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April 27, 2007

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary  
United States Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Proposed National Interest  
Electric Transmission (NIET)  
Corridor Designation  
in 50 PA Counties, April 2007

Dear Secretary Bodman:

The Board of Commissioners of Greene County, Pennsylvania adamantly opposes the NIET Corridor designation of Southwestern Pennsylvania. We challenge your statement "The parochial interests that shaped energy policy in the 20th century will no longer work." It is our belief that the parochial interests at play today are that of the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) supporting "public" utilities acting as private corporations for the sake of private profits. Instead of usurping state rights and authority in a matter such as this, the USDOE has a responsibility to establish progressive energy policy for the United States that balances the conservation of resources, advances safe energy technologies, protects the public interest and the quality of life of the residents of this nation.

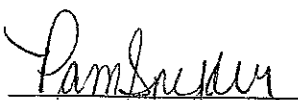
As you are aware, the Honorable H. William DeWeese, Majority Leader of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, testified on April 25, 2007 in a hearing before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy in regard to the potential dissolution of states rights and the consequences the NIET Corridor will have in 50 Pennsylvania counties.


We strongly urge you to comply with this request:


- Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), release the underlying data the DOE relied upon for congestion studies that formed the basis of the proposed NIET Corridors
- Confirm that the congestion studies complied with the Energy Act of 2005 – particularly regarding consultation with the states included in the congestion studies
- Given that 50 of PA's 67 counties are included in the NIET corridor, schedule an additional public meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, to allow our citizens the opportunity to support a progressive energy policy for the USA, confirm states rights and protect themselves from all opposing interests.

We look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely yours,  
GREENE COUNTY, Board of Commissioners

  
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