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

Dear Congressmen Murtha and Murphy and Senators Specter and Casey:

On April 13, 2007, Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Co., an Allegheny Energy, Inc. subsidiary, filed an application with the state Public Utility Commission to construct a high-voltage power line through Greene and Washington counties. As you are aware, there is significant, mounting public opposition to this project and much conjecture about the applicability of the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005. I am, therefore, taking this means of respectfully requesting your input and assistance in clarifying the roles of the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as it relates to the approval of this project.

TrAIL will need the approval of the four states that the transmission lines will cross. I have been actively involved in assuring our mutual constituents and elected officials that their voices will be heard during the Pennsylvania's Public Utility Commission's (PUC) public input hearings and in helping to obtain clarification of how that system will work. However, everyone is concerned about Allegheny Energy's pending request for National Interest Energy Transmission Corridor (NIET) designation from the DOE. It is my understanding that if the DOE establishes that reliability and congestion issues require the designation and grants this status, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 places a one-year time limit for state siting proceedings after which public utilities can seek superceding siting authority from FERC. In other words, if the PUC does not act or rules against the project within a year of the date of state application or a year from the date of NIET designation, FERC can act as the permitting agency, giving the federal government "backstop" authority over the state. I am told that the details of this new process are still under development; however, as I am certain you can understand, usurping Pennsylvania's power to decide what is in its own best interest and surrendering our state's rights is an offensive and intolerable act. Can you provide any input and direction?

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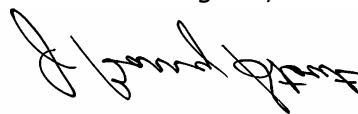
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I have also been asked whether there is any provision in the Energy Policy Act for exempting a portion of a line that is within a NIETC? A different way of stating the question is whether Pennsylvania could be excluded from the designation by the DOE? Will the DOE be looking at these as all or nothing propositions or can pieces of the area sought be carved out?

Thousands of our mutual constituents are articulately and passionately questioning the need for the project and expressing opposition, citing health concerns and the line's possible effects on increased electric rates, property values, and their quiet, rural lifestyles. They do not believe that this power line is the best interest of Southwestern Pennsylvania nor do they believe that there is justification for NIET Corridor designation. They have called upon us as their elected officials to help Pennsylvania retain control over its transmission line projects and I urge you to join me in listening to their request.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. I will anxiously await your response.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Barry Stout". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J. BARRY STOUT
State Senator