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Dear Sirs/Madam:

A coalition of citizens and organizations are requesting your assistance in opposing the proposed Jonas/Sun Valley/Effort 6 mile PPL transmission line. We are strongly opposed to this line for a number of reasons

- The proposed route is particularly devastating because it goes through the only available open space left in the area
- The line divides the Jonas Mountain Nature Preserve – 288 acres of unfragmented public forest land, and the headwaters of the native trout stream. The power line right-of-way will penetrate this mature interior forest, will destroy the natural habitat, and introduce many undesirable plant, animals, and diseases through fragmentation.
- It will pass through many active agricultural lands that have been in families for generations. Also passing directly near the property lines of one-acre parcels of hard-working, middle-class families who will lose the value of their homes. These families know they will be unable to sell their land, if needed in the future to survive.
- We question the need for the construction of this power line as energy use has decreased across the country including the Pocono's. Also we have ideal locations in the needed area for alternate, green power sources, such as solar energy farms and wind farms. A solar energy farm is being constructed in the needed area, at Pocono Raceway. This will supply power to a thousand homes.

It is the beauty and diversity of our dense forests, streams, natural habitat, and agricultural land that has drawn people to this region for well over a century. Why destroy our natural heritage?

We feel all possible alternatives should be comprehensively considered that would make this PPL transmission line development unnecessary. This includes greener, alternative, and more energy efficient methods, including use of smart grids, going underground, using alternative routes such as nearby gas, water, transmission line, or road right-of-ways.

We feel that it is in PPL's best interest to project the image of using clean renewable energy sources instead of increasing carbon emissions and destroying our natural environment and our quality of life.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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