have gone on record opposing this project, copies of which are attached.

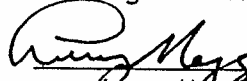
As a Board, we agree that the high voltage line as presently proposed is not in the best interest of Washington County and its residents. We pledge to work with local officials and concerned citizens' organizations to protect the health and safety of our citizens. We urge you to explore the application and associated materials in your possession to assure that our concerns, and those of our neighbors, are addressed. We need to be sure this project is needed and supported and will not have a negative impact in our community.

Therefore, we oppose this project and ask that you thoroughly examine this project to be sure it benefits the citizens of Southwestern Pennsylvania generally, and Washington County residents specifically, and that the proposed line will not adversely affect the health, environment, wildlife, property values or esthetics of our community.

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this request as we anxiously await your findings.

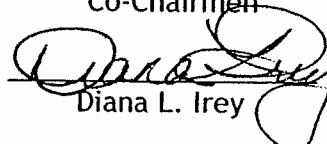
Sincerely,

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