

Before the  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

**DAPPERS 138/69 kV  
TAP LINE**

**ATTACHMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE  
Letter of Notification**

Application Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

## SUMMARY

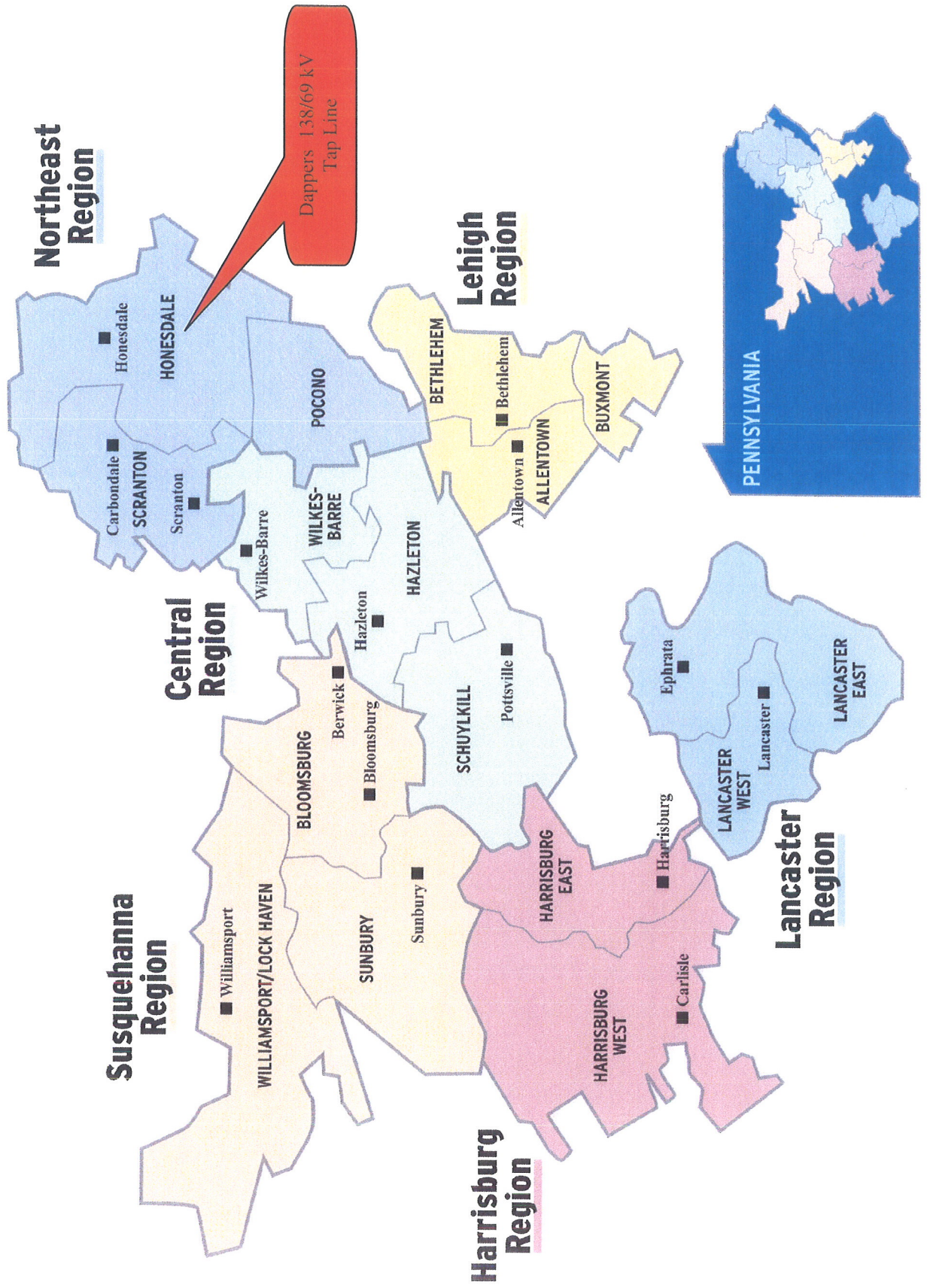
A Letter of Notification is being submitted by PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL Electric) pursuant to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's (PUC or the Commission) regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 57.71 through 57.77 for approval to site and construct the single-circuit Dappers 138/69 kV Tap Line to serve the planned Dappers 69-12 kV Substation. Together, the tap line and substation are required to improve reliability of service in the Varden and Honesdale areas of Wayne County. This project is located in Cherry Ridge Township, Wayne County. The proposed tap line will be designed and constructed for 138 kV operation, although the tap line initially will be operated at 69 kV.

The total estimated cost of the proposed transmission work is approximately \$200,000. In addition, PPL Electric estimates that it will spend approximately \$1.08 million (including the transformer cost) for the substation and distribution work associated with this project. This project has a scheduled construction start date of February 2012, in order to meet an in-service date of November 2012.

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

Attachment "1"	Necessity Statement
Attachment "2"	Engineering Description
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# **Attachment 1**

**ATTACHMENT “1”  
DAPPERS 138/69 kV TAP LINE  
NECESSITY STATEMENT**

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**ATTACHMENT “1”**  
**DAPPERS 138/69 kV TAP LINE**  
**NECESSITY STATEMENT**

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**A. INTRODUCTION**

PPL Electric is requesting PUC approval to site and construct a single-circuit 138/69 kV transmission tap line. The proposed Dappers 138/69 kV Tap will extend approximately 312 feet from the existing Blooming Grove-Honesdale 138/69 kV Transmission Line to the new Dappers 69-12 kV Substation. The proposed tap will be designed and constructed for single-circuit 138/69 kV operation. The tap line initially will be operated at 69kV and will be converted to operate at 138 kV when future load growth makes it appropriate to do so. The tap line and new substation are required to improve reliability

The estimated cost to design and construct the tap is approximately \$200,000. Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2012 to support the project’s proposed in-service date of November 2012. The required in service date is defined as the date that the facility needs to be placed in service to address reliability issues on the existing system that could cause service interruptions to customers.

A PPL Electric system map showing existing transmission facilities with a design voltage of 35 kV or greater is included in the Attachment “1” map pocket. This filing addresses only the existing and proposed 138/69 kV regional transmission system in the Honesdale area.

**B. EXISTING SYSTEM**

Presently, the Honesdale and Varden areas are served from the Varden 69-12 kV Substation and the Honesdale 69-12 kV Substation via each substation’s associated 12 kV distribution lines: the Varden 46-03 and the Honesdale 34-02 12 kV distribution lines. Presently, the Varden 46-03 distribution line serves approximately 1,520 customers in the Varden area, and the Honesdale

34-02 distribution line serves approximately 1,380 customer in the Honesdale area. See Figure 1 on page 5 of this Attachment for the existing transmission system configuration and Figure 3 on page 7 of this Attachment for the existing distribution system configuration.

### **C. DEFINITION OF THE PROBLEM**

The existing Varden 46-03 and Honesdale 34-02 distribution lines currently exceed PPL Electric's Reliability Principles & Practices (RP&P) guideline for customer count per feeder. The RP&P guideline limits the number of customers served from a 12kV circuit to 1,300 customers. Currently, customer counts on the Varden 46-03 and Honesdale 34-02 distribution lines are 1,520 and 1,380 customers, respectively.

The existing Varden 46-03 distribution line also exceeds PPL Electric's RP&P guideline for circuit exposure. The RP&P guideline is that a 12kV circuit and its associated branches should not exceed 50 miles of circuit exposure. Presently the Varden 46-03 line has 114 miles of exposure. A large portion of the circuit is exposed to possible tree related outages. The long length of the circuit and the resulting increase in exposure to damage increases the number of outages a customer experiences. Decreasing the length of a circuit limits circuit exposure, thereby reducing the number of customers affected by an outage. Also, the existing system configuration has limited transfer capability with the adjoining substations for maintaining service during maintenance and other planned and unplanned outages of equipment. The rural nature of the area, the length of the Varden 46-03 circuit, and the high number of customers on the circuit result in a large number of customers experiencing multiple outages per year. The combination of these factors has led to the Varden 46-03 distribution line being among the worst performing circuits on PPL Electric's system.

### **D. PROPOSED SOLUTION**

In order to improve the integrity of the system and address the reliability concerns in this area, PPL Electric plans to construct the new Dappers 69-12 kV Substation to improve the reliability of the Varden 46-03 and Honesdale 34-02 distributions line. The new Dappers 69-12 kV Substation will be supplied from the existing Blooming Grove-Honesdale 138/69 kV

Transmission Line. The proposed Dappers 138/69 kV Tap will extend approximately 312 feet from the existing Blooming Grove-Honesdale 138/69 kV Transmission Line to the new Dappers 69-12 kV Substation.

The location of the new Dappers 69-12kV Substation will provide a source central to the load it will serve. Locating the substation central to its load will increase reliability and operating flexibility; it will also reduce the number of customers affected by a line outage and result in shorter restoration times. Additionally, the 12 kV circuits from the proposed Dappers Substation will reduce the length of line per existing circuit, thereby reducing the amount of exposure for the existing lines.

The distribution lines supplied by the new Dappers 69-12 kV Substation will transfer load away from the Varden 46-03 and Honesdale 34-02, which reduce the number of customers served by these lines. Once the project is completed, the two new distribution lines supplied by the Dappers 69-12 kV Substation will serve a total of approximately 1,150 customers. In turn, the number of customers served by Varden 46-3 distribution line will be reduced from approximately 1,520 to 1,100, which is below the PPL Electric RP&P guideline of 1300 customers per line. The number of customers served by the Honesdale 34-02 distribution line will be reduced from approximately 1,380 to 900 customers.

The total estimated cost of this solution is approximately \$1.08 million, which includes an estimated \$746,000 for the new substation, \$200,000 for the transmission line, \$134,000 for the distribution lines. Figure 2 (page 6) for the proposed transmission system configuration and Figure 4 (page 8) for the proposed distribution system configuration in this area.

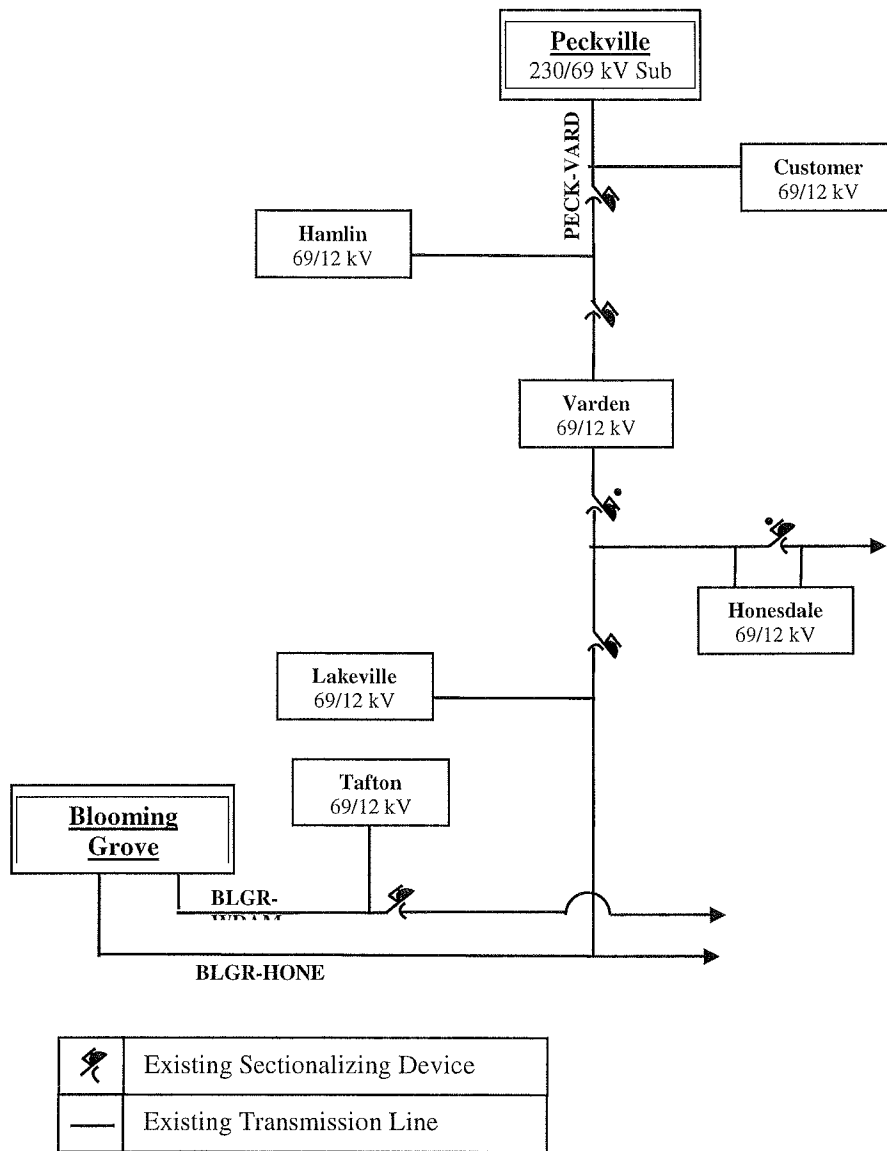
#### **E. FUNCTIONAL ALTERNATIVE**

An alternative to building the new substation and transmission line would be to decrease the number of customers per 12 kV circuit by installing two new 12 kV circuits; one originating from the existing Honesdale Substation and the other originating from the existing Varden

substation. This alternative would require a new 12kV distribution line to follow the same line route as the Honesdale 34-2 for about 3 miles. This alternative would do less to improve reliability due to the fact that two distribution circuits installed on the same poles are susceptible to outages on both lines from the same causes. Further, this alternative would require costly upgrades to both the Honesdale and Varden substations to accommodate the additional lines and terminals. In addition, minor distribution work on the Varden 46-03 distribution line would be required. This alternative would provide no cost savings because it would cost approximately \$1.11 million.

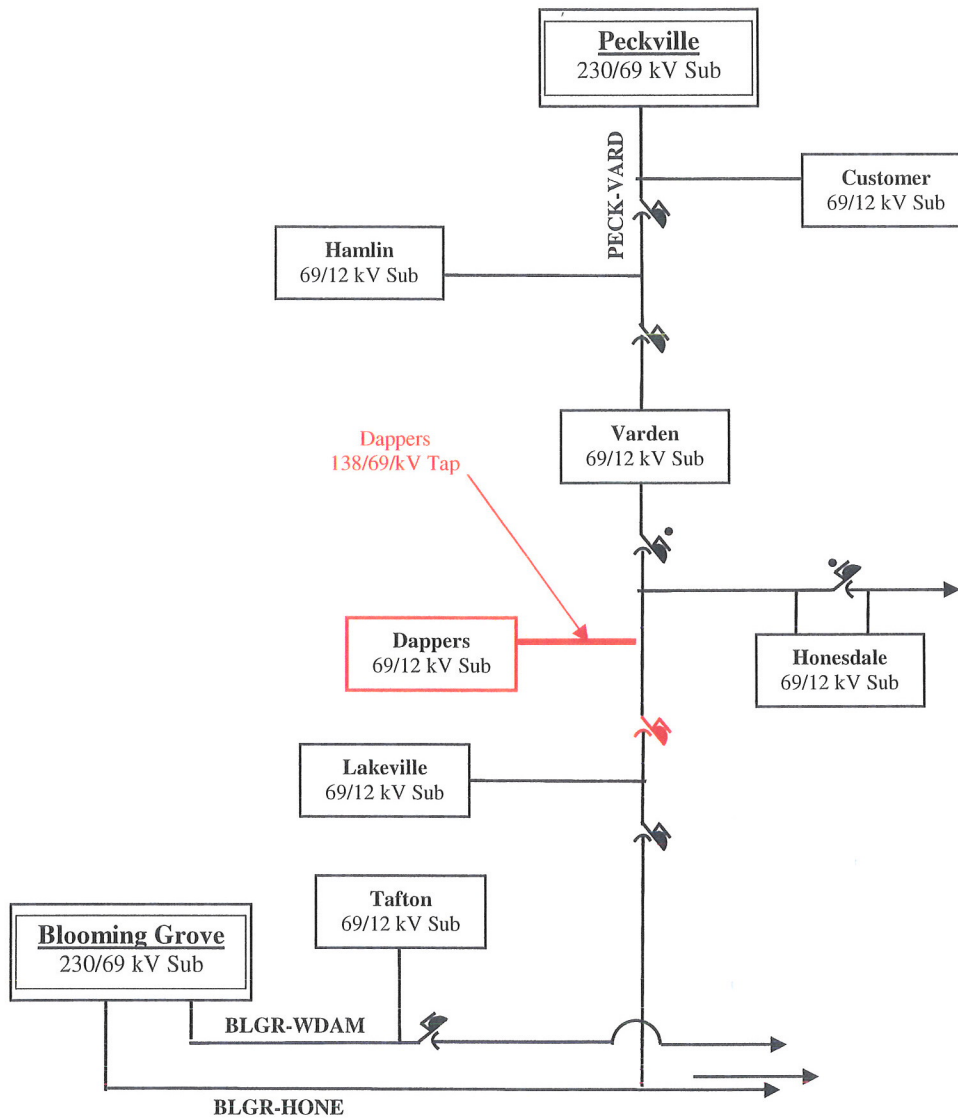
PPL Electric rejected this alternative because the preferred alternative provides additional reliability and operating flexibility, allows for a better long-term plan for the entire area, and is slightly less expensive.





**FUNCTIONAL ONE-LINE DIAGRAM  
EXISTING TRANSMISSION SYSTEM**



**FIGURE 1**

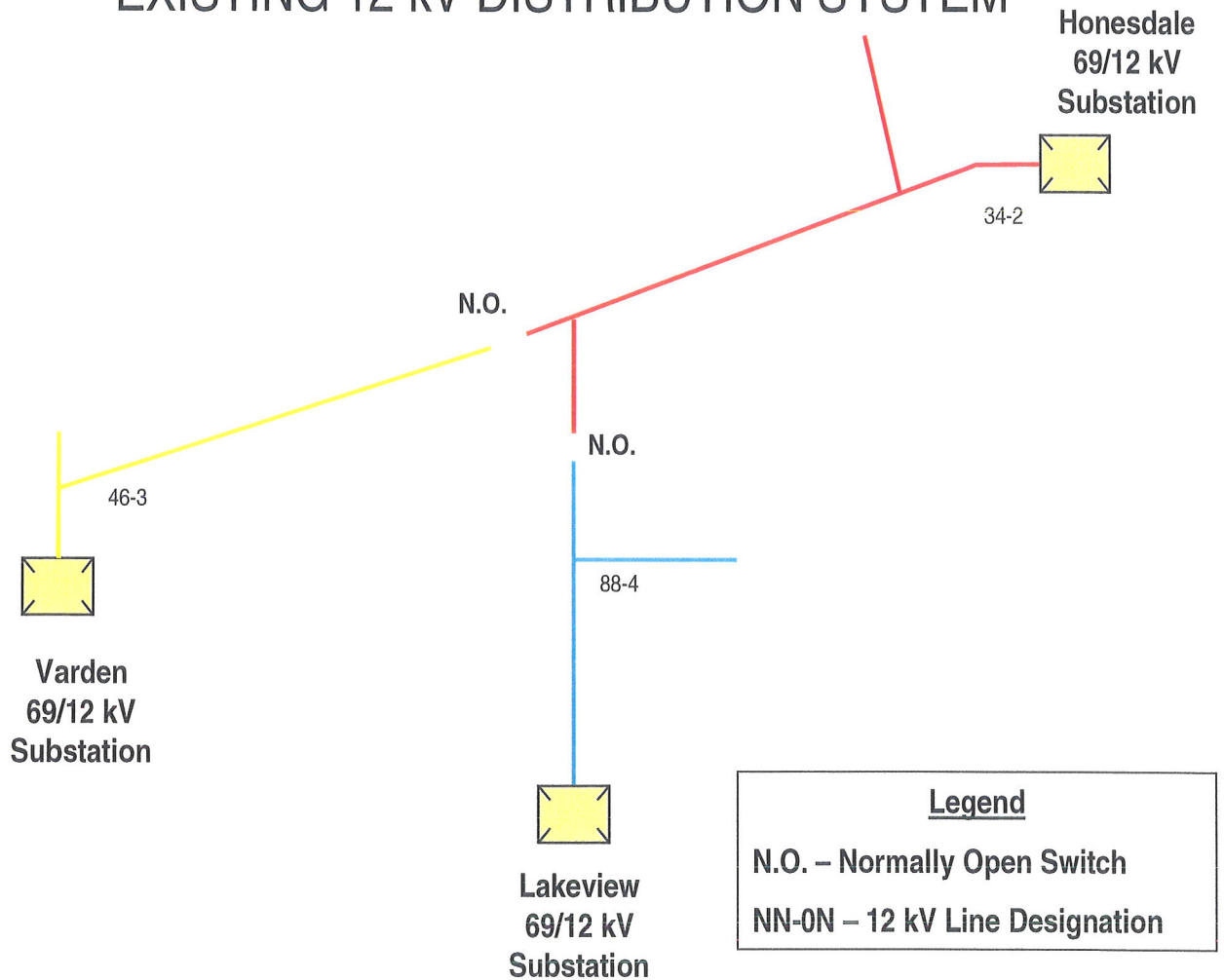
## FUNCTIONAL ONE-LINE DIAGRAM PROPOSED TRANSMISSION SYSTEM



	Existing Sectionalizing Device
	Existing Transmission Line
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	New Transmission Line

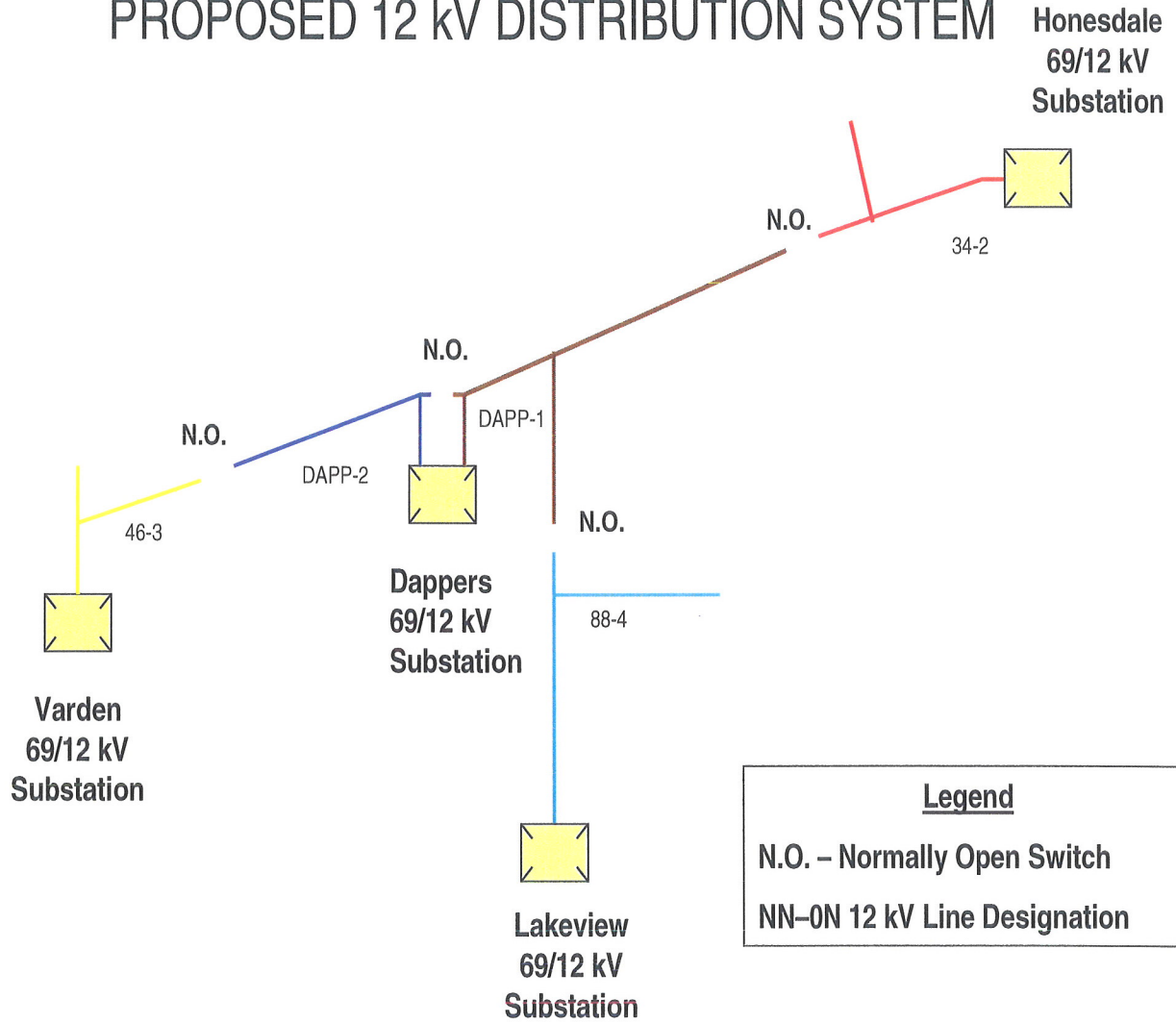
**FIGURE 2**

# CHERRY RIDGE TOWNSHIP AREA FUNCTIONAL ONE-LINE DIAGRAM EXISTING 12 kV DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM



**FIGURE 3**

# CHERRY RIDGE TOWNSHIP AREA FUNCTIONAL ONE-LINE DIAGRAM PROPOSED 12 kV DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

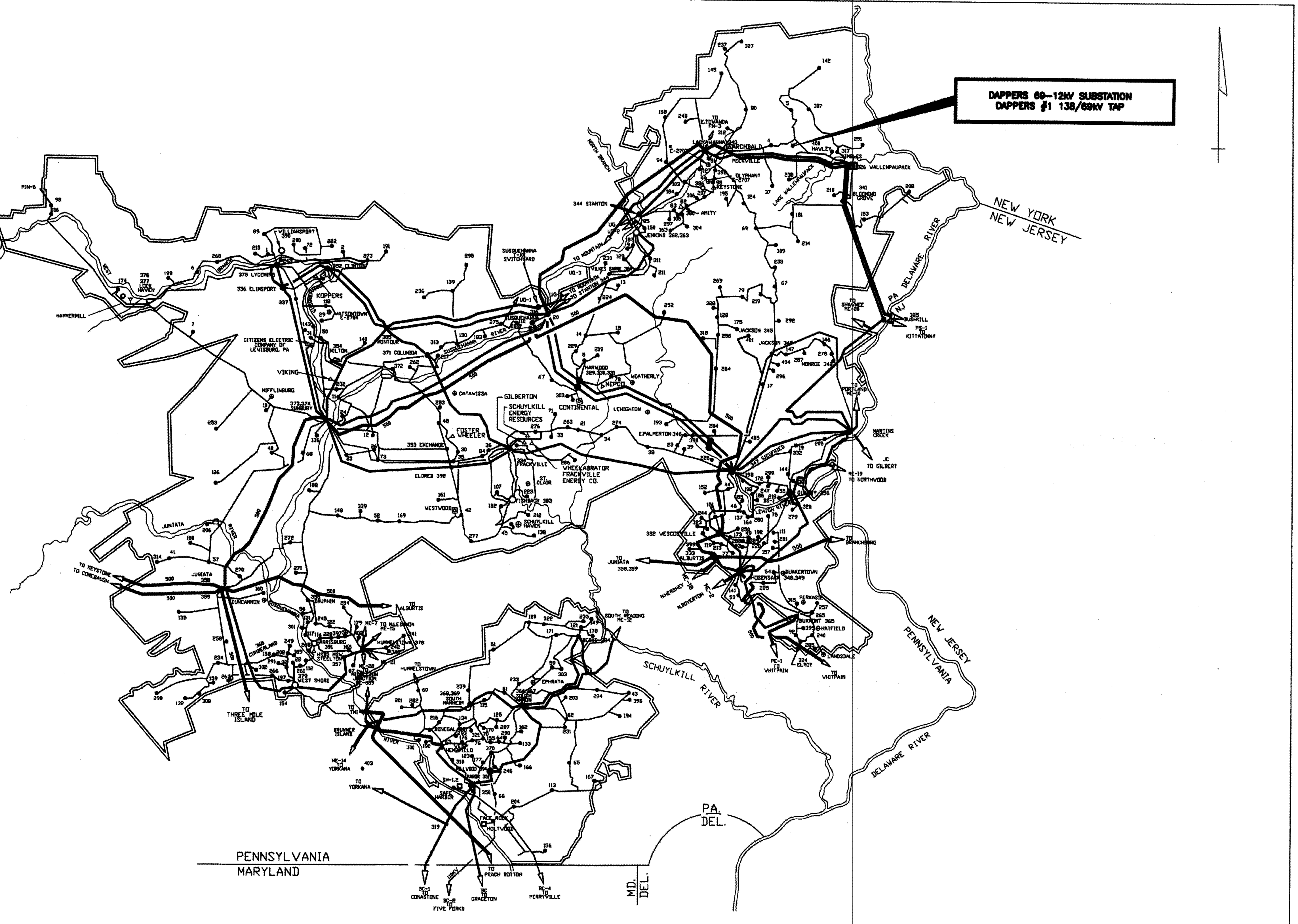


**FIGURE 4**

# SUBSTATION LISTING

1 WEST WILLIAMSPORT	151 CRACKERSPORT	301 CENTER CITY
2 FAIRFIELD	152 SCHNECKSVILLE	302 NEW KINGSTOWN
3 MONTGOMERY	153 HEMLOCK	303 REAMSTOWN
4 VARDEN	154 MT. ALLEN	304 DUPONT
5 HENSHAW	155 HUBBARDT	305 HUBBARDT
6 JERSEY SHORE	156 WAKEFIELD	306 CEDAR AVE.
7 LOGANTON	157 COOPERSBURG	307 INDIAN ORCHARD
8 VALMONT	158 VERTZVILLE	308 NOTTINGHAM
9 RIVER	159 WEST GARLISLE	309 NORTH COOLBAUGH
10 LIMESTONE	160 BENVENUE	310 LETORT
11 NORTHUMBERLAND	161 HEGINS	311 EAST MOUNTAIN
12 REED	162 JERMYN	312 JERMYN
13 WRIGHT	163 YATESVILLE	313 BLOODSBURG
14 ST. JOHNS	164 CENTRAL ALLENTOWN	314 MIFFLINTOWN
15 FRELAND	165 DEER LN	315 RIDGE ROAD
16 GILBERT	166 STRASBURG	316 SUSQUEHANNA
17	167 ATLEN	317 T-10 SW. YD.
18	168 BROOKSIDE	318 KIMBLETS
19	169 VILLIAMSPORT	319 CHRISTMANS
20	170 E. PETERSBURG	320 UTTER CREEK
21	171 TAMANEND	321 WERNERSVILLE
22	172 WHITE HILL	322 N. BETHLEHEM
23	173 PALMERTON	323 W. ALLENTOWN
24	174 HAMILTON	324 FLEMINGTON
25	175 HUNTER	325 MECKESVILLE
26	176 FAIRVIEW	326 DENERVILLE
27	177	327 MILLERSVILLE
28	178	328 SHILLINGTON
29	179	329 MCALLISTERVILLE
30	180	330 NEW FOUNDLAND
31	181	331 MONTOUR PUMP
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33	183	333 HANAHAN CITY
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38	188	338 SOUTH SLATINGTON
39	189	339 SOUTH MIDDLEBURG
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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
- HYDRO ELECTRIC
- COMBINATION
- FIRM SALES
- SUBSTATION / SWITCHING STATION
- STEAM ELECTRIC
- NON-UTILITY GENERATION
- INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS

- 500KV OPERATION
- 230KV OPERATION
- 138KV OPERATION
- 69KV OPERATION

ACCT - 805201	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM MAP	
SCALE - NONE	DAPPERS 69-12KV SUBSTATION	
BY - CDW	DAPPERS #1 138/69KV TAP	
APPROVED G. HARUN III	DATE 7/17/85	PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES
PPL DRAWING NO. <b>D191830</b>	SHEET NO. 1	REV. 71

68	7/8/10	165202	INDICATE WEST HEMPFIELD-PRINCE #1 #2 RECONSTRUCTION	RRC	RWM	KBK
71	08/11/10	389371	ADDED DAPPERS 69-12KV SUBSTATION.	RRC	RWM	DG
70	9/10/10	169008	ADDED BLUE MOUNTAIN #1 #2 138KV TAP	RWM	RWM	KBK
69	7/8/10	165202	INDICATE WEST HEMPFIELD- PRINCE #1 #2 RECONSTRUCTION	JLL	RWM	KBK
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PPL ED FORM 4877 (7/85)

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# **Attachment 2**

**ATTACHMENT “2”  
DAPPERS 138/69 kV TAP LINE  
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**MAP**

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**ATTACHMENT “2”**  
**DAPPERS 138/69 kV TAP LINE**  
**ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION**

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**A. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LINE**

PPL Electric proposes to design and construct the Dappers 138/69 kV Tap to serve the proposed Dappers 69-12 kV Substation. The Dappers 138/69 kV Tap will extend from the existing Blooming Grove-Honesdale 138/69 kV Transmission Line to the proposed Dappers 69-12 kV Substation. The tap will be designed and constructed for single-circuit 138 kV operation, although it initially will be operated at 69 kV. The circuit will be operated at 138 kV when future load increases make it appropriate to maintain service reliability. This project is located in Cherry Ridge Township, Wayne County. The location of these proposed facilities is shown on the Aerial Attachment at the end of Attachment “2.”

The tap line will be approximately 312 feet in length and be supported by two steel mono-poles that will be direct embedded and guyed. The first pole, the tap structure, will be approximately 70 feet in height (see Figure 1). The second pole, the angle structure, will be located on the south side of the new tap line and pole will be approximately 65 feet in height (see Figure 2). The circuit will consist of three power conductors and one overhead ground wire. The power conductors will be 556.5 kcmil,<sup>1</sup> 24/7 strand ACSR.<sup>2</sup> A 3/8 inch steel overhead ground wire will provide lightning protection for the proposed tap line. In addition, one LSAB (load sectionalizing air brake) switch pole will be installed in the existing Blooming Grove-Honesdale 138/69 kV Transmission Line (see Figure 3).

The new 138/69 kV tap will be designed according to, and will generally surpass, National Electrical Safety Code (“NESC”) minimum standards. Additional design criteria and safety rules practiced by PPL Electric are explained in Attachment 4. The minimum conductor-to-

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<sup>1</sup> A kcmil is a thousand circular mils. A circular mil is the cross-sectional area of a wire one mil in diameter, where 1 kcmil = 0.5067 mm<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> Aluminum conductor steel reinforced.

ground clearance will be 32.4 feet for the new tap. This minimum clearance occurs at a maximum 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<sup>3</sup>**

<u>Condition</u>	<u>Single-circuit Design Clearance-to-Ground</u>
Normal load, average weather (16°C ambient, 60°F temperature)	34.3 feet
Predicted extreme thermal load (125°C conductor, 257°F temperature)	32.4 feet
Predicted NESC extreme wind load conditions (25 lbs., 16°C, 60°F temperature)	34.1 feet
Predicted extreme weather conditions, 0°F (1-inch ice, 4 lbs. wind, -18°C)	34.4 feet

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Clearances based on a maximum tension of 3,000 pounds and a ruling span of 75 feet.

## **B. MAGNETIC FIELD MANAGEMENT**

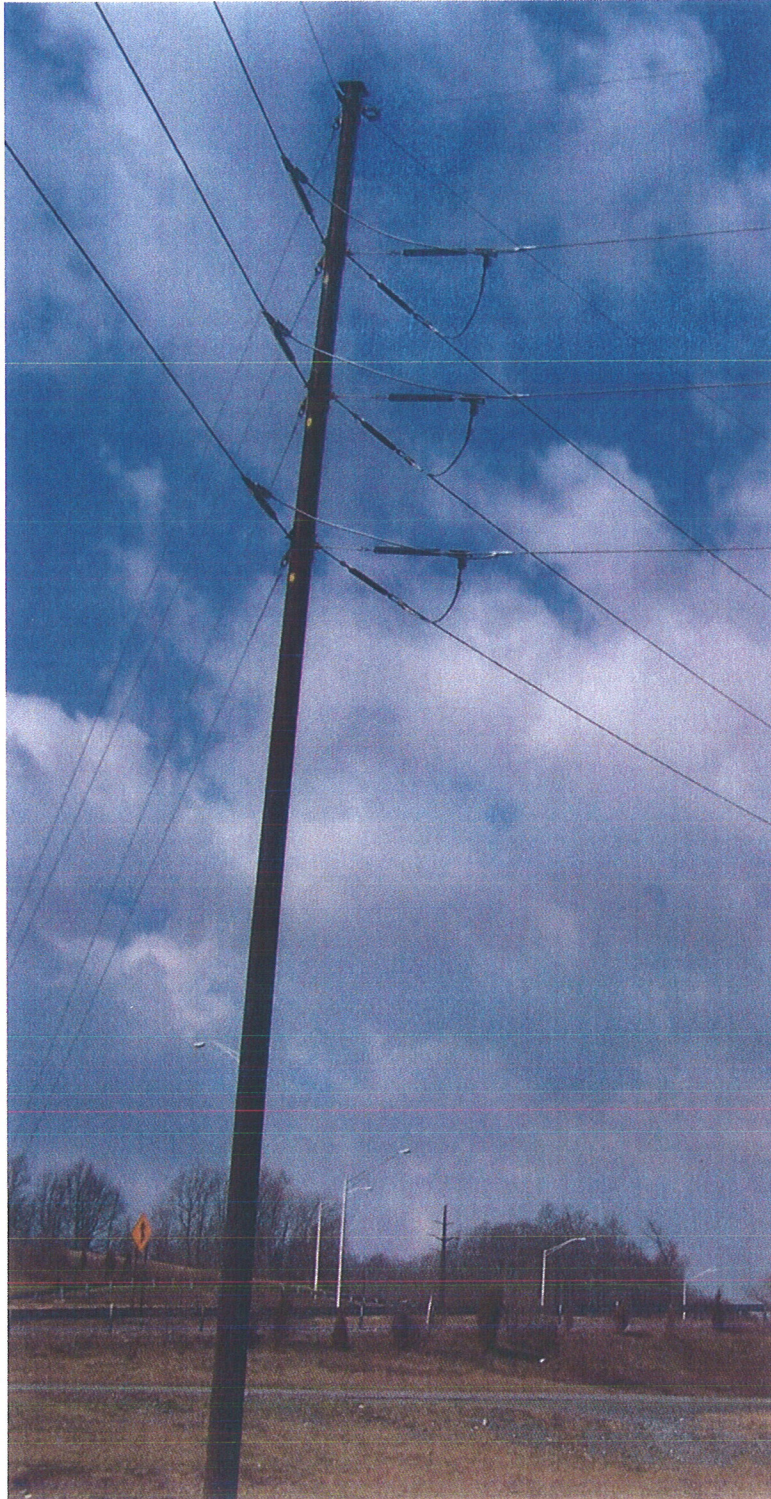
PPL Electric's Magnetic Field Management Program is summarized in Attachment 5 and applied to reconstruction and new line projects. In order to lower magnetic field exposures, the program generally prescribes a line design that provides 5 feet higher ground clearances than required under the NESC and reverse phasing of 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 and will not interfere with the operation of the line.

Increased structure height will be utilized in the design of the new line to reduce magnetic field exposures. Reverse phasing cannot be utilized because only one circuit will be installed. Reverse phasing requires a double-circuit line.

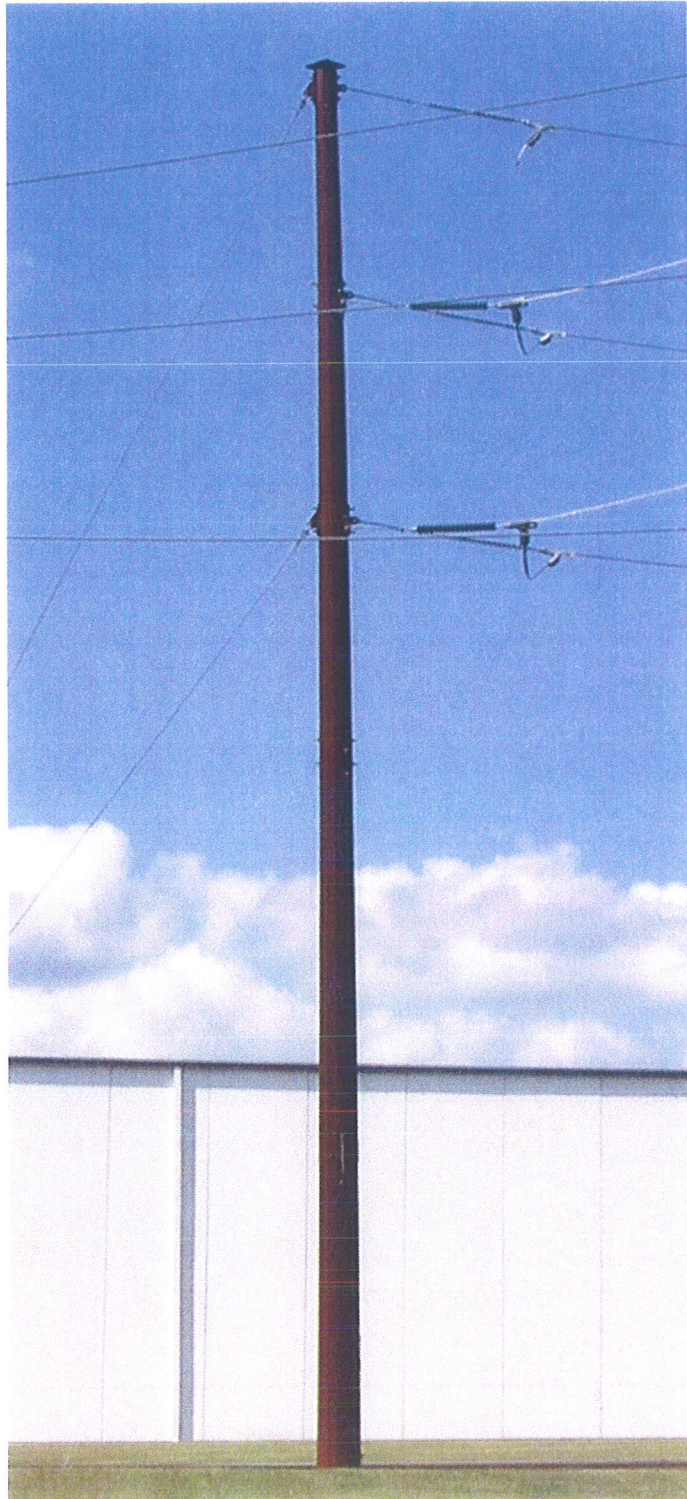
## **C. RIGHT-OF-WAY STATUS**

The Dappers Substation and Dappers Tap will be constructed on a 10.23-acre parcel owned by PPL Electric. No additional right-of-way is required for the construction of the tap line or substation.

**FIGURE 1**  
PROPOSED 138/69 kV TAP STRUCTURE  
APPROXIMATE HEIGHT - 70'



**FIGURE 2**  
PROPOSED 138/69 kV ANGLE STRUCTURE  
APPROXIMATE HEIGHT – 65'



**FIGURE 3**  
PROPOSED 138/69 kV SWITCH STRUCTURE  
APPROXIMATE HEIGHT – 65'





**LEGEND**

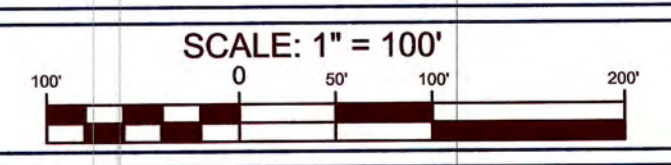
- EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINE —
- PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE —
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- PPL ELECTRIC PROPERTY LINE —
- EXISTING TRANSMISSION POLE ●
- PROPOSED TRANSMISSION STRUCTURE ●
- EXISTING TRANSMISSION TOWER ⊠
- PROPERTY ID NUMBER 1

Property ID Number	Property Owner
①	PPL UTILITIES TWO NORTH NINTH STREET ALLENTOWN, PA 18101

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**AERIAL ATTACHMENT  
SHEET 1**

**DAPPERS 138/69KV  
TAP LINE  
CHERRY RIDGE TOWNSHIP  
WAYNE COUNTY, PA.**



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# **Attachment 3**

**ATTACHMENT “3”  
DAPPERS 138/69 kV TAP LINE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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**ATTACHMENT “3”**  
**DAPPERS 138/69 kV TAP LINE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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**A. INTRODUCTION**

To meet the increasing demand for electricity and improve reliability, PPL Electric is proposing to construct the Dappers 138/69 kV Tap to supply the proposed Dappers 69-12 kV Substation. The project involves the installation of approximately 312 feet of new transmission line on 2 transmission poles and one LSAB (load sectionalizing air brake) pole. The short tap will be designed for single-circuit 138 kV operation, although it initially will be operated at 69 kV. The tap and substation will be constructed on property owned by PPL Electric.

PPL Electric provided information describing the project to Cherry Ridge Township and Wayne County, and neither the Township nor the County objected to the project. A list of involved governmental agencies, municipalities, and other public entities is presented in Attachment 6.

**B. LAND USE**

The proposed tap line and substation are located on a 10.23-acre parcel in Cherry Ridge Township, Wayne County owned by PPL Electric. The property is a wooded parcel that is zoned for Rural Development use and traversed by the existing Blooming Grove-Honesdale 138/69 kV Transmission Line along the eastern edge of the property. The property is bordered by wooded parcels on the north, south, and west sides of the substation site. To the east, the property is bordered by the Owego Turnpike. Residential properties are located on the opposite side of the Owego Turnpike. Due to the transmission facilities in the area, the incremental visual impacts of the project will be minimal.

The proposed line will tap the existing Blooming Grove-Honesdale 138/69 kV Transmission Line, which traverses the site proposed for the project, and extends to the new Dappers 69-12 kV Substation.

No nearby communication towers, pipelines, or other utilities will be affected by the proposed project. The Cherry Ridge Airport is located approximately 0.20 miles to the east of the project site and the Port Florence Airport is located approximately 3.65 miles to the east of the project site. Impacts to these airports are not expected due to the location of the project in relation to the orientation of the runways, and the fact that the property currently contains structures that are taller than the proposed structures. Nonetheless, the appropriate notifications were filed with the Federal Aviation Administration and PennDOT Bureau of Aviation to confirm that the proposed tap line will not be a hazard to the airports' flight operations. These entities have not responded with any objection to the project being a hazard to air navigation.

### **C. CULTURAL RESOURCES**

The 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 2010-0783-127-A). Therefore, no impacts to such resources are anticipated and no further investigations are required.

### **D. NATURAL FEATURES**

The project will not affect any unique geological, scenic, or natural areas. The recreational areas located closest to the project site are: the Pennsylvania State Game Lands Number 183, which is located approximately 6 miles southeast of the project site; the Prompton State Park, which is located approximately 6.2 miles northwest of the project site; the Varden Conservation Area, which is located approximately 6.8 miles west of the project site; and the Delaware State Forest, which is located approximately

7.9 miles southeast of the project site. There are no anticipated impacts to these features due to the distance from the project area, development between the project area and the features, and the small project size.

Approximately 2.25 acres of tree clearing is required for this project. PPL Electric will apply its “Specifications for Initial Clearing and Control of Vegetation on or Adjacent to Electric Right-of-Way Through Use of Herbicides, Mechanical, and Hand Clearing Techniques” to mitigate impacts.

The transmission tap line 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. Additionally, 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 threatened and endangered species in close proximity to the project area. A review of the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) records indicates that there are no anticipated impacts to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources (PNDI Search ID: 20100119224886).

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# **Attachment 4**

**ATTACHMENT "4"**  
**DAPPERS 138/69 kV TAP LINE**  
**PPL ELECTRIC DESIGN CRITERIA AND SAFETY PRACTICES**

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The National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) is a set of rules to safeguard people during the installation, operation, or 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 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. Numerous 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.

# **Attachment 5**



**MAGNETIC  
FIELD  
MANAGEMENT**  
PPL Electric Utilities  
Corporation

**ATTACHMENT 5**

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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

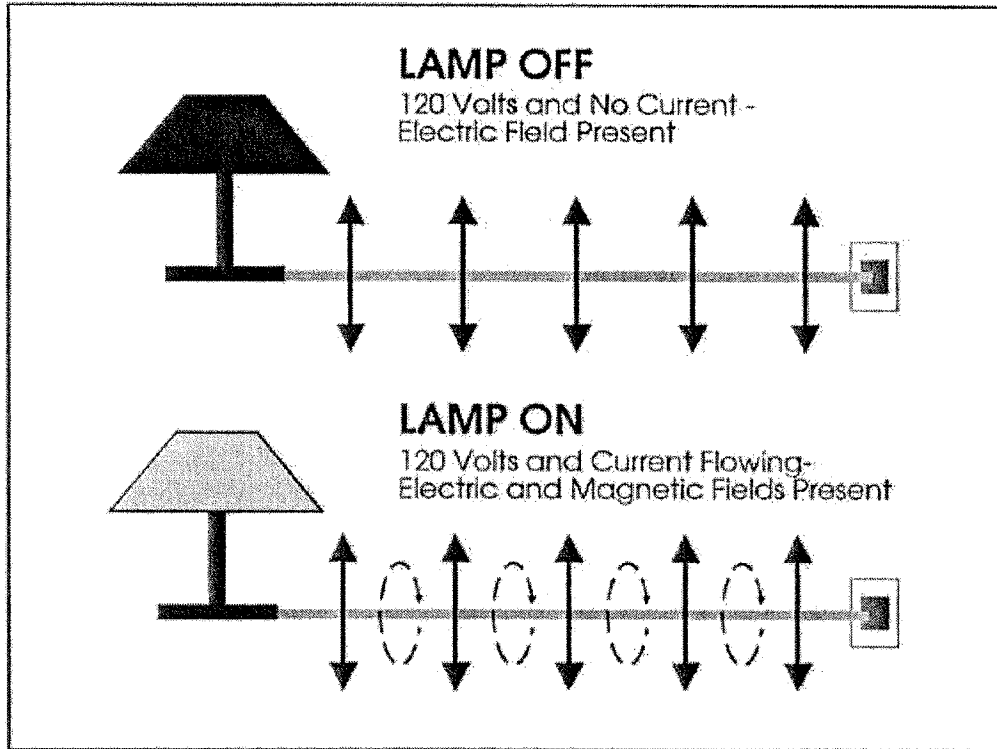


Figure 2









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

<b>Sample Magnetic Field Levels in Milligauss</b>				
<b>Type of Overhead Power Line</b>	<b>Distance from the line</b>			
	<b>Under the line</b>	<b>50 ft.</b>	<b>100 ft.</b>	<b>200 ft.</b>
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

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### 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.

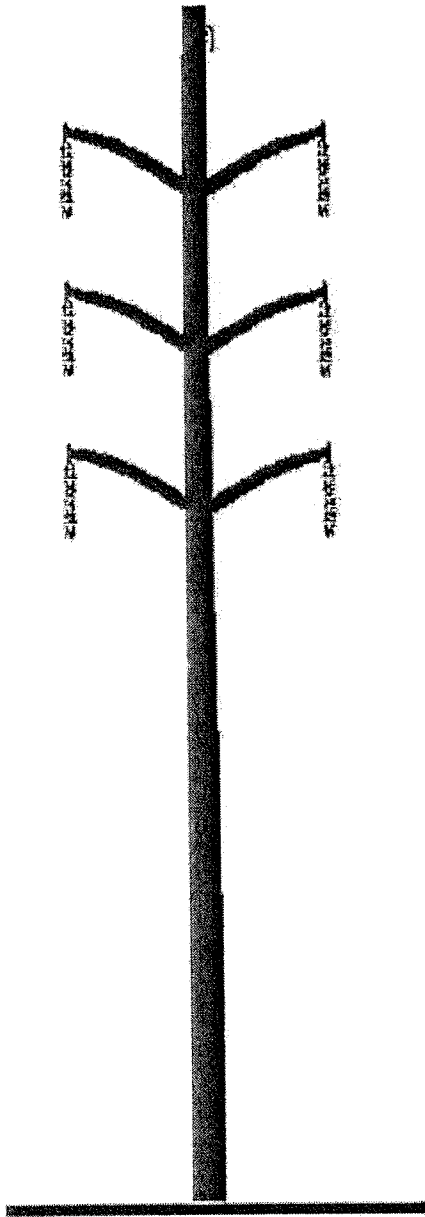
## **UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION LINES**

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**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.**

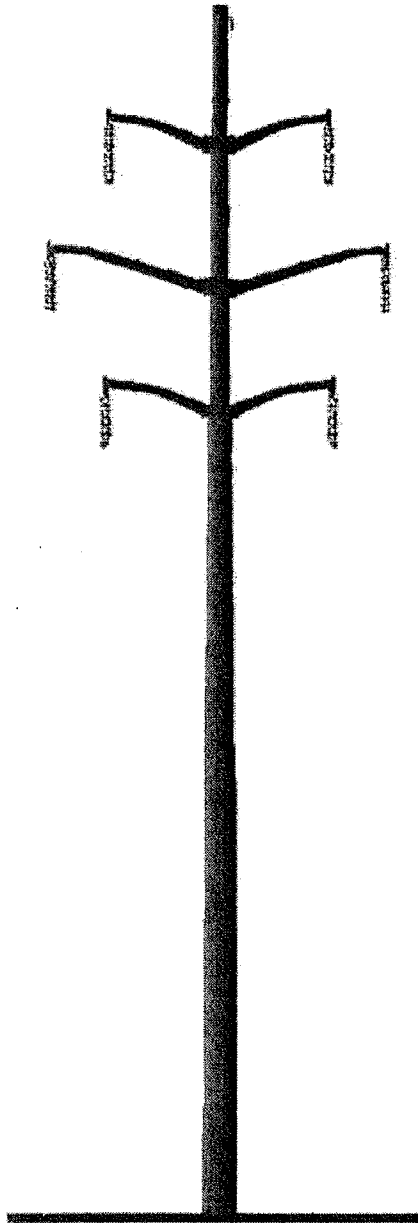
- The phase arrangement that produces the lowest field will be determined.
- The depth of burial of the line will be determined considering the cost of excavation and the location of other buried utilities in the area.
- The use of steel pipe ferromagnetic shielding that reduces magnetic fields will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



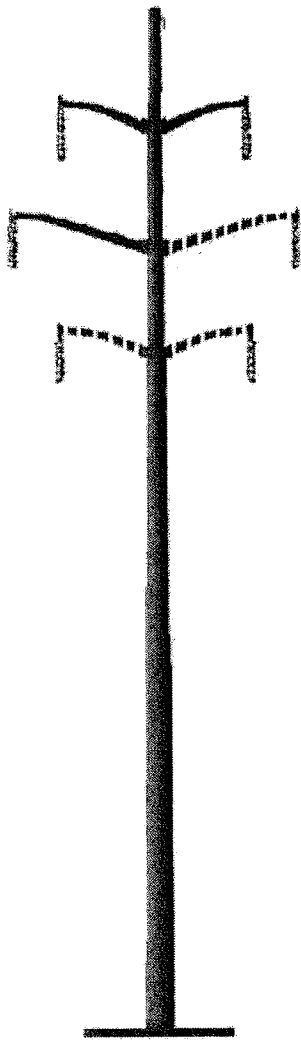
- Lower cost alternative
- Reduces magnetic fields due to higher structures
- Typical conductor data:
  - 1 3/8" HS steel overhead ground wire - 17.3 feet sag
  - 6-556.5 KCMIL 24/7 ACSR power conductors - (PARAKEET) 23.0 feet sag
  - Average span - 600 feet

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

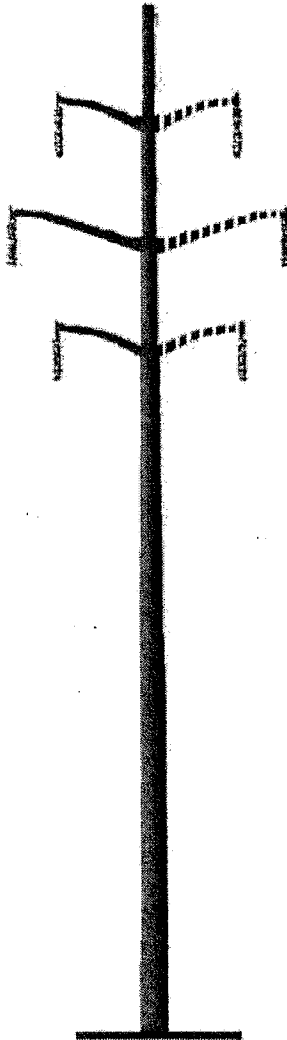
TYPE CONSTRUCTION	MAGNETIC FIELD IN MILLIGAUSS AT THE EDGE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY
SHORT SPAN (CHART I)	30
SHORT SPAN (REVERSE PHASE)	8
LONG SPAN (CHART II)	29
LONG SPAN (REVERSE PHASE)	9
COMPACT (CHART VI)	14
COMPACT (REVERSE PHASE)	3

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.

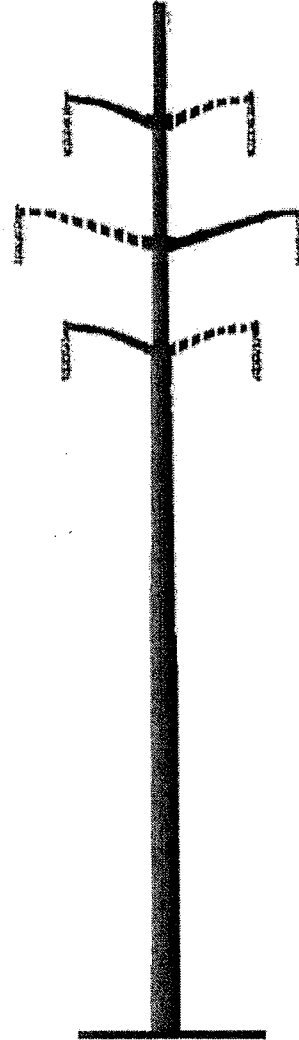
# Typical Single-Circuit Structure Designs



Top/Middle



Vertical



Top/Middle/Bottom

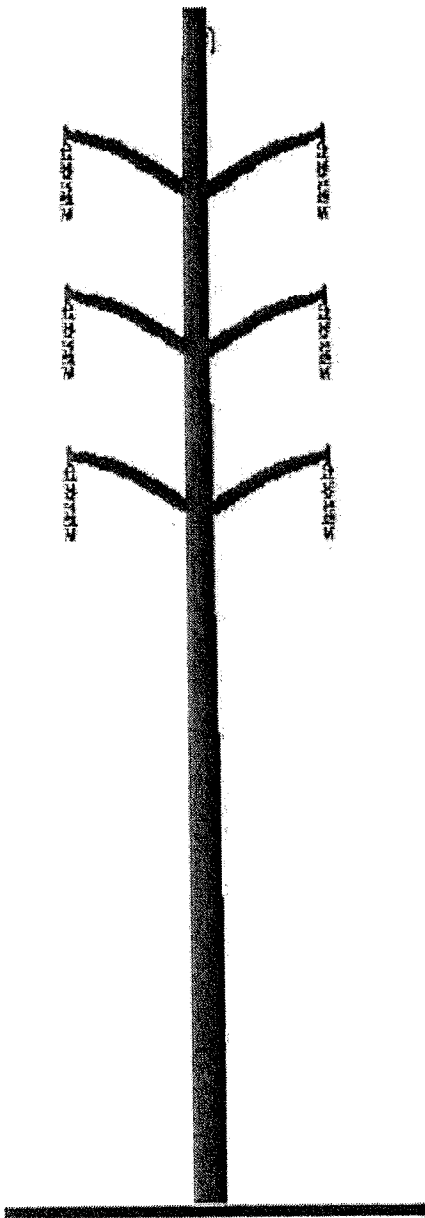
——— initial single circuit  
- - - - future second circuit

**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

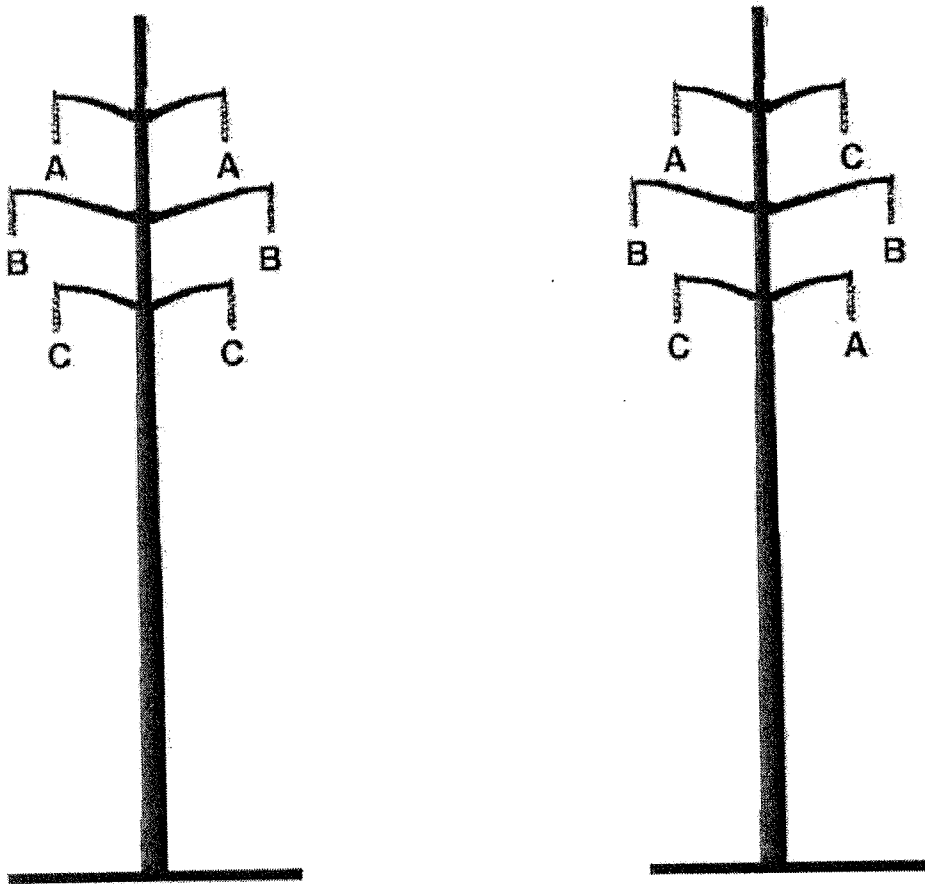
The edge of right of way is 50 feet from the line centerline.  
The 400 ampere phase current is balanced between phases.  
Calculations are based on a minimum ground clearance of 25 feet.

# 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:  $\longrightarrow \longrightarrow \longrightarrow \longrightarrow$  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.

# **Attachment 6**

**ATTACHMENT "6"**  
**DAPPERS 138/69 kV TAP LINE**  
**LIST OF INVOLVED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND**  
**OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES**

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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. McLearn, Chief

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, 8<sup>th</sup> 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

Wayne County Commissioners  
925 Court Street  
Honesdale, PA 18431  
Attn: Brian W. Smith, Chairperson

Wayne County Planning Commission  
925 Court Street  
Honesdale, PA 18431  
Attn: Edward J. Coar, Director

Cherry Ridge Township Board of Supervisors  
269 Spinner Rd  
Honesdale, PA 18431  
Attn: John W. Rickard, Jr., Chairperson

Cherry Ridge Township Planning Board  
269 Spinner Rd  
Honesdale, PA 18431  
Attn: Lois Powderly, Secretary