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**BELTZVILLE #1 AND #2 138/69 kV
TAP LINES**

**EXHIBITS AND APPENDICES IN SUPPORT OF THE
Letter of Notification**

Application Docket No. _____

Submitted by: PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

SUMMARY

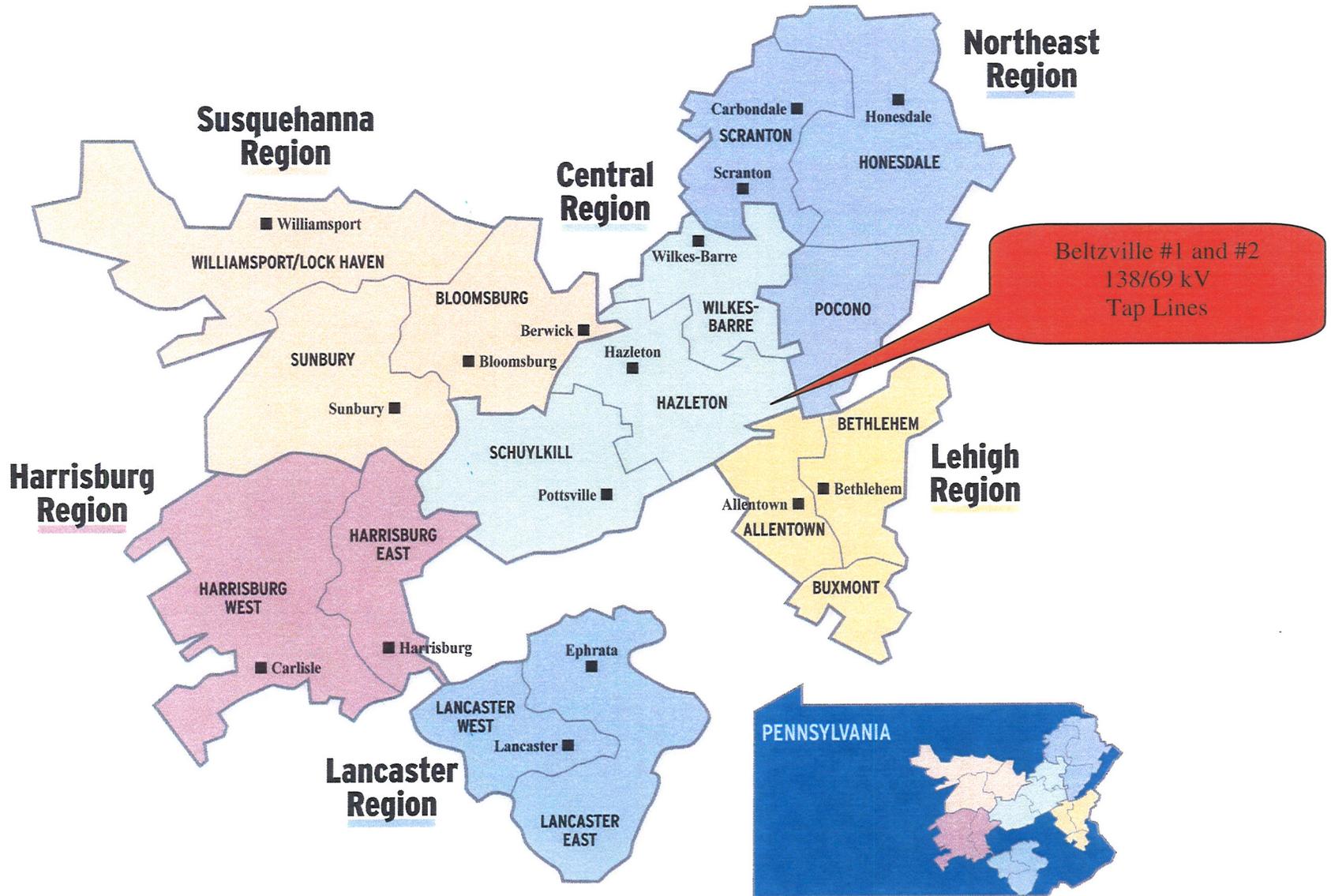
A Letter of Notification is being submitted by PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL Electric) pursuant to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's (PUC or the Commission) regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 57.71 through 57.77 for approval to site and construct the Beltzville #1 and #2 138/69 kV Tap Lines to serve the planned Beltzville 69-12 kV Substation. Together, the tap lines and substation are required to meet the increasing demand for electricity and improve reliability of service in the Towamensing Township area of Carbon County. Although the tap lines initially will be operated at 69 kV, the transmission tap lines are subject to the PUC's siting regulations because the proposed lines will be designed and constructed for 138 kV operation.

The total estimated cost of the proposed transmission work is \$500,000. In addition, PPL Electric estimates that it will spend \$1.8 million (including the transformer cost) for the substation and distribution work associated with this project. This project has a scheduled construction start date of March 2010, in order to meet an in-service date of November 2010.

This document, which describes the need for the project and discusses the engineering and siting analysis for the proposed construction, consists of the following exhibits and appendices:

Exhibit "A"	Necessity Statement
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Exhibit "C"	Environmental Assessment
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APPENDIX B	PPL Electric Magnetic Field Management Program
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A

EXHIBIT "A"
BELTZVILLE #1 AND #2 138/69 kV TAP LINES
NECESSITY STATEMENT

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EXHIBIT "A"
BELTZVILLE #1 AND #2 138/69 kV TAP LINES
NECESSITY STATEMENT

A. INTRODUCTION

PPL Electric is requesting PUC approval to install the Beltzville #1 and #2 138/69 kV Tap Lines. The proposed Beltzville #1 and #2 138/69 kV Tap Lines will extend approximately 300 feet from the existing East Palmerton-Wagners #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Lines to the new PPL Electric-owned Beltzville 69-12 kV Substation. At this time, both tap lines will be constructed into the substation but only transformer #1 will be installed at the substation. In the future, the second circuit will be connected to the substation when conditions require the installation of a second transformer at the substation. The proposed lines will be designed and constructed to operate at 138 kV, although they initially will operate at 69 kV. The proposed facilities are required to serve the projected load growth and increase the reliability of service in the Towamensing Township area of Carbon County.

The estimated cost to design and construct the proposed tap lines is approximately \$500,000. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2010, to meet a required in-service date of November 2010. The required in-service date is defined as the date the proposed facility needs to be placed in service to prevent overloading existing facilities that could potentially damage equipment and result in the interruption of service to customers.

A PPL Electric system map showing existing transmission facilities with a design voltage of 35 kV or greater is included in the Exhibit "A" map pocket. This filing addresses only the existing and proposed 138/69 kV transmission system in the Towamensing Township area.

B. EXISTING SYSTEM

Presently, the Weissport 69-12 kV and the Gilbert 69-12 kV Substations provide service to the area in and around Towamensing Township, Carbon County. The Weissport 69-12 kV

Substation has two 69-12 kV transformers. These transformers are energized from the Weissport 138/69kV Tap off the East Palmerton-Wagners #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line. The East Palmerton-Wagners #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line is a radial transmission line energized from the East Palmerton 230-69 kV Regional Substation.

The Gilbert 69-12 kV Substation currently has two 69-12 kV transformers. Transformer #1 is presently supplied from a 69 kV Tap off the East Palmerton-Gilbert 138/69 kV Transmission Line, which is energized radially from the East Palmerton 230-69 kV Substation. Transformer #2 is supplied from a 69 kV tap off the McMichaels-Gilbert 138/69 kV Tie Line. The McMichaels-Gilbert 138/69 kV Tie Line is a portion of the Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69 kV Transmission Line. The Jackson-Stroudsburg 138/69 kV Transmission Line is served radially from the Jackson 138-69 kV Regional Substation. By November 2010, the Gilbert Substation will be converted to full 138 kV operation with two 138-12 kV transformers served off the networked Siegfried-Jackson #1 and #2 138 kV Transmission Lines. See Figure 1 for the existing transmission system configuration and Figure 3 for the existing distribution system configuration in this area.

C. DEFINITION OF THE PROBLEM

The project, including the Beltzville #1 and #2 138/69 kV Tap Lines will resolve two separate problems. First, the load on the Gilbert 78-3 12 kV distribution line exceeds the normal planning guideline based on PPL Electric's Reliability Principles and Practices (RP&P). The Gilbert 78-3 12 kV conductor is a 336 AL conductor. The planning guideline for such conductor is 10,000 kVA (kilovolt Ampere). The 2008 peak load was 10,700 kVA and the 2010 winter peak load is projected to be 11,000 kVA.

Second, the Weissport 75-3 distribution line, the Gilbert 78-2 and Gilbert 78-3 12 kV distribution lines are some of the worst performing circuits due to long duration outages. The distribution lines are radial lines, which limits transfer capabilities and results in long outages. A radial facility has no back up source that can be utilized during unplanned outages. Additionally, service to customers cannot be restored by remote switching. Rather, switching must be

performed manually, which prolongs outage duration. Further, these radial lines exceed PPL Electric's RP&P by having more than 1,300 customers on each feeder.

D. PROPOSED SOLUTION

In order to resolve the issues discussed above, PPL Electric seeks PUC approval to construct the proposed Beltzville #1 and #2 138/69 kV Tap Lines. After the Commission's approval of the new Tap Lines, PPL Electric will also construct a new Beltzville 69-12 kV Substation that will be supplied by the Tap Lines. Two new 12 kV distribution lines will be installed from the new substation to serve customer load in the area. PPL Electric will own, operate, and maintain the new Beltzville 69-12 kV Substation and Beltzville #1 and #2 138/69 kV Tap Lines. The new Beltzville 69-12 kV Substation will relieve loading and reduce the number of customers on the Weissport 75-3, the Gilbert 78-2, and Gilbert 78-3 distribution lines. The new 12 kV distribution lines will serve part of the load currently being supplied by the Weissport 75-3, and the Gilbert 78-2, and Gilbert 78-3 distribution lines. This reinforcement will reduce the peak loading on these lines by 4.0 MVA, 2.1 MVA, and 3.7 MVA respectively.

The new Beltzville 69-12 kV Substation will also create three new distribution tie lines to eliminate the main radial portion of the Weissport 75-3, the Gilbert 78-2, and Gilbert 78-3 distribution lines, and provide a backup source to serve customer load and prevent outages. Additionally, the project will include remote controlled switching to improve the transfer capabilities of these circuits. These upgrades will improve both the reliability and operational flexibility in the area. See Figure 2 for the proposed transmission system configuration and Figure 4 for the proposed distribution system configuration in this area.

The total estimated cost of this solution is approximately \$2.3 million, which includes: \$1.2 million for the new substation; \$500,000 for the transmission lines, and \$600,000 for distribution lines.

E. FUNCTIONAL ALTERNATIVE

An alternative to building the new substation and transmission tap lines would be to build a new 12 kV distribution line and terminal from the Weissport Substation and one from the Gilbert Substation to relieve load on the existing 12 kV distribution lines in the area. This alternative would require new 12 kV distribution lines to follow the existing line route for about six miles. Utilizing the existing line route would not improve reliability because both lines would continue to be radial lines and, therefore, subject to the same potential outages. Further, at an estimated cost of \$4.0 million, this alternative would be more expensive to implement. PPL Electric rejected this alternative because the preferred alternative described above in Section D provides sufficient additional capacity at a lower cost. The preferred alternative also offers additional reliability benefits and increases operational flexibility.

Functional One Line Diagram of Existing Transmission Facility

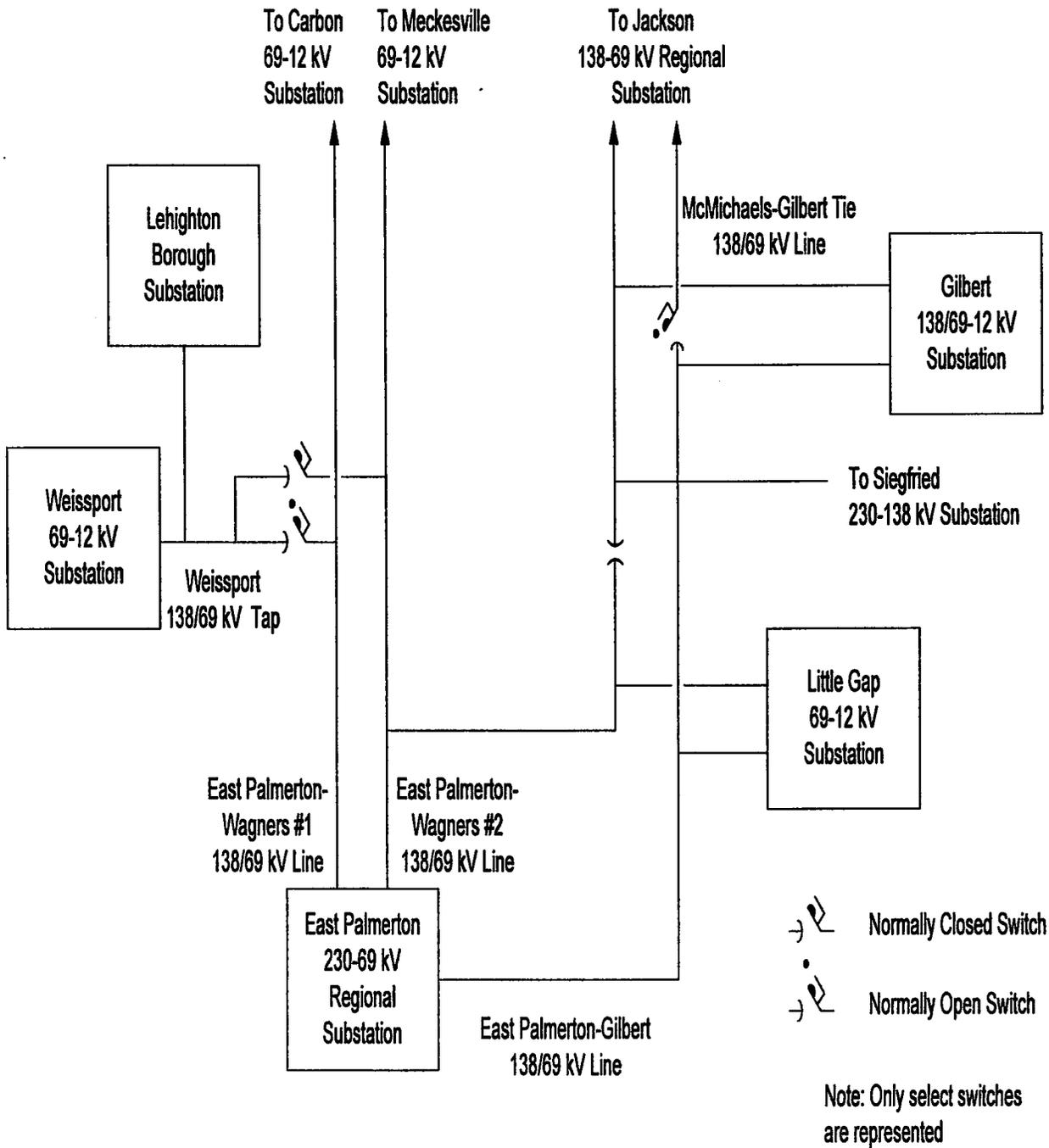


Figure 1

Functional One Line Diagram of Proposed Transmission Facility

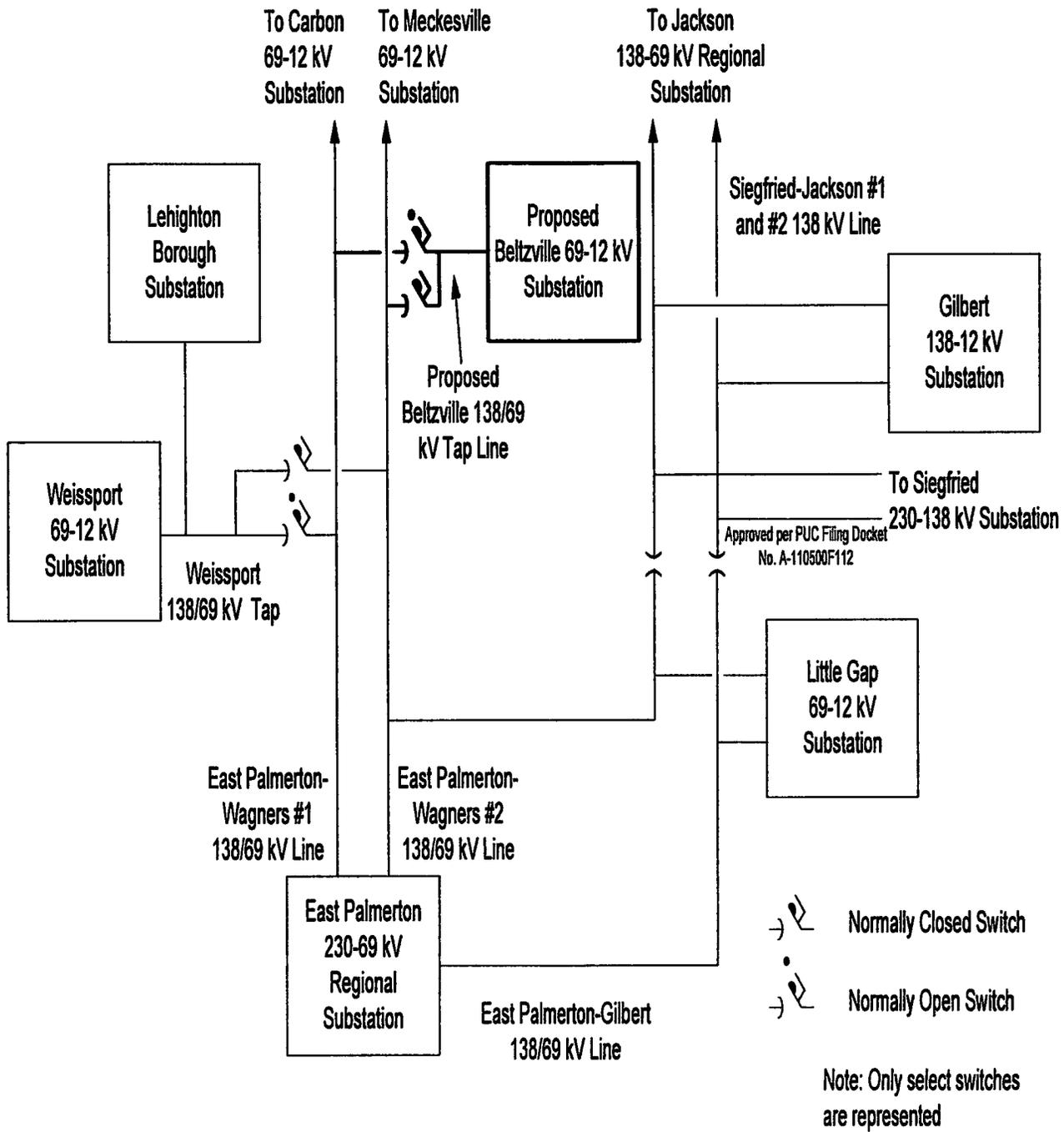
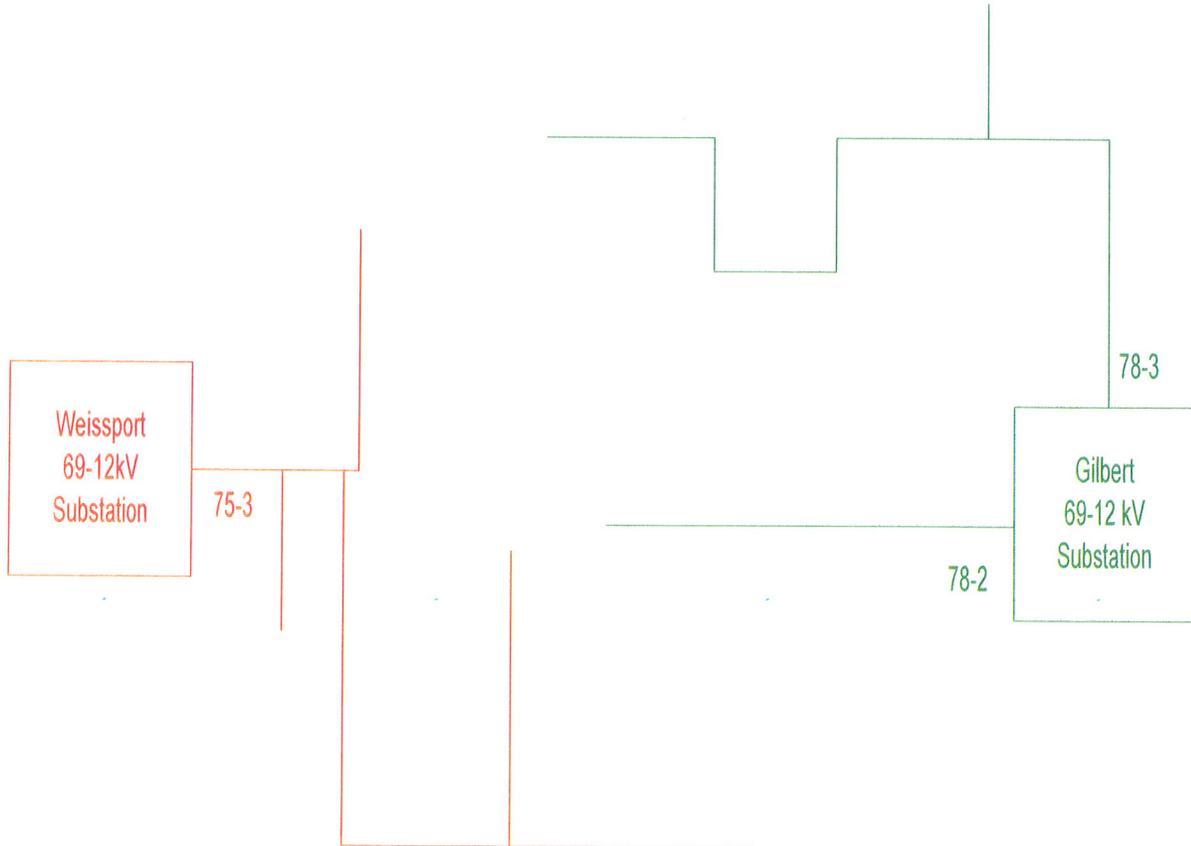


Figure 2

Functional One Line Diagram of Existing Distribution Facility

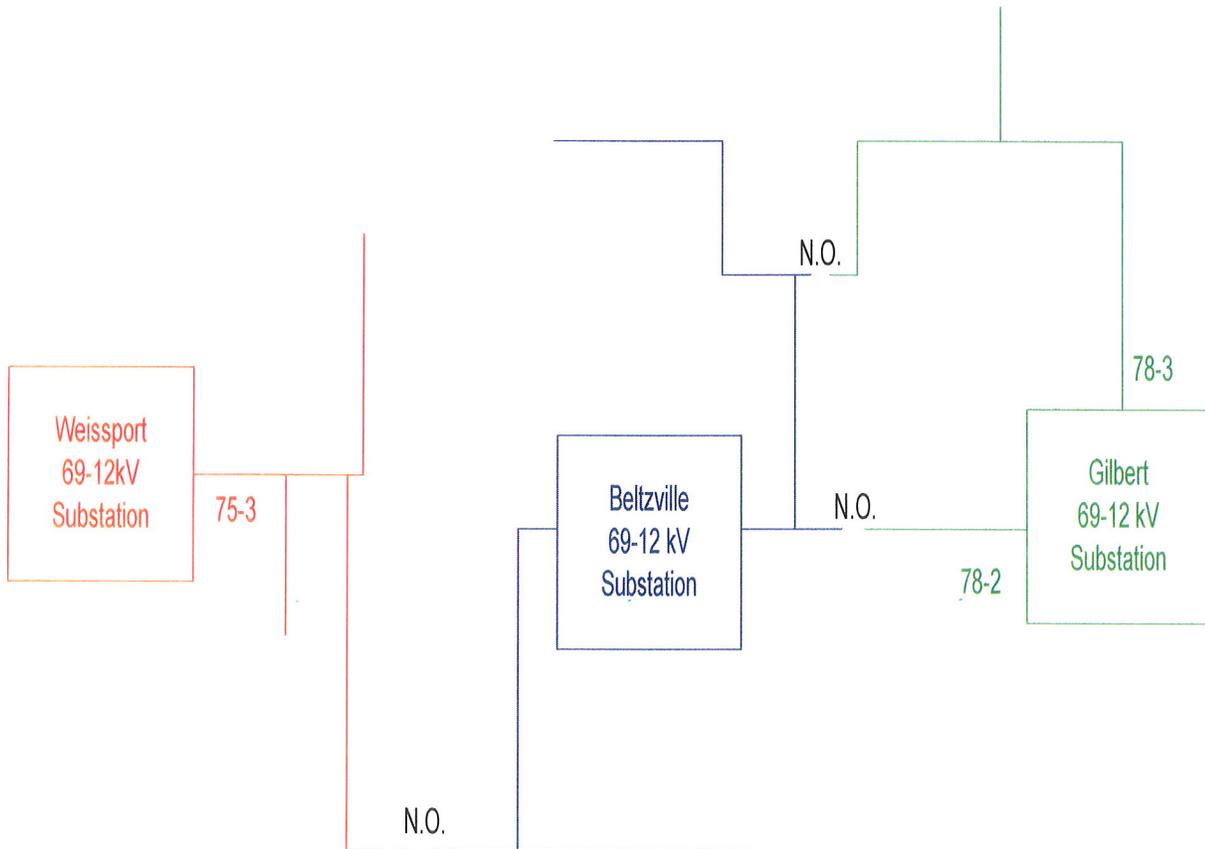


N.O. = Normally Open

Note: Only select switches are represented

Figure 3

Functional One Line Diagram of Proposed Distribution Facility



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Note: Only select switches are represented

Figure 4

SUBSTATION LISTING

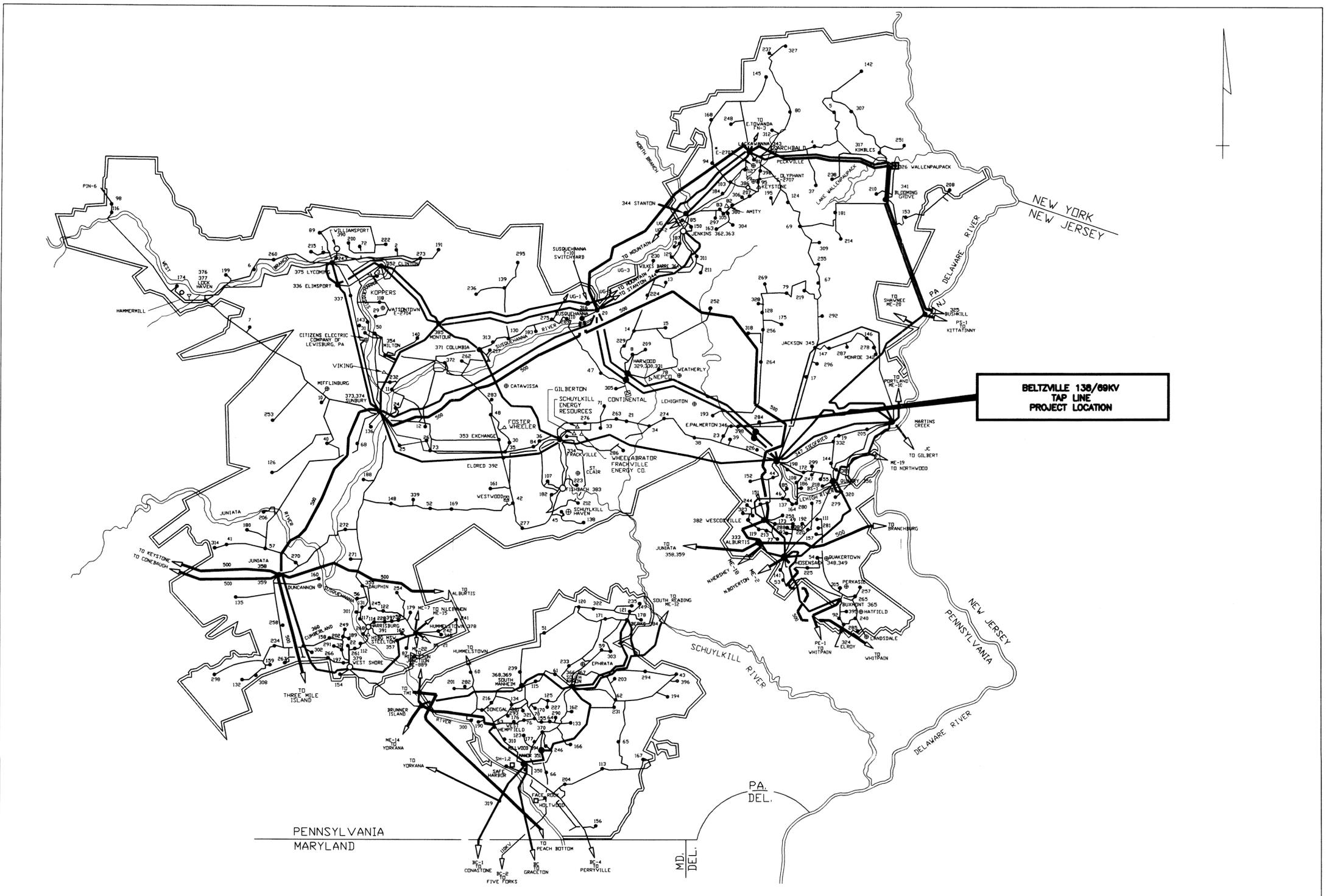
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3 MONTGOMERY	153 HEMLOCK	303 REAMSTOWN
4 YARDEN	154 MT. ALLEN	304 DUPONT
5 HONESDALE	155 PRINCE	305 HUMBOLDT
6 JERSEY SHORE	156 WAKEFIELD	306 CEDAR AVE
7 LOGANTOWN	157 COOPERSBURG	307 INDIAN ORCHARD
8 VALMONT	158 WERTZVILLE	308 NOTTINGHAM
9 RIVER	159 WEST CARLISLE	309 NORTH COOLBAUGH
10 LIMESTONE	160 PENNVALE	310 LEFORT
11 NORTHUMBERLAND	161 HEGINS	311 EAST MOUNTAIN
12 REED	162 LEDA	312 JERMUN
13 WRIGHT	163 YATESVILLE	313 BLOOMSBURG
14 ST. JOHNS	164 CENTRAL ALLENTOWN	314 MIFFLINTOWN
15 FREELAND	165 OBERLIN	315 RIDGE ROAD
16 GILBERT	166 STRASBURG	316 SUSQUEHANNA
17	167 ATGLEN	317 T-ID SW YD.
18	168 BROOKSIDE	318 KIMBLE
19	169 WILLIAMSTOWN	319 CHRISTIANS
20	170 E. PETERSBURG	320 OTTER CREEK
21	171 WERNERSVILLE	321 STEEL CITY
22	172 WHITE HILL	322 MCGOVERNVILLE
23	173 PALMERTON	323 ROBESONIA
24	174 HAMILTON	324 FLEMINGTON
25	175 HUNTER	325 MEKEVILLE
26	176 FAIRVIEW	326 DENVERVILLE
27	177 MILLERSVILLE	327 MILLERSVILLE
28	178	328 MILLINGTON
29	179	329 DUKES
30	180	330 MCALLISTERVILLE
31	181	331 NEWFOUNDLAND
32	182	332 HARWOOD 230/69KV
33	183	333 WEST BERWICK
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80	230	380 EYOND
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* - SUBSTATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RETIRED.
 ## - SITE OF THE EXISTING 230KV SUBSTATION AND PROPOSED 500KV SUBSTATION

INTERCONNECTIONS

PS PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS CO. OF N.J.
 ME METROPOLITAN EDISON CO. (FIRST ENERGY)
 PE PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC CO. (PECO ENERGY)
 BC BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC CO.
 SH SAFE HARBOR WATER POWER CORPORATION
 UP THE UNITED GAS IMPROVEMENT CO. - LUZERNE ELECTRIC DIVISION
 PN PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC CO. (FIRST ENERGY)
 JC JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT CO. (FIRST ENERGY)

COMBUSTION TURBINE	●	500KV OPERATION	—
HYDRO ELECTRIC	□	230KV OPERATION	—
COMBINATION	⊕	138KV OPERATION	—
FIRM SALES	⊗	69KV OPERATION	—
SUBSTATION /SWITCHING STATION	•		
STEAM ELECTRIC	□		
NON-UTILITY GENERATION	△		
INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS	⊠		



**BELTVILLE 138/69KV
 TAP LINE
 PROJECT LOCATION**

ACCT- 805201	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM MAP	
SCALE- NONE	BELTVILLE 138/69KV TAP LINE	
BY- CDW		
APPROVED	DATE	PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES
G. HAKUN III	7/17/85	
PPL DRAWING NO.	SHEET NO.	REV.
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48	2/1/80	139139	ADDED SUSQUEHANNA-ROSELAND 500 KV TRANSMISSION LINE	RRC	KBK
51	2/17/80	389358	ADDED BELTVILLE 138KV TAP LINE.	RRC	NHJ
50	2/21/80	389346	ADDED JESSUP 138/69KV TAP LINE	RRC	NHJ
49	2/10/80	161660	MILLWOOD-STRASBURG 230/69KV TIE LINE	CDW	DLH

PPL EUI FORM 4877 (7/80)

Exhibit B

EXHIBIT "B"
BELTZVILLE #1 AND #2 138/69 kV TAP LINES
ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION

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EXHIBIT "B"
BELTZVILLE #1 AND #2 138/69 kV TAP LINES
ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION

A. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

PPL Electric proposes to design and construct the Beltzville #1 and #2 138/69 kV Tap Lines to serve the proposed Beltzville 69-12 kV Substation. The proposed Beltzville #1 and #2 138/69 kV Tap Lines will extend from the existing East Palmerton-Wagners #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Lines into the proposed Beltzville 69-12 kV Substation. At this time, both tap lines will be constructed into the new substation but only transformer #1 will be installed at the substation. In the future, the Beltzville #2 Tap Line will be connected to transformer #2 when conditions require a second transformer at the substation. The tap lines will be designed and constructed for 138 kV operation, although they initially will operate at 69 kV. This project is located in Towamensing Township, Carbon County. The plot plan at the end of Exhibit "B" depicts the location of these facilities.

The proposed tap lines will be approximately 300 feet in length and will each consist of three spans. The spans will vary in length with the shortest span being approximately 60 feet and the longest span being approximately 160 feet. The high tap structure will be approximately 115 feet in height, and the low tap structure will be approximately 60 feet in height. These two structures will be on foundations. The remaining four poles, including the two load sectionalizing air break switches (LSAB), will be approximately 80 feet in height and direct-embedded. Each circuit will consist of three power conductors and one overhead ground wire. The power conductors will be 556.5 KCMIL 24/7 strand ACSR. The 3/8 inch steel overhead ground wires will provide lightning protection for the proposed tap lines.

The new 138/69 kV tap lines will be designed according to and will generally surpass the National Electrical Safety Code standards. Additional design criteria and safety rules practiced by PPL Electric are explained in Appendix A. The minimum conductor-to-ground clearance will

be 30 feet. This minimum clearance occurs at a thermal conductor temperature of 125°C. The design minimum conductor ground clearances and conductor thermal ratings are as follow:

TABLE 1
DESIGN MINIMUM CONDUCTOR CLEARANCES
FOR 556.5 KCMIL 24/7 STRAND ACSR*

<u>Condition</u>	<u>Double-Circuit Design Clearance-to-Ground</u>
Normal load, average weather (16°C ambient, 60°F temperature)	30.1 feet
Predicted extreme thermal load (125°C conductor, 257°F temperature)	30.0 feet
Predicted NESC extreme wind load conditions (25 lbs., 16°C, 60°F temperature)	31.0 feet
Predicted extreme weather conditions, 0°F (1-inch ice, 4 lbs. wind, -18°C)	31.4 feet

*Clearances based on a maximum tension of 2,000 pounds and a ruling span of 160 feet.

TABLE 2
CONDUCTOR THERMAL RATING
556.5 KCMIL 24/7 ACSR
125°C MAXIMUM CONDUCTOR TEMPERATURE

<u>Condition</u>	<u>Ambient Temperature °C</u>	<u>Wind Speed Knots</u>	<u>Ampacity Amps</u>
Summer Normal	35	0	815
Winter Normal	10	0	926
Summer Emergency	35	1.5	1041
Winter Emergency	10	1.5	1163

B. MAGNETIC FIELD MANAGEMENT

PPL Electric's Magnetic Field Management Program is summarized in Appendix B and applied to reconstruction and new line projects. In order to lower magnetic field exposures, the program generally prescribes the use of a line design that provides 5 feet higher ground clearances and reverse phasing new double-circuit lines where it is feasible to do so at low or no cost. The implementation of additional modifications will be considered, provided those modifications can be made at low or no cost.

Reverse phasing and increased structure height will be utilized in the design of the new lines to reduce magnetic field exposures. However, a reduction of magnetic fields, due to reverse phasing, cannot be attained until both circuits are carrying load. This will occur when conditions call for the installation of a second transformer at the substation.

C. RIGHT-OF-WAY STATUS

PPL Electric requires new right-of-way from one residential property owner in order to construct the proposed tap line. The property owner of record has agreed to execute a right-of-way agreement for the required easement. Appendix "C" contains a complete list of all property owners from whom right-of-way is required.

FIGURE 1
PROPOSED 138/69 kV TANGENT STRUCTURE
APPROXIMATE HEIGHT - 80'

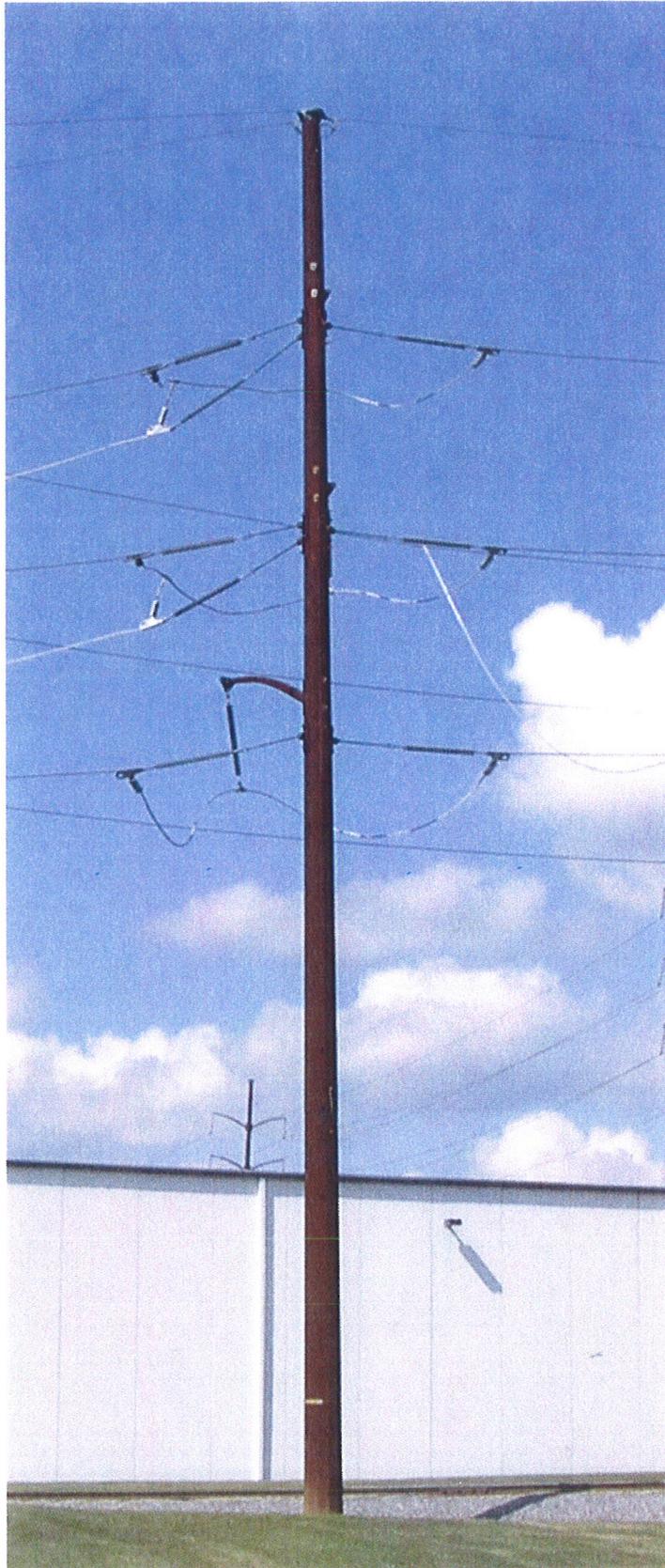


FIGURE 2
PROPOSED 138/69 kV ANGLE STRUCTURE
APPROXIMATE HEIGHT - 80'

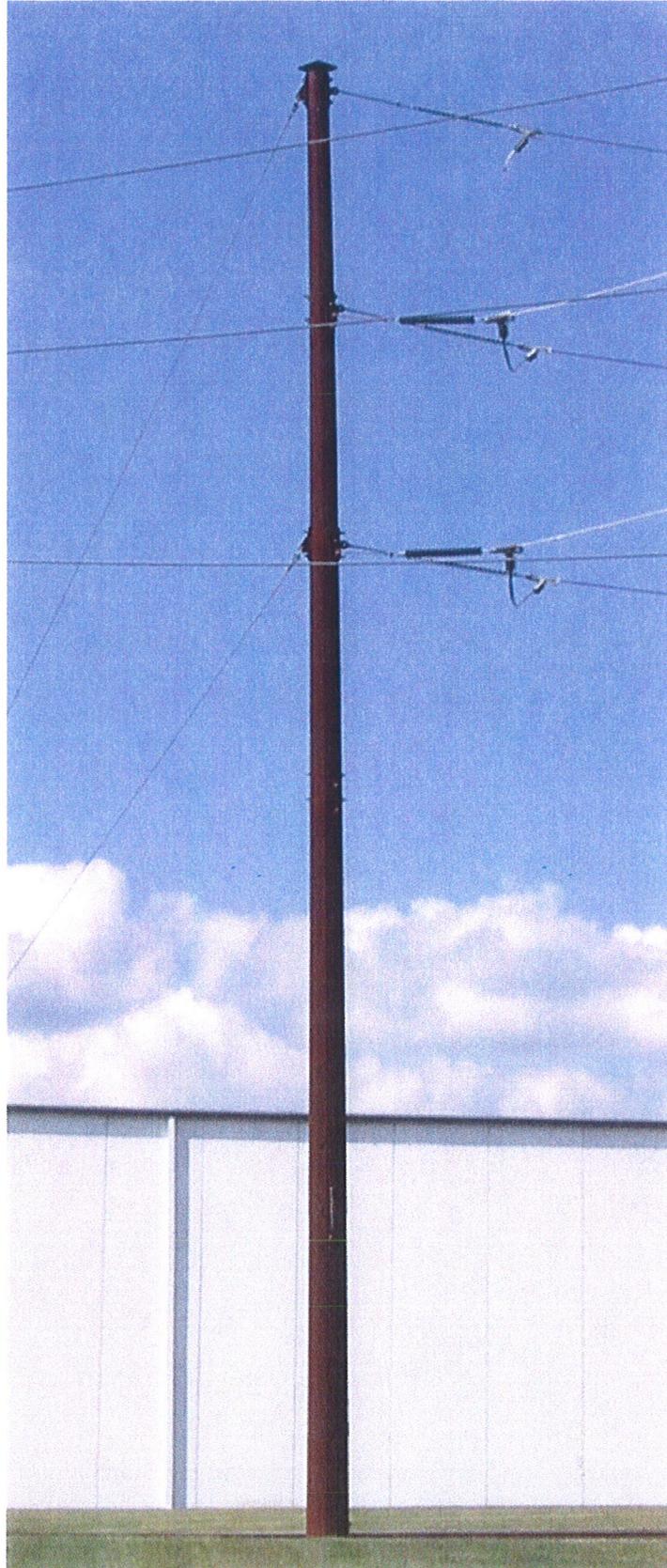


FIGURE 3
PROPOSED 138/69 kV HIGH TAP STRUCTURE
APPROXIMATE HEIGHT – 115'

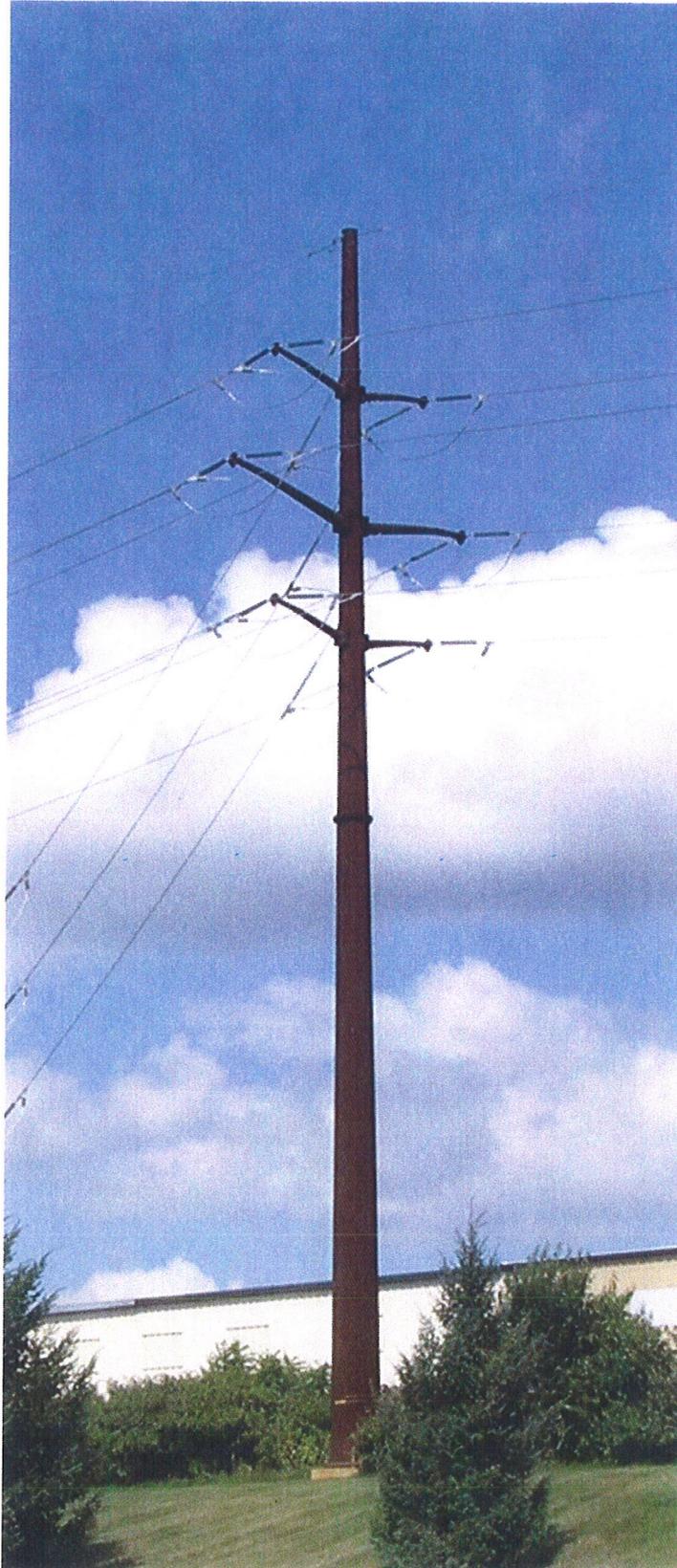


FIGURE 4
PROPOSED 138/69 kV LOW TAP STRUCTURE
APPROXIMATE HEIGHT - 60'

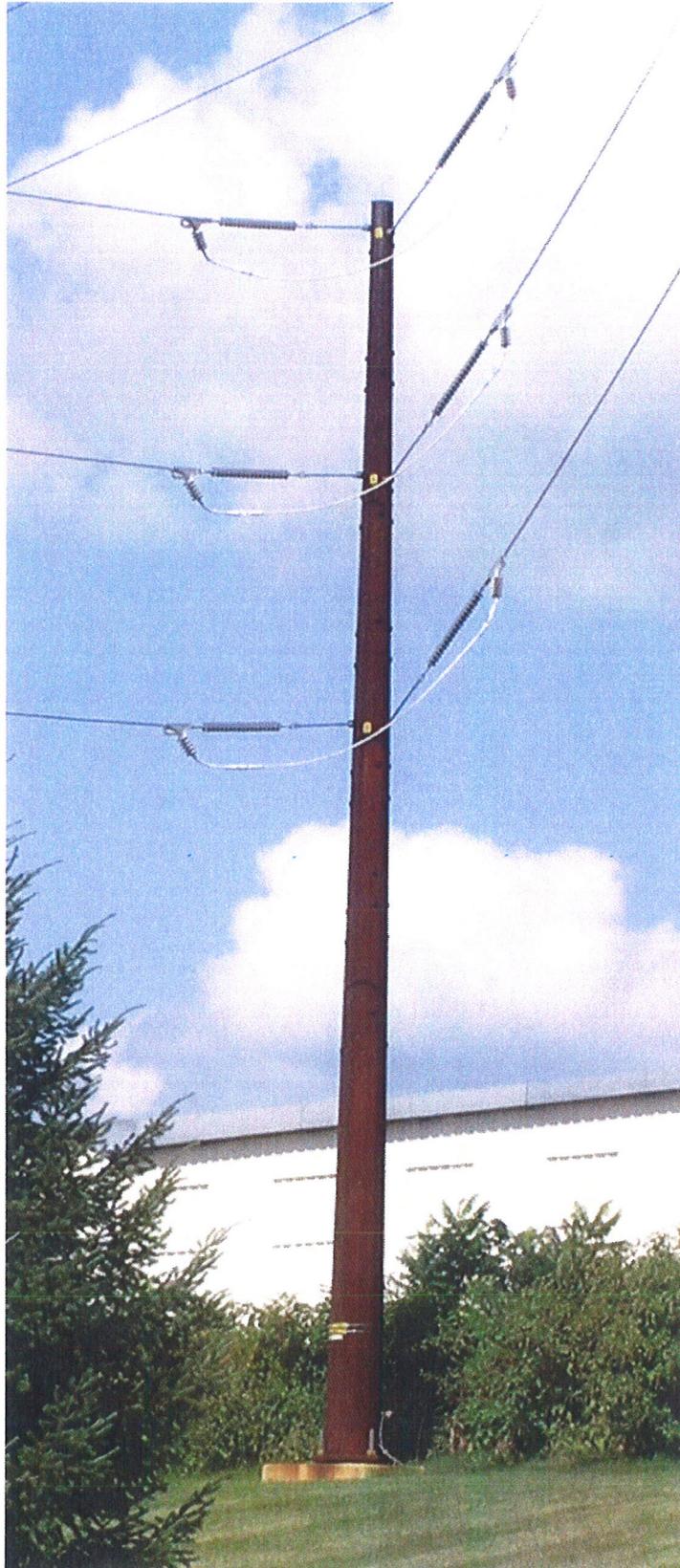


FIGURE 5
PROPOSED 138/69 kV SWITCH STRUCTURE
APPROXIMATE HEIGHT - 80'

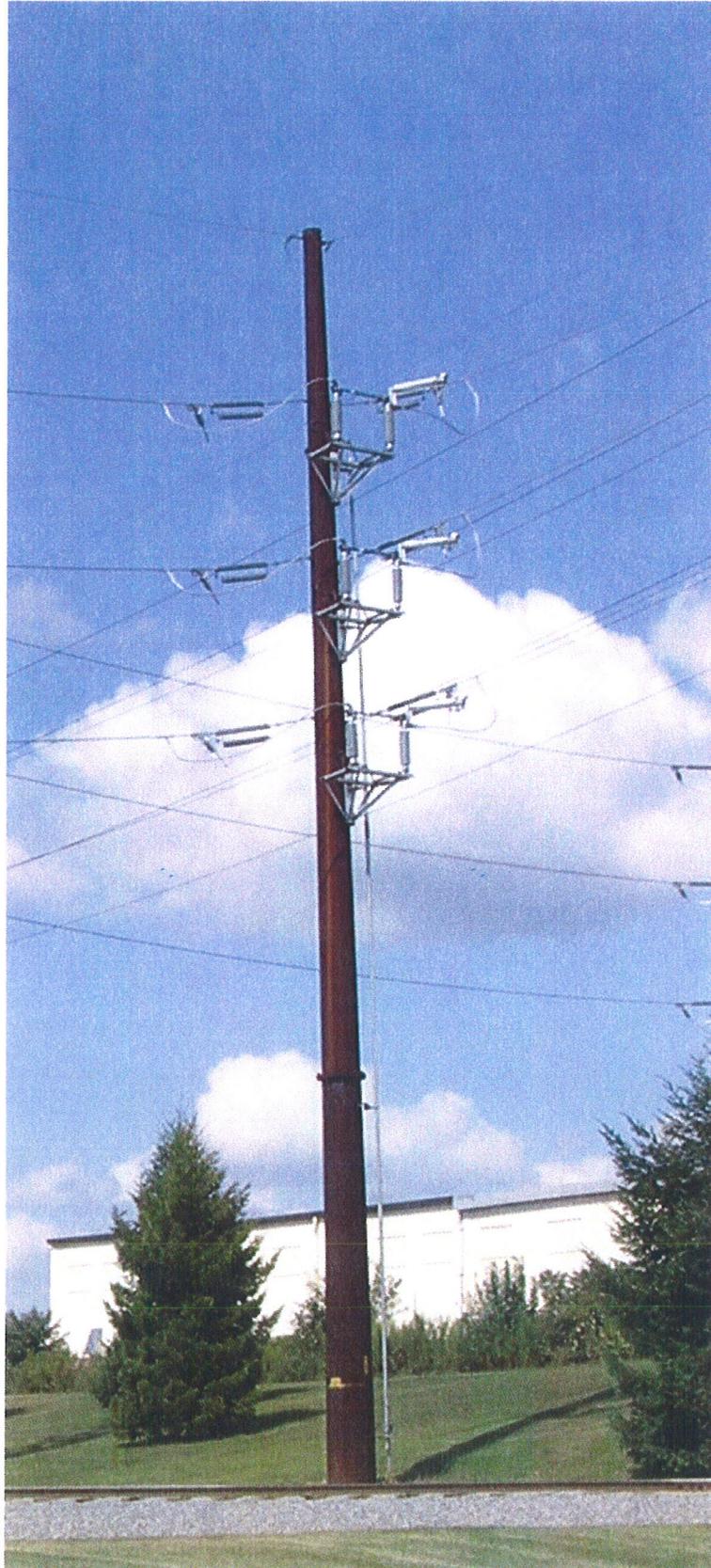


Exhibit C

EXHIBIT "C"
BELTZVILLE #1 AND #2 138/69 kV TAP LINES
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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EXHIBIT "C"
BELTZVILLE #1 AND #2 138/69 kV TAP LINES
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

A. INTRODUCTION

To relieve load on an already overloaded distribution line and improve reliability of service, PPL Electric is proposing to construct the Beltzville #1 and #2 138/69 kV Tap Lines to serve the proposed Beltzville 69-12 kV Substation. The project involves the installation of approximately 300 feet of transmission line and six steel poles to support the lines. The short taps initially will be operated at 69 kV but will be designed and constructed for 138 kV operation. New right-of-way is required from one property owner in order to construct the tap lines. The property owner has executed a right-of-way agreement for the necessary easement.

The proposed project was reviewed with Towamensing Township and Carbon County. Neither the Township nor the County has any objection. A list of involved governmental agencies, municipalities, and other public entities is presented in Appendix D.

B. LAND USE

The proposed new transmission tap lines are located on two parcels of land in Towamensing Township, Carbon County. One property is a 2.69 acre parcel, which PPL Electric owns. This parcel will contain the proposed Beltzville Substation and a portion of the proposed tap lines. The other property is approximately 59.2 acres, the majority of which is a cultivated field. This parcel also contains a residential dwelling and is traversed by existing electrical facilities. These electrical facilities include the existing East Palmerton-Wagners #1 and #2 138/69 kV Transmission Line and the existing Susquehanna-Wescosville 500 kV Transmission Line. Therefore, minimal additional impacts on existing land use are anticipated as a result of the proposed new tap lines.

The proposed tap lines will cross over a driveway and cultivated field before crossing onto the proposed substation site. No nearby communication towers, pipelines, or other utilities will be affected by the proposed project. The Beltzville Airport is approximately 2.3 miles from the project location. PPL Electric will file the appropriate documentation with both the Federal Aviation Administration and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Bureau of Aviation to ensure the proposed tap lines will not be a hazard to the airport's flight operations.

C. CULTURAL RESOURCES

The proposed project was reviewed by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). The PHMC has determined that there are no National Register eligible or listed historic or archaeological properties in the area (File No. ER 2009-1670-025-A). Therefore, there are no anticipated impacts to such resources and no further investigations are required.

D. NATURAL FEATURES

Stony Ridge is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the project area. Also, the Lehigh Gap is located approximately 5.15 miles southwest of the project area. These features will not be affected due to their distance from the project location, the extensive development between the features and the project location, and the small project size.

No National Natural Landmarks, parks, or recreational facilities will be affected by the proposed project. Beltzville State Park is located approximately 0.50 miles north of the project area. Additionally, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, a National Recreation area, is located approximately 4.22 miles south of the project area. There are no anticipated impacts to these features due to the distance from the project area, the extensive development between the project area and the features, and the small project size.

Tree clearing is required along a portion of the proposed transmission tap lines. PPL Electric will apply its "Specifications for Initial Clearing and Control of Vegetation On or Adjacent to Electric Line Right-of-Way through Use of Herbicides, Mechanical, and Hand Clearing

Techniques” to mitigate impacts. The transmission tap lines will not cross any wetlands or areas designated as “Waters of the U.S.” or “Waters of the Commonwealth”. PPL Electric will acquire and comply with any required soil erosion and sedimentation control permit conditions. Any required permits will be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Army Corps of Engineers prior to construction, and PPL Electric will comply with all conditions placed on the permits.

E. THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

PPL Electric has coordinated with different state and federal agencies to obtain information regarding endangered and threatened species in the area. A review of the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) records indicate there are potential impacts, under the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) regulations, to special concern species and resources within the project area. The potential impacts would be to the Crested Dwarf Iris and Carey’s Smartweed, which are listed as PA Endangered species. Another potential impact is to the Button-bush Dodder which is listed as a PA Proposed Tentatively Undetermined species. PPL Electric retained Mellon Biological Services to respond to DCNR’s request that a survey be conducted at the appropriate time of year by a qualified botanist. Rick Mellon, a qualified botanist, has reviewed the project area and determined that no Crested Dwarf Iris, Carey’s Smartweed, or Button-bush Dodder exist within the project area. Mr. Mellon prepared documentation of his findings, which was sent to DCNR’s Bureau of Forestry. Correspondence from DCNR’s Bureau of Forestry dated December 4, 2009 indicates no impacts are anticipated and no further coordination is needed for this project (PNDI Number: 20081204169670).

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APPENDIX A

PPL ELECTRIC DESIGN CRITERIA AND SAFETY PRACTICES

The National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) is a set of rules to safeguard people during the installation, operation, and maintenance of electric power lines. The NESC contains the basic provisions considered necessary for the safety of employees and the public. Although it is not intended as a design specification, its provisions establish minimum design requirements. PPL Electric Utilities Corp. (PPL Electric) has developed design specifications and safety rules which meet or surpass all provisions specified by the NESC.

Engineering Design Criteria and Parameters

The NESC includes loading requirements and clearances for the design, construction, and operation of power lines. The "loads" on conductors and supporting structures are the mechanical forces that develop from the weight of the conductors, the weight of ice on the conductors, plus wind pressure on the conductors and supporting structures. Loading requirements are the loads on the conductors and structures that are anticipated assuming certain ice and wind conditions. Loading requirements always contain "safety factors" to allow for unknown or unanticipated contingencies. The clearances and loading requirements contained in the NESC were developed to ensure public safety and welfare.

PPL Electric transmission line design standards meet or surpass the NESC standards. For example, the relative order of grades of construction for conductors and supporting structures is B, C, and N; Grade B being the highest. According to the NESC standards, construction Grades B, C, or N may be used for transmission lines (except at crossings of railroad tracks and limited access highways where Grade B construction is specified). However, PPL Electric designs all of its transmission lines for Grade B construction. The use of Grade B design and construction specifies such things as larger-minimum crossarm dimensions, larger-minimum conductor size, and increased safety factors.

Another example is the design parameters utilized to account for ice and wind loadings on the overhead ground wire (OHGW) and power conductors. The NESC standard ice and wind design magnitudes for the PPL Electric territory are 0.5 inch thickness of radial ice combined with four pounds per square foot horizontal wind pressure (equivalent to 40-mile per hour wind velocity). The conductor sags and tensions used in line designs are the result of various ice and wind combinations, depending on the elevation at the line location and line design voltage. The conductor sags and tensions used in the design of all PPL Electric transmission lines are at least 0.5-inch ice combined with eight pounds wind pressure (equivalent to 57 miles per hour wind velocity). This means that PPL Electric lines are designed to operate safely and reliably during inclement weather even more severe than assumed by the NESC. In addition, PPL Electric transmission lines are designed with more clearance to the ground than required by the NESC. The tables below compare PPL Electric and NESC ground clearances for lines of various voltages.

138 kV

<u>Surface Underneath Conductors</u>	<u>Vertical Clearance to Ground</u>	
	<u>NESC Standard</u>	<u>PPL Electric Design</u>
Roads, streets, alleys	21 Ft.	30 Ft.
Other land traversed by vehicles (such as cultivated field, forest, etc.)	21 Ft.	30 Ft.
Spaces accessible to pedestrians only	17 Ft.	30 Ft.
Railroad tracks	31 Ft.	35 Ft.

230 kV

<u>Surface Underneath Conductors</u>	<u>Vertical Clearance to Ground</u>	
	<u>NESC Standard</u>	<u>PPL Electric Design</u>
Roads, streets, alleys	23 Ft.	32 Ft.
Other land traversed by vehicles (such as cultivated field, forest, etc.)	23 Ft.	32 Ft.
Spaces accessible to pedestrians only	19 Ft.	32 Ft.
Railroad tracks	31 Ft.	36 Ft.

500 kV

<u>Surface Underneath Conductors</u>	<u>Vertical Clearance to Ground</u>	
	<u>NESC Standard</u>	<u>PPL Electric Design</u>
Roads, streets, alleys	28 Ft.	53 Ft.
Other land traversed by vehicles (such as cultivated field, forest, etc.)	28 Ft.	53 Ft.
Spaces accessible to pedestrians only	24 Ft.	53 Ft.
Railroad tracks	38 Ft.	53 Ft.

A relay protection system is used to protect the public safety and welfare as well as equipment and the transmission system. Relay protection is installed for all transmission lines to automatically de-energize the line in the unlikely event that the line or supporting structure fails and the line contacts the ground.

Periodic Maintenance Program on All Transmission Lines

To ensure continued public safety and integrity of service, a periodic maintenance and inspection program is implemented for every transmission line. The program is administered through the use of helicopter patrols, with supplemental foot and structure climbing patrols. A number of helicopter patrols are performed on all lines annually. The two-man helicopter crew flies parallel, to the left, and above the line so that the observer can look for signs of line damage or deterioration and observe clearances between vegetation and conductors. The observations are included in a report that is forwarded to the appropriate department for corrective action.

Foot and structure climbing patrol programs for a transmission line begin approximately three to five years after the line is energized, unless a helicopter patrol reports a need for earlier action. The frequency of foot patrols varies from once every year to once every several years depending on line type and age.

An assigned foot patroller checks right-of-way conditions, including access roads, bridges, pole washouts, tower footers, vegetation height and clearance to conductors, pole and tower deterioration and, with the use of binoculars, insulators, and condition of hardware. Identified problems are included in a report that is forwarded to the appropriate department for corrective action.

A scheduled line outage is required to perform an overhead patrol because of "hands-on" inspection of hardware. Overhead patrols are conducted on a schedule determined by line age, operating record, and observed general condition. The necessary repairs are also done during the inspection outage.

Personnel Safety Rules

The following are a few of the PPL Electric safety rules that demonstrate the Company's concern for employee safety:

- Work procedures have been developed to allow work to be performed on energized facilities in a safe manner. When lines or apparatus are removed from service to be worked on, the Energy Control Process system is applied. This system provides that a red tag must be physically placed on the control handle of the de-energized equipment. The red tag may be removed only after proper authorization to energize the equipment. Various other tags are used for limited

operations and informational purposes. Employees will not apply or remove a tag or change the status of tagged equipment unless authorized.

- Temporary safety grounds are used on de-energized facilities for employee safety during maintenance, construction, or reconstruction work. Safety grounds are wires connecting the de-energized facility to an electrical ground. If the facility should be energized, the safety grounds will divert the current directly to ground and reduce the likelihood of personal injury. The conductor size and attachment clamps of temporary safety grounds must be capable of conducting anticipated fault currents. Rubber gloves, rubber sleeves, and additional rubber protective equipment are used as required when applying or removing temporary safety grounds to or from the lines or apparatus to be grounded. An approved nonconductive working stick of sufficient length to allow workers to maintain the following required minimum clearances is used to test that the line has been de-energized and to apply temporary safety grounds:

<u>Voltage-kV</u>	<u>Minimum Clearance</u>
138	3'-7"
230	5'-3"
500	11'-3"

Before applying grounds, a test is done to confirm that the line is de-energized. The voltage test device is checked before and after use to assure reliability. When ground pins are used to establish proper ground points, they are driven to a depth of not less than four feet as near vertical as possible.

- Poles or structures are inspected and examined for structural integrity before climbing. If there is any reason to believe that a pole is unsafe, it is stabilized before work is performed. Appropriate safety gear in the form of body belts, safety straps, hard hats, gloves, etc., is worn by linemen during line work activity.



**MAGNETIC
FIELD
MANAGEMENT**
**PPL Electric Utilities
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APPENDIX B

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INTRODUCTION

At PPL Electric Utilities Corp. (PPL EU), magnetic field management means investigating and implementing methods at low or no cost to reduce magnetic fields in new or rebuilt transmission and distribution lines. This document explains PPL EU's Magnetic Field Management Program, which is part of PPL EU's larger Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) policy.

PPL EU's View

Some people are worried that electric and magnetic fields are harming their health. Others think the scientific research does not show a problem at all, and still others believe there's just too much scientific uncertainty to draw any conclusions.

Here's what we do know now. Various panels of scientists that have reviewed the EMF research generally have drawn two main conclusions. First, the large body of evidence does not demonstrate that EMF are harmful. Second, additional research is recommended to explore questions raised in some studies.

Given these conclusions, PPL EU is taking a reasoned approach in responding to the EMF issue. PPL EU's approach to the EMF issue consists of five elements:

- Providing EMF information to customers and employees
- Providing magnetic field measurements
- Establishing and implementing a magnetic field management program to reduce magnetic fields in new or rebuilt facilities when it can be done at no, or low, cost
- Integrating EMF in the public involvement process that PPL EU undertakes in the siting of transmission lines
- Have supported additional research

EMF Are All Around Us

Electric and magnetic fields occur in nature and in all living things. The earth, for instance, has a magnetic field, which makes the needle on a compass point north.

Electric fields and magnetic fields of a different type also surround every wire that carries electricity. In everyday life, these EMF arise from several basic sources, including power lines, electrical appliances, home and building wiring, other utility lines and cables, and currents flowing on water pipes. Though they often occur together, EMF are made up of two separate components:

Electric Fields

Electric fields are produced by the voltage—or electrical pressure—on a wire. The higher the voltage, the higher the electric field. As long as a wire is energized—has voltage present—an electric field is present (see Figure 1). In other words, an appliance, or an electric power line, doesn't actually have to be turned on to create an electric field. It just has to be plugged in. Electric fields diminish with distance and can be blocked or partially shielded by objects such as trees and houses.

Magnetic Fields

Magnetic fields are created by the current or flow of electricity through a wire. Generally speaking, the higher the current, the higher the magnetic field. Because they only occur when current is flowing, magnetic fields are present only when the power is turned on (see Figure 1). Magnetic fields also diminish with distance, but—unlike electric fields—are not blocked by common objects. In recent years, public and scientific interest has turned toward the magnetic field component of EMF because of some scientific studies regarding these fields.

Figure 1

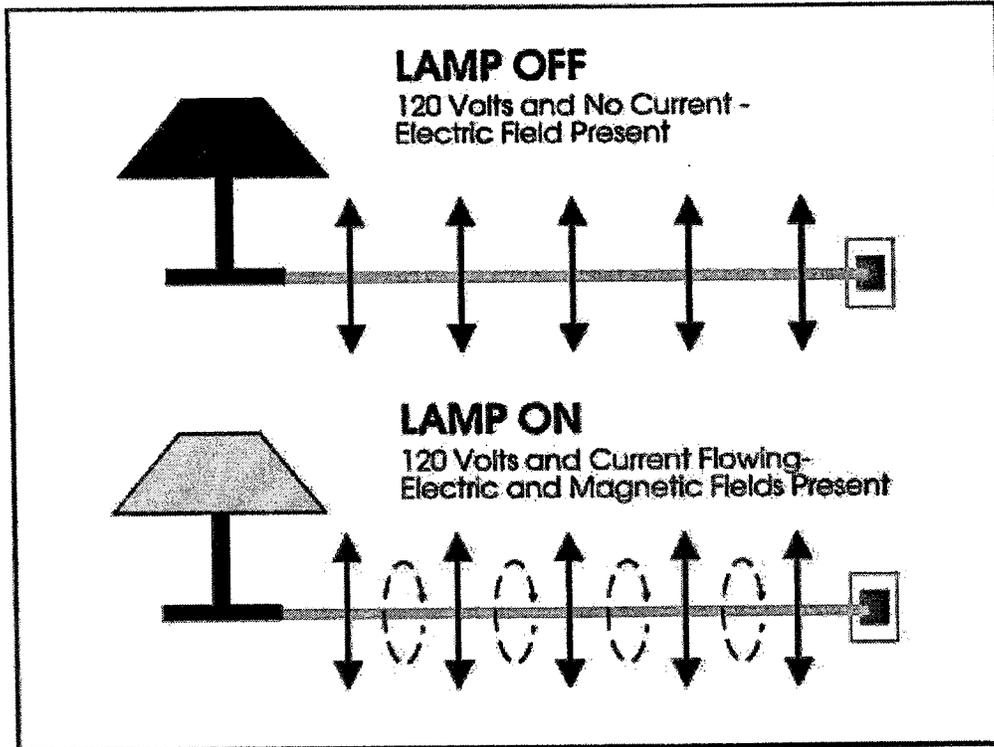


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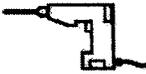
Magnetic field strengths decrease with distance Magnetic fields are measured in milligauss		Source: "EMF in Your Environment", U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1992		
		At 6 inches	At 1 foot	At 2 feet
Clothes dryer		2 to 10	* to 3	*
Microwave oven		100 to 300	1 to 200	1 to 30
Toaster		5 to 20	* to 7	*
Power drill		100 to 200	20 to 40	3 to 6
Can opener		500 to 1500	40 to 300	3 to 30
Mixer		30 to 600	5 to 100	* to 10
Hair dryer		1 to 700	* to 70	* to 10
Color television		Data not available	* to 20	* to 8

FIGURE 2 * The magnetic field measurement at this distance from the operating appliance could not be distinguished from background measurements taken before the appliance had been turned on.

Measuring Magnetic Fields

Magnetic fields usually are measured in a unit called a milligauss. Magnetic field levels found in the living areas of homes typically range from less than 1 milligauss to about 4 milligauss according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. They can be higher in some cases. The levels next to appliances can exceed 1,000 milligauss (1 gauss). Figures 2 and 3 show how the strength of the field falls off as you move away from the source, just as the heat of a campfire grows weaker as you walk away from it. For overhead power lines, the strength of the magnetic fields is dependent upon a number of factors that will be explained later. Those factors produce a magnetic field that drops off rapidly as you move away from the power line.

Figure 3

Sample Magnetic Field Levels in Milligauss				
Type of Overhead Power Line	Distance from the line			
	Under the line	50 ft.	100 ft.	200 ft.
220 kV and 500 kV	5-400	5-250	1-75	0.5-20
69 kV and 138 kV	3-80	0.5-2.5	0.1-10	0.1-3
12 kV and below	0.4-20	0.1-1	-	-

The magnetic field values provided in this table represent a general range of values associated with the types of overhead power lines listed and are provided for illustration. There will be circumstances in which there will be magnetic field levels above or below the range of values provided due to variations in such factors as height of the wires, current flow and so on.

DEVELOPMENT OF PPL EU's MAGNETIC FIELD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

One element of our response to EMF concerns expressed by some of our customers is PPL EU's Magnetic Field Management Program. The program was initiated in March 1991 because PPL EU believes it makes good sense, as a matter of policy, to respond to the concerns expressed by some of our customers and to reduce magnetic fields in new and rebuilt facilities where it can be done with either no-cost or low-cost design changes.

This document updates the original program which has been revised several times since 1991. These guidelines were developed by PPL EU's EMF Working Group.

VARIABLES THAT AFFECT MAGNETIC FIELDS

Magnetic fields from transmission and distribution lines are a function of a number of design variables. The following parameters affect the magnetic field levels produced by transmission and distribution lines:

- Current
- Height of conductors above ground
- Configuration of conductors
- Distance from the line

EFFECT OF PHASE CURRENT ON MAGNETIC FIELDS

At power frequencies (i.e., 60 hertz), the magnetic field level is a function of the current or flow of electricity through a wire. Keeping all other parameters the same, the magnetic field is proportional to the current. Hence, if the current increases by 25 percent, the resulting magnetic field level will increase by 25 percent.

The overall load current on any line varies with the demand for power. It's usually highest during daytime hours and lowest at night. There also are weekly, monthly, seasonal and yearly variations.

The difference in the currents between each phase in a multiphase line also can affect the magnetic field. This difference is called phase unbalance. For a constant load, a statistical analysis of this phase unbalance can be made to determine its effect on the magnetic field. Close to the line, there is very little effect. However, the phase unbalance slows the rate at which the magnetic field decreases with distance from the line.

EFFECT OF CONDUCTOR CONFIGURATION ON MAGNETIC FIELDS

In the transmission and distribution of power, utilities like PPL EU presently use both three-phase and single-phase lines. Each phase on a three-phase power line has either a single conductor or a bundle of two or more conductors. In a three-phase system, the ground-level magnetic field is a result of the fields produced by the currents in each of the phases. Placing the three phases as close together as possible (compaction) creates some field cancellation, and the ground-level magnetic field is reduced. However, appropriate phase separation is required for the reliable operation of the line. In addition, the arrangement of the phases can create some; field cancellation and reduction of the ground-level magnetic field.

EFFECT OF DISTANCE FROM THE MAGNETIC FIELD SOURCE

Magnetic field strength diminishes with the vertical and lateral distances from the magnetic field source. Increasing the height of the conductors above ground is useful for magnetic field reduction at ground level, but may result in increased structure costs and increased aesthetic impact of the structures. Another possible method of increasing the distance to the magnetic field source is to increase the right-of-way requirements. By keeping buildings off increased rights of way, thereby requiring the public to live and work further away from lines, exposure to magnetic fields produced by the lines can be reduced. Increases in right of way are not always practical and may increase costs significantly, however.

SUMMARY OF PPL EU's MAGNETIC FIELD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Under its Magnetic Field Management Program, PPL EU has changed the way it builds and rebuilds some of its transmission and distribution lines. These design changes reduce magnetic field levels (assuming balanced circuit loadings and phase currents) by up to 69 percent in most of the company's new transmission lines. These guidelines now are being applied to new and reconstructed transmission facilities, based on this program.

The distribution component of the program focuses on 12 kV lines, the company's standard distribution voltage. It concentrates on the three-phase, primary 12 kV lines, since these are the most heavily loaded facilities and often are located in densely populated areas. The guidelines in this program are being applied to these three-phase, primary 12 kV lines.

A maximum 3-5 percent change in estimated cost was used as the limit for the guidelines since this value is consistent with low cost, is within estimating accuracy and is likely to have little impact on overall line costs.

The magnetic field calculations used in this document for the design of PPL EU's overall magnetic field management plan assume balanced load conditions among the phases and a fixed level of current, not necessarily representative of specific transmission or distribution lines. These levels were calculated using the Electric Power Research Institute's ENVIRO computer program. Under actual operating conditions, the magnetic field levels that result may vary due to such things as actual load per circuit, overall current on each phase conductor and the electrical configuration and operation of each line.

MAGNETIC FIELD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The guidelines for magnetic field management are noted below, with discussion points for each.

OVERHEAD LINES

NEW OR REBUILT TRANSMISSION LINES

1. **Balance transmission circuit loads and phase currents as much as possible.**
 - PPL EU should continue to make every effort to balance loadings between the two circuits of a double circuit line when planning new or rebuilt facilities to maximize the effects of reverse phasing.
 - PPL EU should continue the practice of balancing single-phase loads across the three phases of the distribution system. (Unbalanced phase currents on the distribution system are reflected through to the transmission system.)
 - Unbalanced phase currents result in higher magnetic fields that do not drop off as quickly with distance as do the fields resulting from balanced phase currents.
 - For a 5 percent phase current unbalance, the magnetic field 50 feet from the centerline of a single circuit 138 kV line could be more than twice the value than if the same line had balanced phase circuits.
 - Balanced phase currents on each three-phase distribution circuit also reduce magnetic fields from the distribution circuits themselves. In addition, they reduce magnetic fields on the transmission system from which the distribution system circuits are supplied and connected through substations.
 - Apart from magnetic field considerations, balanced phase currents on each three-phase distribution circuit also reduce line losses and improve the system voltage.

2. Continue with the present practice of using long-span construction as the PPL EU 138/69 kV standard

- Structure designs for short-span and long-span construction are illustrated on Charts I and II, respectively.
 - Short-span design does not significantly reduce magnetic fields when compared to long-span design even though it is more compact than long-span design. Comparison of the magnetic field values from Chart III indicates essentially the same values. Therefore, short-span design should not be used solely to reduce magnetic fields.
 - PPL EU will continue to use long-span construction for 138/69 kV double-circuit lines and for single-circuit/future-double-circuit lines.
 - For single-circuit/future-double-circuit lines, PPL EU will continue to install two conductors on the top positions and one in the middle position as shown in Chart IV.
 - This arrangement minimizes magnetic fields as shown in Chart V by placing the three initial conductors higher on the structure, which increases the ground clearances, and by placing the conductors in a triangular configuration.

3. Compact design structures are not a low-cost alternative and should be used for magnetic field reduction only in special applications.

Chart VI illustrates the compact design structure.

- The compact design increases the initial installation costs by 79 percent when compared to the long-span design but reduces the magnetic field from 9 mG to 3 mG (about 67 percent) at the edge of the 100-foot-wide right of way as shown on Chart III.

4. Reverse phase new or rebuilt double-circuit transmission lines for all voltage levels.

- Reverse phasing was adopted by PPL EU in March 1991 for double-circuit 138/69 kV transmission lines and in April 1992 for all other double circuit transmission lines. Reverse phasing is shown in Chart VII. Reverse phasing will reduce the magnetic fields when the current flow on both circuits is in the same

direction. Calculated values contained here are based on balanced and equal phase currents on both circuits.

- Reverse phasing reduces the magnetic field of a double circuit 138 kV single pole transmission line from 29 mG to 9 mG (about 69 percent) at the edge of the 100-foot-wide right of way as shown on Chart III.
- Reverse phasing reduces the magnetic field of a double circuit 230 kV single pole transmission line from 49 mG to 16 mG (about 67 percent) at the edge of the 150-foot-wide right of way as shown on Chart VIII.
- Reverse phasing reduces the magnetic field of a double-circuit 500 kV single pole transmission line from 37 mG to 21 mG (about 43 percent) at the edge of the 200-foot-wide right of way as shown on Chart IX.
- When new or rebuilt double-circuit lines require tapping existing double-circuit lines, PPL EU will review the existing lines to determine if reverse phasing can be provided at low cost.
- Computer modeling is required to develop the optimum phasing and overall conductor arrangements for lines added to, or rebuilt in, multiple-line corridors.
 - Merely adding a reverse-phase double-circuit line to an existing transmission line corridor or reverse phasing a rebuilt line in the multiple-line corridor will not necessarily produce lower magnetic field levels at the edge of the corridor right of way.
 - The corridor must be computer modeled with all the lines, existing phase conductor locations and currents. Then, magnetic field calculations must be made varying the phase arrangements of the new or reconstructed line to determine the appropriate phasing arrangement.
 - Current flow direction on a line also must be considered. For example, a reverse-phased line should have the current flowing in the same direction on both circuits. If the current flow is in the opposite direction for one circuit, reverse phasing will not produce the lowest magnetic field and another phase arrangement that produces lower fields may need to be utilized.

5. Increase the minimum ground clearance for all new transmission lines.

138/69 kV Transmission Lines

- Increasing the minimum line design ground clearance from 25 feet to 30 feet may add up to about 5 percent to the installed cost of a new double-circuit single pole 138/69 kV line. For a given project, such cost may be substantially less, however. In fact, PPL EU frequently uses higher-than-minimum ground clearances due to such features as road crossings, line crossings and site-specific terrain. With long-span reverse-phase design, the magnetic field is reduced from 9 mG to 7 mG (about 22 percent) at the edge of a 100-foot-wide right of way as shown in Chart X.
 - In the actual design of transmission lines to include higher minimum ground clearances, there may be limited segments (such as highway crossings, severe slopes and transmission line crossing locations) where National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) minimum ground clearances may need to be used. The NESC minimum ground clearances are less than the increased ground clearance discussed previously.

230 kV Transmission Lines

- Increasing the minimum line design ground clearances from 27 feet to 32 feet may add up to about 5 percent to the cost of a single-circuit single-pole line (current standard). For a given project, such cost may be substantially less, however. In fact, PPL EU frequently uses higher-than-minimum ground clearances due to such features as road crossings, line crossings and site-specific terrain. By increasing the clearances, the magnetic field is reduced from 30 mG to 28 mG (about 7 percent) at the edge of a 150-foot-wide right of way.
- Increasing clearances from 27 feet to 32 feet could theoretically add up to about 2.8 percent to the cost of a double-circuit single-pole line (current standard) and reduce the magnetic field of a reverse-phase line from 16 mG to 15 mG (about 6 percent) at the edge of a 150-foot-wide right of way. Chart XI is a summary of this data.
- Studies are required for each new 230 kV line to determine optimum structure types, ground clearances, configurations and designs to reduce field levels. Such

studies could include analysis of reduction measures such as additional minimum ground clearances, increasing conductor tensions, using reduced phase spacing (a "Delta" configuration on a single-circuit line), installing the second circuit initially, and/or adding a second set of conductors that are reverse phased and operated in parallel with the first set (bundled/split phase).

500 kV Transmission Lines

- Increasing ground clearances from 33 feet to 53 feet may add up to about 4.5 percent to the cost of a single-circuit "H-frame" line (current standard). For a given project, such cost may be substantially less, however. In fact, PPL EU frequently uses higher-than-minimum ground clearances due to such features as road crossings, line crossings and site-specific terrain. By increasing the clearances, the magnetic field is reduced from 42 mG to 35 mG (about 17 percent) at the edge of a 200-foot-wide right of way.
- Increasing ground clearances from 33 feet to 53 feet could theoretically add up to 2.8 percent to the cost of a double-circuit "H-frame" line (current standard) and reduces the magnetic field of a reverse-phase line from 21 mG to 16 mG (about 24 percent) at the edge of a 200-foot-wide right of way. Chart XII is a summary of this data.
- Studies are required for each new 500 kV line to determine optimum structure types, ground clearances, configurations and designs to reduce field levels. Such studies could include analysis of reduction measures such as additional minimum ground clearances, increasing conductor tensions, using reduced-phase spacing (a "Delta" configuration on a single circuit line), installing the second circuit initially, and/or adding a second set of conductors that are reverse phased and operated in parallel with the first set (bundled/split phase).

RECONDUCTORING OR ADDING ADDITIONAL CIRCUITS TO EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES

When reconductoring or adding additional circuits to existing transmission lines, PPL EU will evaluate low-cost or no-cost options for magnetic field management on a case-by-case basis.

When reconductoring existing transmission lines or adding additional circuits, low-cost alternatives may not exist; however, the following steps will be taken:

- For a single-circuit line, the use of a Delta arrangement or other modifications on the existing structure, with reduced-phase spacing, will be evaluated.
- For double-circuit lines, application of reverse phasing may reduce the magnetic field under the line and within the right of way and will be evaluated.
- For single- and double-circuit lines, evaluate using higher conductor tensions that can increase the minimum line design ground clearance.

DISTRIBUTION LINES

At the 12 kV distribution level, new main three-phase lines will continue to be constructed with five feet of additional ground clearance.

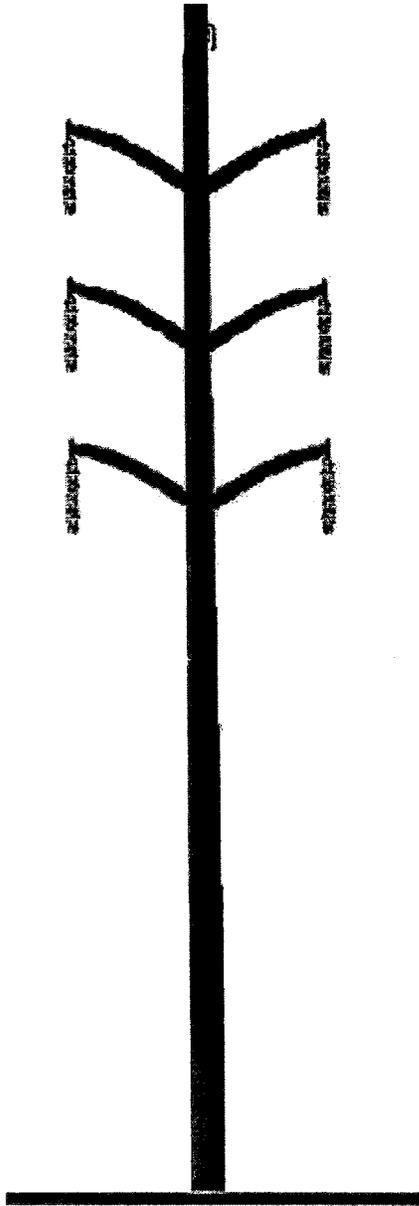
- Main lines are the most heavily loaded sections of a distribution line and therefore have the highest magnetic fields associated with them.
- Increasing the ground clearance by five feet reduces the magnetic field under the line from 14 mG to 11 mG using the standard eight-foot crossarm design. These values are based on increasing pole heights from 45 feet to 50 feet and a typical operating current of 300 amps per phase.
- Chart XIII is a summary of this data. Increasing ground clearance by five feet could theoretically add about 5 percent to the cost of a typical distribution line.

UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION LINES

Underground transmission lines are required due to environmental or land use factors or restrictions on available clearances, PPL EU will evaluate options for magnetic field management techniques on a case-by-case basis.

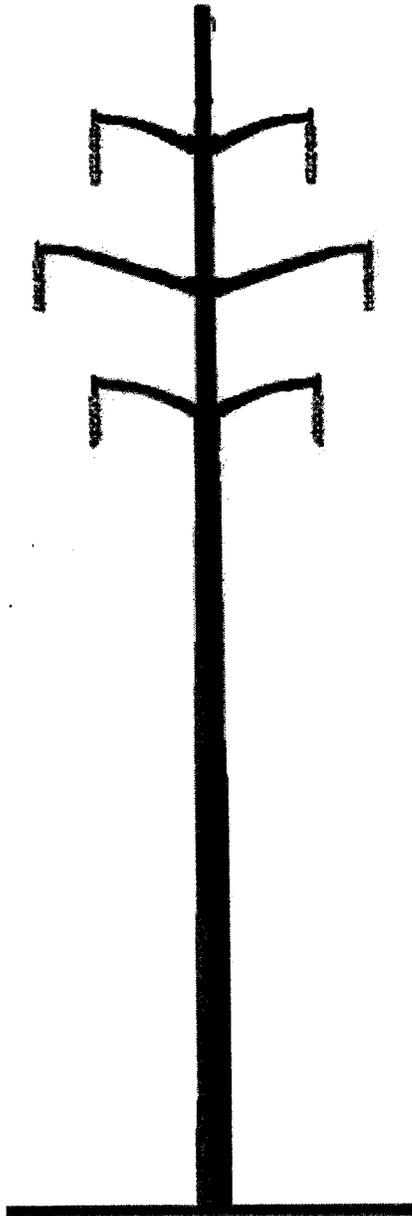
- The phase arrangement that produces the lowest field will be determined.
- The depth of burial of the line will be determined considering the cost of excavation and the location of other buried utilities in the area.
- The use of steel pipe ferromagnetic shielding that reduces magnetic fields will be evaluated.

Short-Span Construction



- **More compact design**
- **Should not be used solely to reduce magnetic fields**
- **Typical conductor data:**
 - 1 3/8" HS steel overhead ground wire - 7.3 feet sag
 - 6-556.5 KCMIL 24/7 ACSR power conductors - (PARAKEET) 10.0 feet sag
 - Average span - 400 feet

Long-Span Construction Remains PPL EU 138 kV Standard



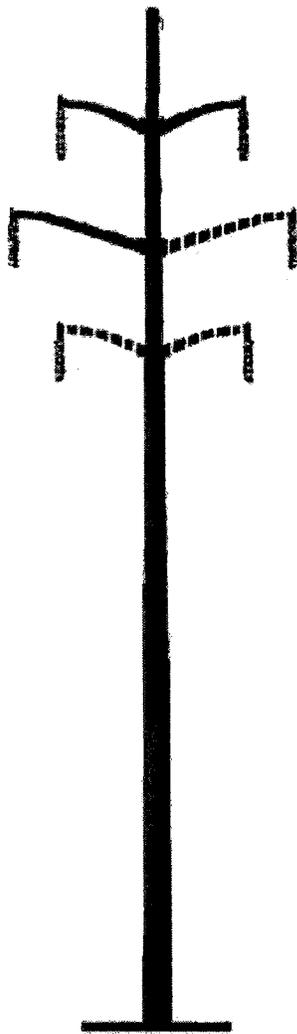
- **Lower cost alternative**
- **Reduces magnetic fields due to higher structures**
- **Typical conductor data:**
 - 1 3/8" HS steel overhead ground wire - 17.3 feet sag
 - 6-556.5 KCMIL 24/7 ACSR power conductors - (PARAKEET) 23.0 feet sag
 - Average span - 600 feet

**138/69 kV REVERSE-PHASE TRANSMISSION LINES
CALCULATED MAGNETIC FIELDS AT 400 AMPERES**

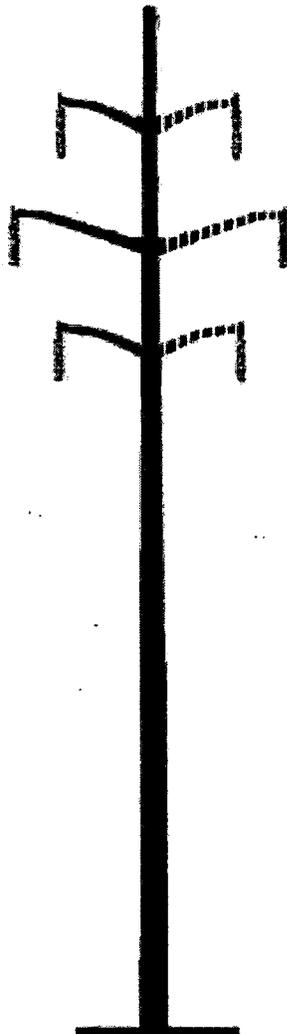
TYPE CONSTRUCTION	MAGNETIC FIELD IN MILLIGAUSS AT THE EDGE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY
SHORT SPAN (CHART I)	30
SHORT SPAN (REVERSE PHASE)	8
LONG SPAN (CHART II)	29
LONG SPAN (REVERSE PHASE)	9
COMPACT (CHART VI)	14
COMPACT (REVERSE PHASE)	3

The edge of right of way is 50 feet from the line centerline.
The 400 ampere phase current is balanced between phases.
Calculations are based on a minimum ground clearance of 25 feet.
LONG SPAN, SHORT SPAN and COMPACT are double-circuit lines.

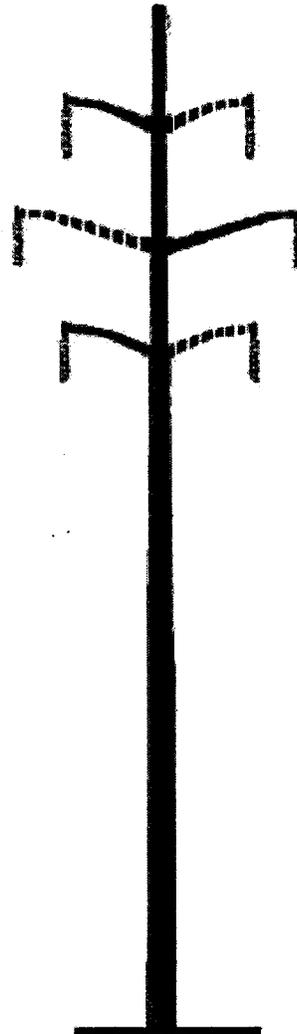
Typical Single-Circuit Structure Designs



Top/Middle



Vertical



Top/Middle/Bottom

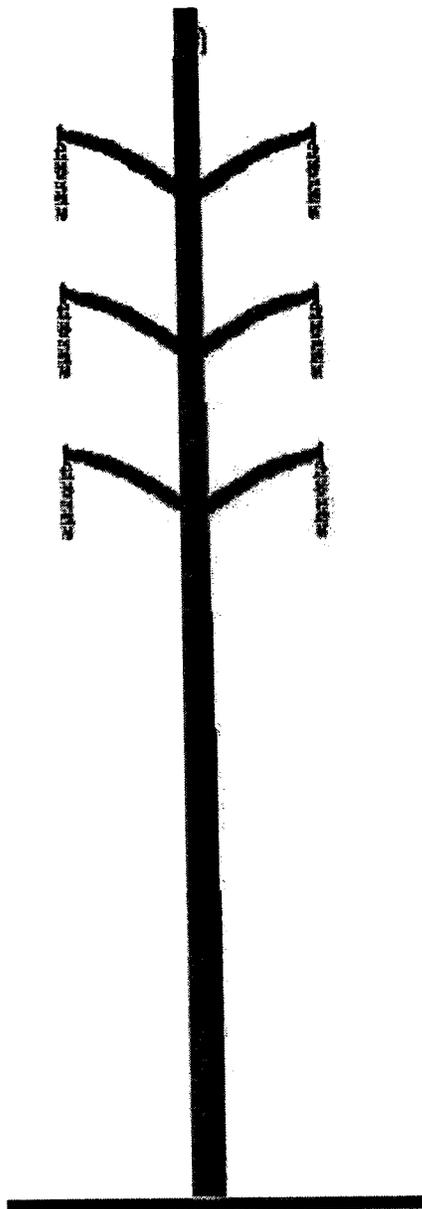
——— initial single circuit
- - - - - future second circuit

**138/69 kV SINGLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINES
CALCULATED MAGNETIC FIELDS AT 400 AMPERES**

TYPE CONSTRUCTION	MAGNETIC FIELD IN MILLIGAUSS AT THE EDGE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY
TOP/MIDDLE/BOTTOM	20
VERTICAL	17
TOP/MIDDLE	12

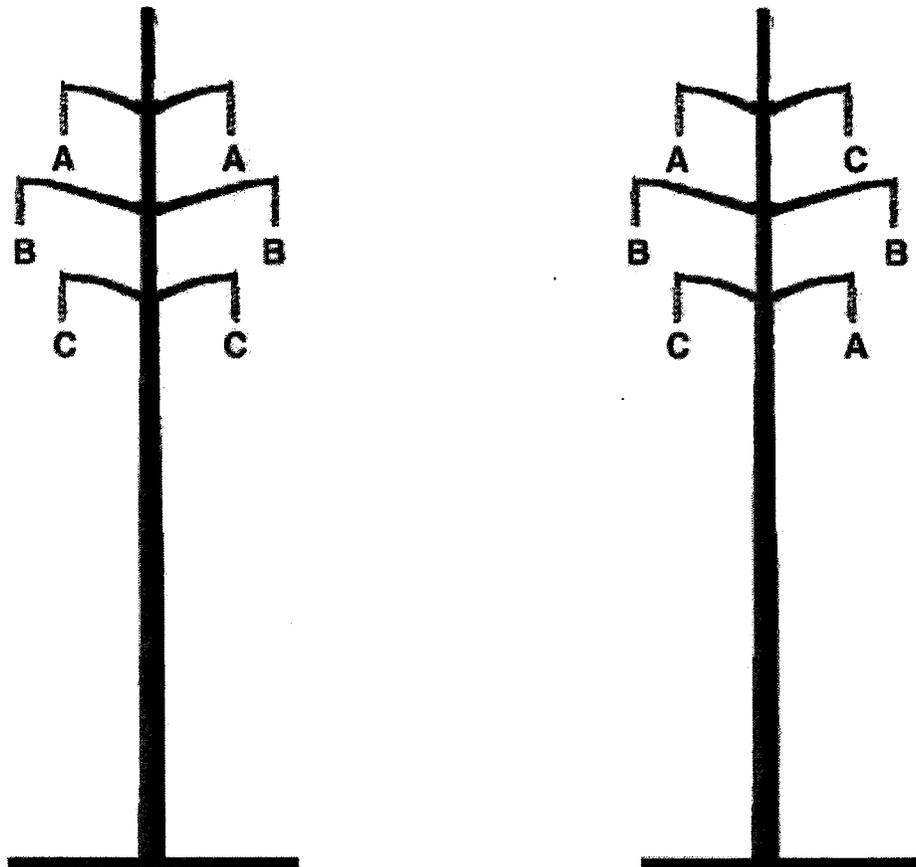
The edge of right of way is 50 feet from the line centerline.
The 400 ampere phase current is balanced between phases.
Calculations are based on a minimum ground clearance of 25 feet.

Compact Design Structure



- Minimize magnetic fields due to compact design
- Not a low-cost alternative
- Typical conductor data:
 - 1 3/8" HS steel overhead ground wire - 9.0 feet sag
 - 6-556.5 KCMIL 24/7 ACSR power conductors - (PARAKEET) 9.0 feet sag
 - Average span - 300 feet

Reverse Phasing of Double-Circuit Transmission Lines



From: → → → → To:

Reverse phasing also can be one of the following phase arrangements:

A	B		B	A		B	C		C	A		C	B
C	C	or	C	C	or	A	A	or	B	B	or	A	A
B	A		A	B		C	B		A	C		B	C

**230 kV REVERSE-PHASE TRANSMISSION LINES
CALCULATED MAGNETIC FIELDS AT 800 AMPERES**

TYPE CONSTRUCTION	MAGNETIC FIELD IN MILLIGAUSS AT THE EDGE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE	49
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE (REVERSE-PHASE)	16

The edge of right of way is 75 feet from the line centerline.
The 800 ampere phase current is balanced between phases.
Calculations are based on a minimum ground clearance of 27 feet.

**500 kV REVERSE-PHASE TRANSMISSION LINES
CALCULATED MAGNETIC FIELDS AT 1100 AMPERES**

TYPE CONSTRUCTION	MAGNETIC FIELD IN MILLIGAUSS AT THE EDGE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE	37
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE (REVERSE PHASE)	21

The edge of right of way is 100 feet from the line centerline.
The 1,100 ampere phase current is balanced between phases.
Calculations are based on a minimum ground clearance of 33 feet.

**INCREASED 138/69 kV MINIMUM GROUND CLEARANCE
CALCULATED MAGNETIC FIELDS AT 400 AMPERES**

TYPE CONSTRUCTION	MINIMUM GROUND CLEARANCE FEET	MAGNETIC FIELD IN MILLIGAUSS AT THE EDGE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY
SINGLE CIRCUIT TOP/MIDDLE	25	12
SINGLE CIRCUIT TOP/MIDDLE	30	10
LONG SPAN	25	29
LONG SPAN	30	26
LONG SPAN (REVERSE PHASE)	25	9
LONG SPAN (REVERSE PHASE)	30	7

The edge of right of way is 50 feet from the line centerline.
The 400 ampere phase current is balanced between phases.

**INCREASED 230 kV MINIMUM GROUND CLEARANCE
CALCULATED MAGNETIC FIELDS AT 800 AMPERES**

TYPE CONSTRUCTION	MINIMUM GROUND CLEARANCE FEET	MAGNETIC FIELD IN MILLIGAUSS AT THE EDGE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY
SINGLE CIRCUIT TOP/MIDDLE	27	30
SINGLE CIRCUIT TOP/MIDDLE	32	28
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE	27	49
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE	32	46
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE (REVERSE PHASE)	27	16
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE (REVERSE PHASE)	32	15

The edge of right of way is 75 feet from the line centerline.
The 800 ampere phase current is balanced between phases.

**INCREASED 500 kV MINIMUM GROUND CLEARANCE
CALCULATED MAGNETIC FIELDS AT 1,100 AMPERES**

TYPE CONSTRUCTION	MINIMUM GROUND CLEARANCE FEET	MAGNETIC FIELD IN MILLIGAUSS AT THE EDGE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY
SINGLE CIRCUIT "H" STRUCTURE	33	42
SINGLE CIRCUIT "H" STRUCTURE	53	35
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE	33	37
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE	53	31
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE (REVERSE PHASE)	33	21
DOUBLE CIRCUIT POLE (REVERSE PHASE)	53	16

The edge of right of way is 100 feet from the line centerline.
The 1,100 ampere phase current is balanced between phases.

**12 kV DISTRIBUTION LINES
CALCULATED MAGNETIC FIELDS AT 300 AMPERES**

TYPE CONSTRUCTION	POLE HEIGHT FEET	MAGNETIC FIELD IN MILLIGAUSS*	
		AT CENTERLINE	AT 30 FEET FROM CENTERLINE
STANDARD CROSSARM	45	14	7
STANDARD CROSSARM	50	11	6

* Field level under the line at mid-span based on 300 amps, balanced loading, one meter above ground level.

APPENDIX C

LIST OF PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY

1. Mr. Matthew P. George
250 Strohs Valley Road
Lehighon, PA 18235

APPENDIX D

LIST OF INVOLVED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Bureau for Historic Preservation
Commonwealth Keystone Building, Second Floor
400 North Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0053
Attn: Mr. Douglas C. McLearen, Chief

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 8th Floor
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120
Attn: The Honorable Allen D. Beihler, P.E., Secretary

Department of Environmental Protection
P. O. Box 2063
Market Street Office Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2063
Attn: Office of Field Operations

Carbon County Commissioners
P.O. Box 129
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
Attn: William J. O' Gurek, Chairperson

Carbon County Planning Commission
76 Susquehanna Street
P.O. Box 210
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
Attn: Ms. Judy Borger, Director

Towamensing Township Board of Supervisors
120 Stable Road
Lehighton, PA 18235
Attn: Mr. Rodney George, Chairperson

Towamensing Township Planning Commission
120 Stable Road
Lehighton, PA 18235
Attn: Ms. Connie Bieling, Chairperson