

Before the  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

**TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 138/69 kV TAP**

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

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

Submitted by: PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

## SUMMARY

On October 21, 2010, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation ("PPL Electric") petitioned the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") for a waiver of certain provisions of the Commission's siting regulations, at 52 Pa. Code, Chapter 57, Subchapter G, in order to file a Letter of Notification in lieu of an Application. The petition was docketed at P-2010-2205755. In its petition, PPL Electric sought the Commission's permission to use a Letter of Notification instead of a full siting Application to obtain the Commission's approval for the siting and construction of the new double circuit 138/69 kV tap line to serve the United States Army Depot in Tobyhanna, Coolbaugh Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania ("Tobyhanna Army Depot"). The Commission granted approval of the petition on February 10, 2011 enabling PPL Electric to file this Letter of Notification.

This Letter of Notification is being submitted by PPL Electric pursuant to the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 57.71 through 57.77, for approval to site and construct a new double-circuit 138/69 kV tap line to replace the existing single-circuit 69 kV transmission tap line which is used for the sole purpose of supplying the Tobyhanna Army Depot. The proposed tap line to be constructed by PPL Electric, and a new substation to be constructed by the United States Army, are required to improve reliability of service at the Tobyhanna Army Depot. This project is located in Coolbaugh Township, Monroe County, as shown on the PPL Electric Utilities Service Territory figure located at the end of this section.

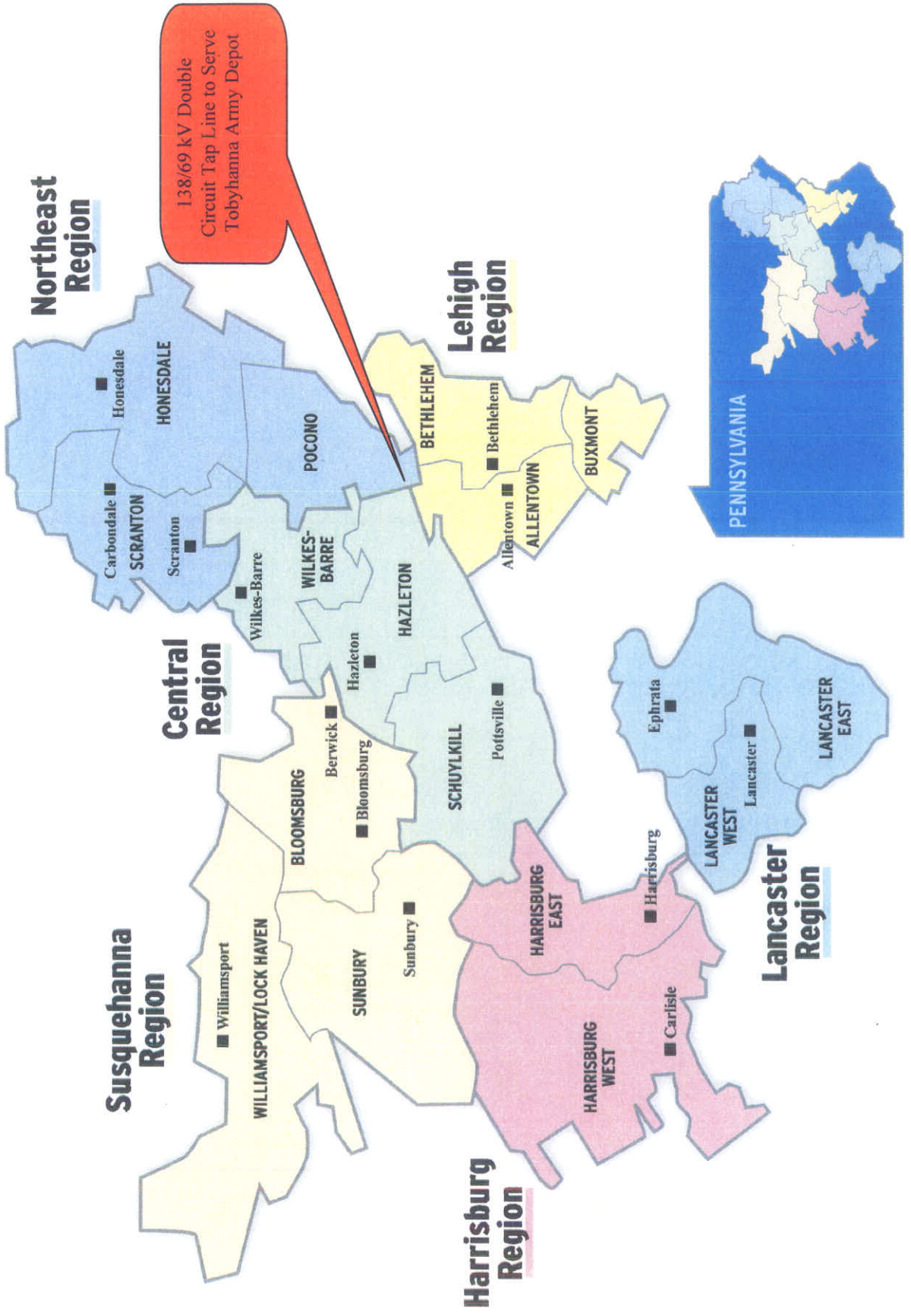
The proposed reconstructed tap line will be designed and constructed for two 138 kV circuits. Initially both circuits will be operated at 69 kV. The line will be converted to 138 kV operation when load growth makes it appropriate to do so. The reconstruction of the tap line will include the installation of new single shaft steel monopoles and new conductors, and the removal of the existing wood H-frame structures and conductors.

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

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# PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES SERVICE TERRITORY



# **ATTACHMENT**

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**ATTACHMENT "1"**  
**TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 138/69 kV TAP**  
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**ATTACHMENT "1"**  
**TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 138/69 kV TAP**  
**NECESSITY STATEMENT**

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**A. PROJECT NECESSITY**

Tobyhanna Army Depot is an existing customer in Coolbaugh Township, Monroe County. Presently, PPL Electric provides service to the Tobyhanna Army Depot via a 2.08 mile single circuit 69 kV tap line served from the Blooming Grove-Jackson 138/69 kV Transmission Line to the customer substation (See Figure 1).

Due to growth in load at the Tobyhanna Army Depot over the years, the Army's electric facilities, including its substation, are no longer sufficient. Tobyhanna Army Depot has indicated that it regularly experiences brownouts due to its inadequate substation facilities. In order to address these problems, the United States Army has initiated on-premise electrical system improvements and upgrades, which include a new dual supply substation to improve the electrical service and station reliability.

In order to obtain a second source of supply for its new substation, and to adequately meet the Tobyhanna Army Depot's load, both now and into the foreseeable future, the existing single circuit 69 kV transmission tap presently supplying the customer will be replaced with a double circuit 138/69 kV tap ("Tobyhanna Tap"). This upgrade will improve service reliability by providing the customer with two 138/69 kV transmission circuits to supply its proposed substation. The upgrade allows the customer to achieve its goal for a dual supply substation design.

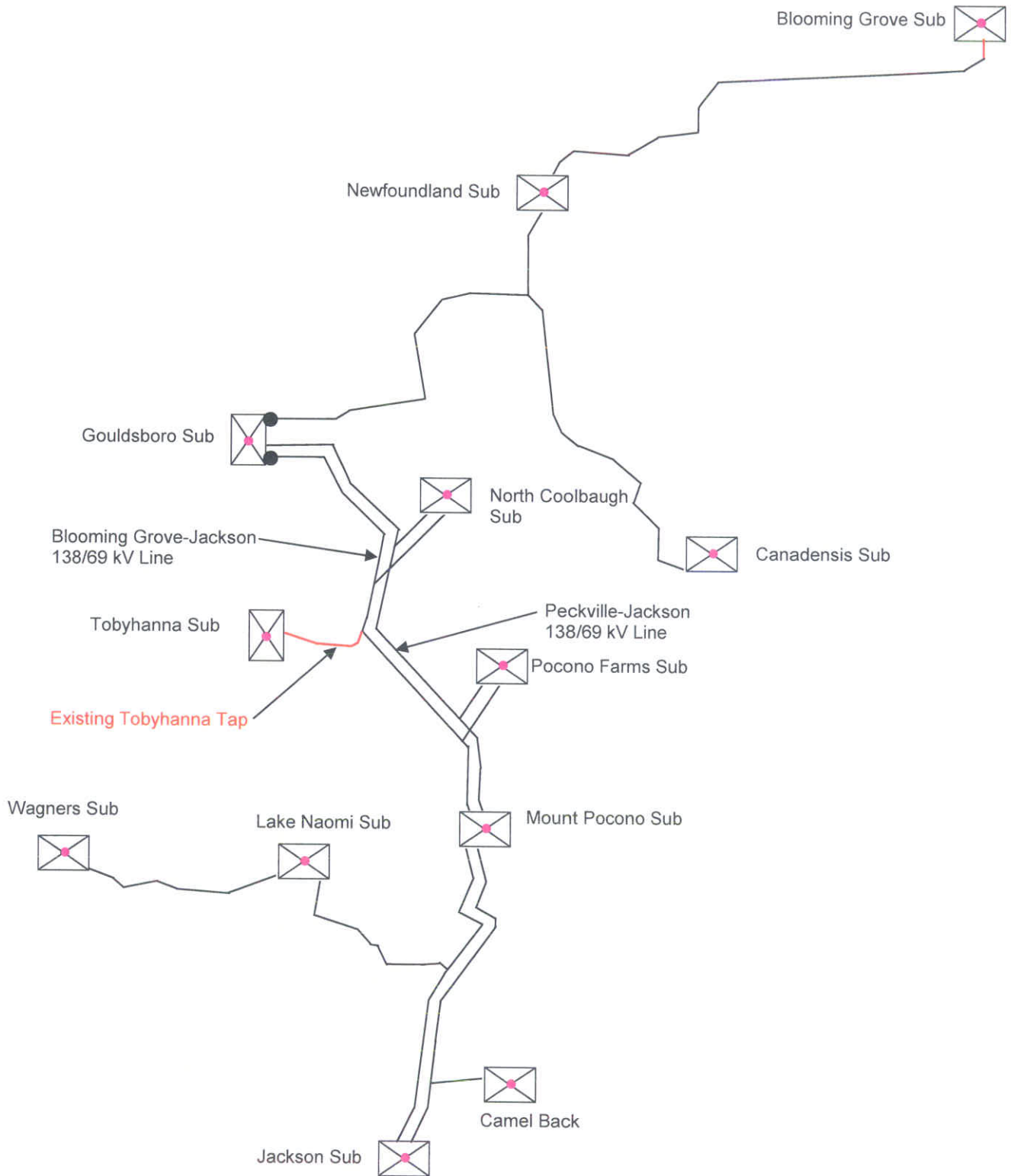
Under the proposed configuration, the loss of any single transmission facility (i.e., transmission line, tap line or transformer) will not result in the interruption of service to the Tobyhanna Army Depot. This is a significant improvement from the current configuration. Currently, the loss of the Blooming Grove-Jackson 138/69 kV line, the Tobyhanna single circuit 69 kV Tap, or the Army's transformer would completely interrupt Tobyhanna Army Depot's entire load.

PPL Electric proposes to supply one circuit from the existing Blooming Grove-Jackson 138/69 kV line, and the other circuit from the existing Peckville-Jackson 138/69 kV line (see Figure 2). The proposed double circuit tap line will be designed for future 138 kV operation. It will initially be operated at 69 kV.

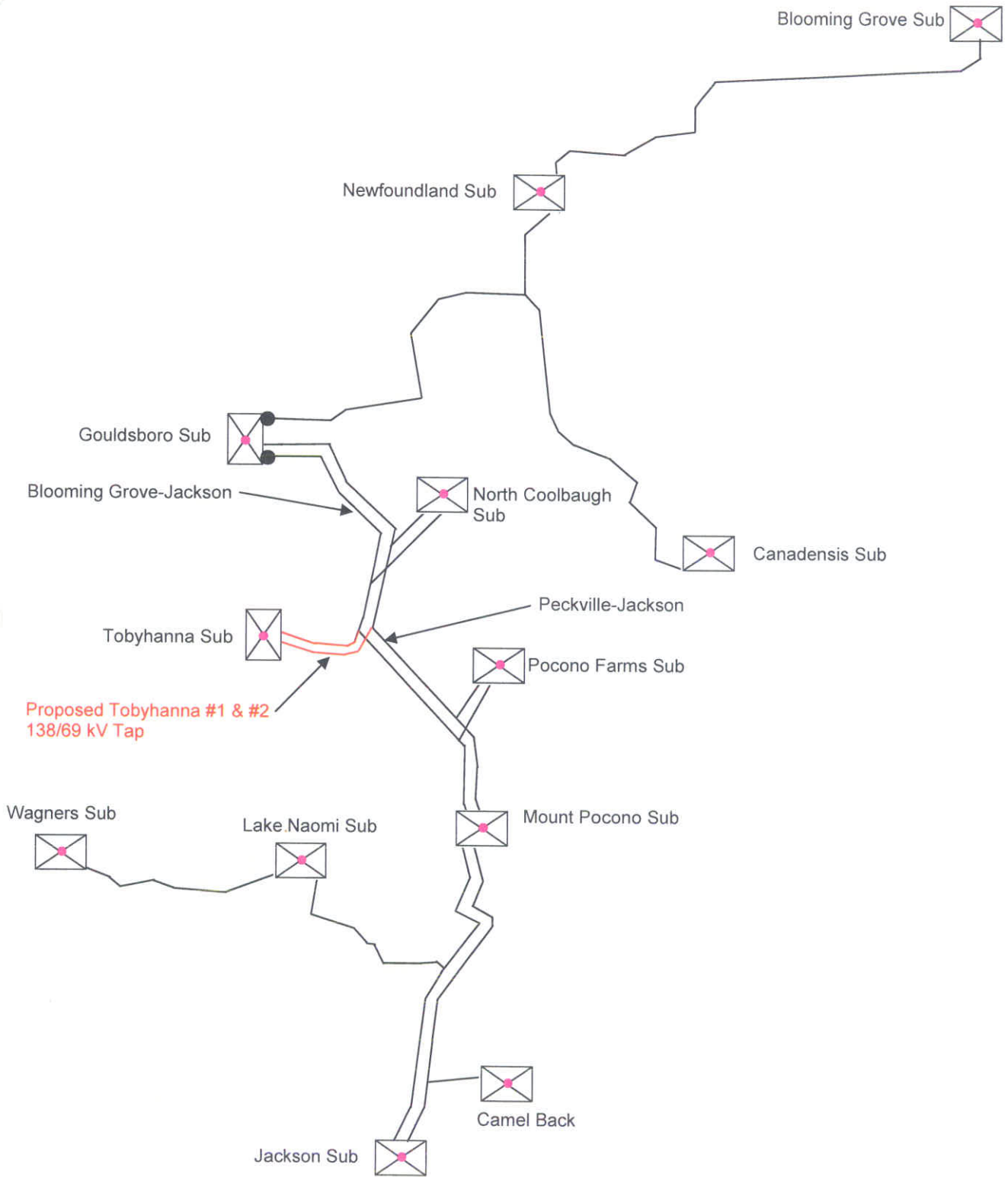
The estimated cost to design and construct the proposed 138/69 kV tap line is \$3.5 million, and will be paid by the United States Army. PPL Electric will construct, own, operate and maintain the tap line and associated switches. Tobyhanna Army Depot will construct, own, operate and maintain the new substation. In order to meet an in-service date of November 2012, line construction needs to begin in Spring of 2012.

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 69 kV regional transmission system in the Coolbaugh area.

**FIGURE 1**  
**Existing Tobyhanna 69 Tap – One Line Diagram**



**FIGURE 2**  
**Proposed Tobyhanna 138/69 kV #1 & #2 Tap – One Line Diagram**



# SUBSTATION LISTING

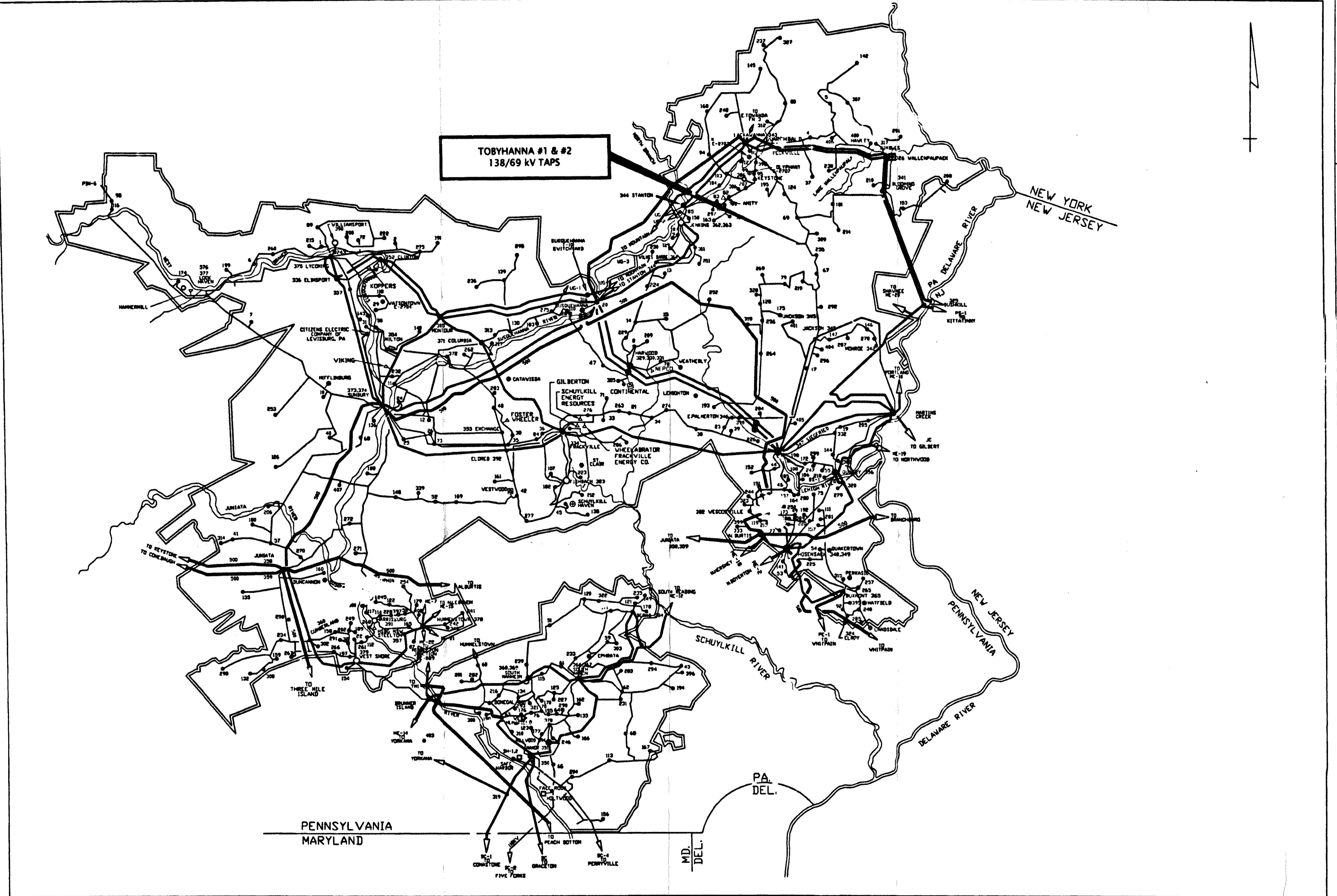
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25	175 DONERVILLE	325 BUSHKILL
26	176 MILLERSVILLE	326 VALLENPAUPACK
27	177 SHILLINGTON	327 ELK MOUNTAIN
28	178 MCALLISTERVILLE	328 JACK FROST
29	179 WYOMING	329 HARWOOD 230/99KV
30	180 WEST BERWICK	330 HARWOOD 69/12KV
31	181 KEYSER AVENUE	331 NAZARETH
32	182 NICKLES	332 ALBERTIS
33	183 EAST ALLENTOWN	333 FRACKVILLE
34	184 PINE RIDGE	334 DALMATIA
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44	194	344 STANTON
45	195	345 JACKSON
46	196	346 EAST PALMERTON
47	197	347 SIEGFRIED
48	198	348 HOSENSACK 230/69KV
49	199	349 HOSENSACK 500KV
50	200	350 CONESTOGA
51	201	351 HANOVER
52	202	352 CLINTON
53	203	353 EXCHANGE
54	204	354 MILTON
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56	206	356 HARRY SUB.
57	207	357 STEELTON
58	208	358 JUNIATA 300/230KV
59	209	359 JUNIATA 230/69KV
60	210	360 CUMBERLAND
61	211	361 DONEGAL
62	212	362 JENKINS 230/69KV
63	213	363 JENKINS CTG
64	214	364 WILKES-BARRE
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66	216	366 SOUTH AKRON 230/138/69KV
67	217	367 SOUTH AKRON 69/12KV
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72	222	372 DANVILLE
73	223	373 SUNBURY
74	224	374 HUMMELS WHARF
75	225	375 LYCOMING
76	226	376 LOCK HAVEN CTG
77	227	377 LOCK HAVEN 69/12KV
78	228	378 HUMMELSTOWN
79	229	379 WEST SHORE
80	230	380 MONTAGE
81	231	381 SOUTH FARMERSVILLE
82	232	382 VESCOVILLE
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102	252	402 EFFORT MOUNTAIN
103	253	403 COPPERSTONE
104	254	404 RED FRONT
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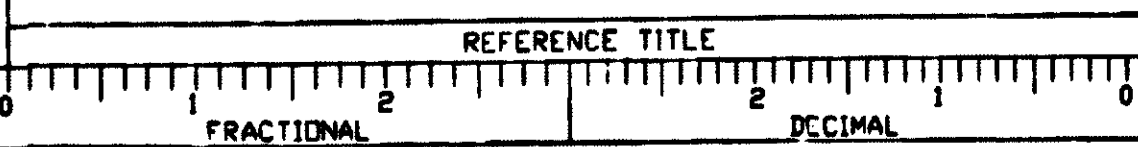
## INTERCONNECTIONS

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	—
HYDR ELECTRIC	□	230KV OPERATION	—
COMBINATION	○	138KV OPERATION	—
FIRM SALES	⊙	69KV OPERATION	—
SUBSTATION /SWITCHING STATION	•		
STEAM ELECTRIC	□		
NON-UTILITY GENERATION	△		
INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS	△		



ACCT - 805201	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM MAP		
SCALE - NONE	TOBYHANNA #1 & #2		
BY - CDW	138/69KV TAPS		
APPROVED	DATE	PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES	
G. HAKUN III	7/17/85		
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BY	REVIEWED	APPROVED	
RRC	DG		
#6000	LOCATION CODES	PLAN & PROFILE NO.	TRANSMISSION MAP NO.



NO.	DATE	ACCT.	DESCRIPTION	BY	REVIEWED	APPROVED
76	1/19/10	1001420	ADDED MANOR - GRACETON 230KV LINE RECONSTRUCTION	MG	RWM	DG
75	1/01/10	0015425	ADDED BUCKSHIRE SOLAR 138/69 KV TAP	MG	RWM	JW
74	1/14/10	0014648	ADDED FIRST QUALITY #4 138/69 KV TAP LINE PROJECT LOCATION	MG	RWM	KK
77	1/28/10	0014966	INDICATE TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 138/69 KV TAP.	RRC	DG	

# **ATTACHMENT**

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**ATTACHMENT "2"**  
**TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 138/69 kV TAP**  
**ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION**

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**TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 138/69 kV TAP**  
**ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION**

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**A. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LINE**

PPL Electric proposes to design and construct a double circuit 138/69 kV tap line to replace an existing single circuit 69 kV transmission tap which is presently used to serve the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Coolbaugh Township, Monroe County. The proposed tap line will be constructed within the right-of-way for the existing tap line except for a small section on the Army property to tie into the proposed substation. The proposed tap line will terminate at a new 138-69-12 kV substation located adjacent to the existing substation on the Army Depot property.

The tap line will be designed and constructed for double-circuit 138 kV operation, although it initially will be operated at 69 kV. The tap will be operated at 138 kV when future load increases make it appropriate to do so to maintain service reliability. The location of the existing transmission tap and the proposed facilities are depicted on the Aerial Exhibit included in the map pocket located at the end of Attachment "2".

The existing transmission tap is approximately 2.08 miles in length and is supported by wood H-frame structures with an average height of 52 feet. The proposed tap line will be approximately 2.08 miles in length and, with two exceptions, will be supported by steel monopoles with an average height of 80 feet (see Figures 1 and 2). The proposed poles located on either side of Hap Arnold Boulevard on the Army property will be approximately 100 feet tall to eliminate the need to place poles within wetlands, as discussed in Attachment 3. Subsequent to the submission of the Petition of Waiver, PPL Electric's planning department identified that the Blooming – Grove Jackson transmission line needs to be re-insulated to increase the basic insulation level (BIL) to improve the line's performance during periods of lightning. Since the proposed tap line is off the Blooming Grove – Jackson transmission line, it must be designed with the higher BIL. As a result, the proposed pole height of 80 feet is higher than the 70-foot pole height described within the petition.

The proposed steel monopoles will be direct embedded and guyed, or constructed on concrete foundations where necessary. The existing H-frame structures will be replaced on a one for one basis, to the extent practical. For example, the tower locations that are situated within wetlands will be shifted outside of the wetlands to reduce environmental impacts.

The proposed tap line will consist of six 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> One 3/8 inch steel overhead ground wire will provide lightning protection for the proposed tap line. In addition, one load sectionalizing air break (“LSAB”) will be added to an existing pole on the Peckville – Jackson 138/69 kV Transmission Line.

The new 138/69 kV tap line 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”. With one exception, the minimum conductor-to-ground clearance will be 30.7 feet for the new 138/69 kV tap line. It should be noted that the first span from the Peckville – Jackson Transmission line will have a minimum ground clearance of 26 feet since it crosses beneath the Blooming Grove – Jackson transmission line. This 26-foot clearance meets the NESC design standards. This minimum clearance occurs at a maximum thermal conductor temperature of 125°C. The design minimum conductor clearances and conductor thermal rating are provided in Table 1 and Table 2 respectively.

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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.

**TABLE 1****DESIGN MINIMUM CONDUCTOR CLEARANCES  
FOR 556.5 KCMIL 24/7 STRAND ACSR<sup>3</sup>**

<u>Condition</u>	<u>Double-Circuit Design Clearance-to-Ground</u>
Normal load, average weather (16°C ambient, 60°F temperature)	36.8 feet
Predicted extreme thermal load (125°C conductor, 257°F temperature)	30.7 feet
Predicted NESC extreme wind load conditions (25 lbs., 16°C, 60°F temperature)	33.9 feet
Predicted extreme weather conditions (1-inch ice, 4 lbs. wind, -18°C, 0°F)	32.9 feet

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

<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

<sup>3</sup> Clearances based on an initial maximum tension of 9,000 pounds and a ruling span of 450 feet.

## **B. MAGNETIC FIELD MANAGEMENT**

PPL Electric's Magnetic Field Management Program is summarized in Attachment "5" and is applied to all reconstruction and new line projects. In order to lower magnetic field exposures, the program generally prescribes a line design that provides for ground clearances that are five feet higher than those 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 that those modifications can be made at low or no cost and will not interfere with the operation of the line.

For this project, increased structure height and existing phase transposition<sup>4</sup> will be utilized to reduce magnetic field exposures. Except at the under-crossing of the Blooming Grove – Jackson Transmission Line, the proposed tap line will be designed for at least 30 feet of ground clearance, and phasing will match the existing Blooming – Grove and Peckville – Jackson transmission lines. In addition, the proposed compact design being utilized to obtain the higher BIL will also decrease the magnetic field. Complete reverse phasing of the proposed tap line cannot be cost effectively implemented at this time, as it would require re-termination of the source lines at six substations or widening of the existing right-of-way to accommodate the addition of another structure to roll phases. Further, complete reverse phasing at this time would interfere with the operation of the source lines. PPL Electric will re-evaluate reverse phasing of the proposed tap line in the future if the phases on the Blooming Grove-Jackson and Peckville-Jackson Transmission Lines are modified.

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

The majority of the proposed tap line situated on the Army property will be constructed within the existing right-of-way. For the portion of the transmission line located off the Army Property, the proposed tap line will be constructed adjacent to the 69 kV tap within the existing right-of-

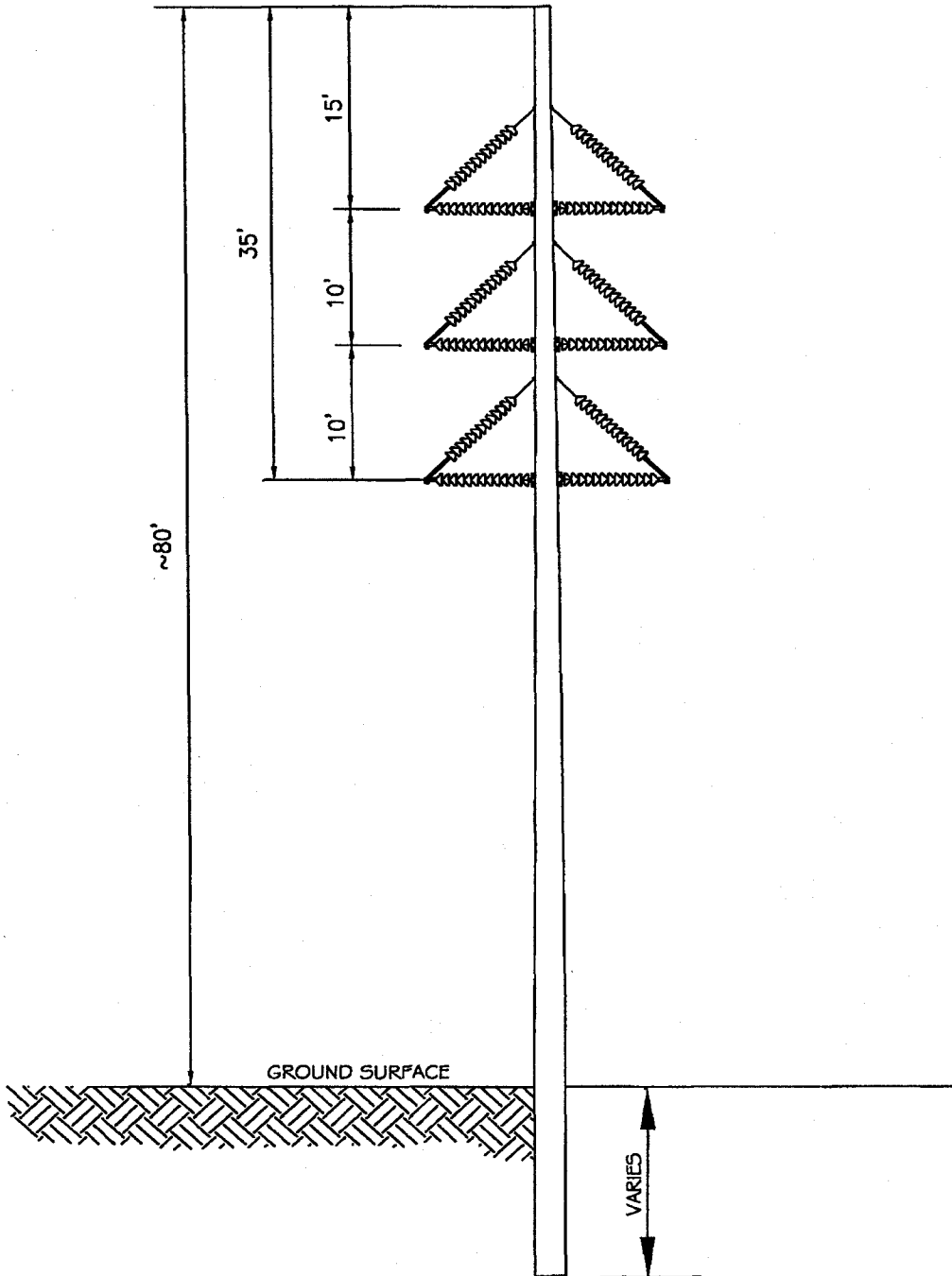
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<sup>4</sup> Phase transposition describes the present phasing on the existing Blooming Grove and Peckville - Jackson Transmission Lines which results in the partial cancellation of magnetic field on two phases of these lines. Phasing is B,A,C on Peckville-Jackson and A,B,C on Blooming Grove-Jackson.

way as shown on the Aerial Exhibit. No additional right-of-way will be required for this section of the line.

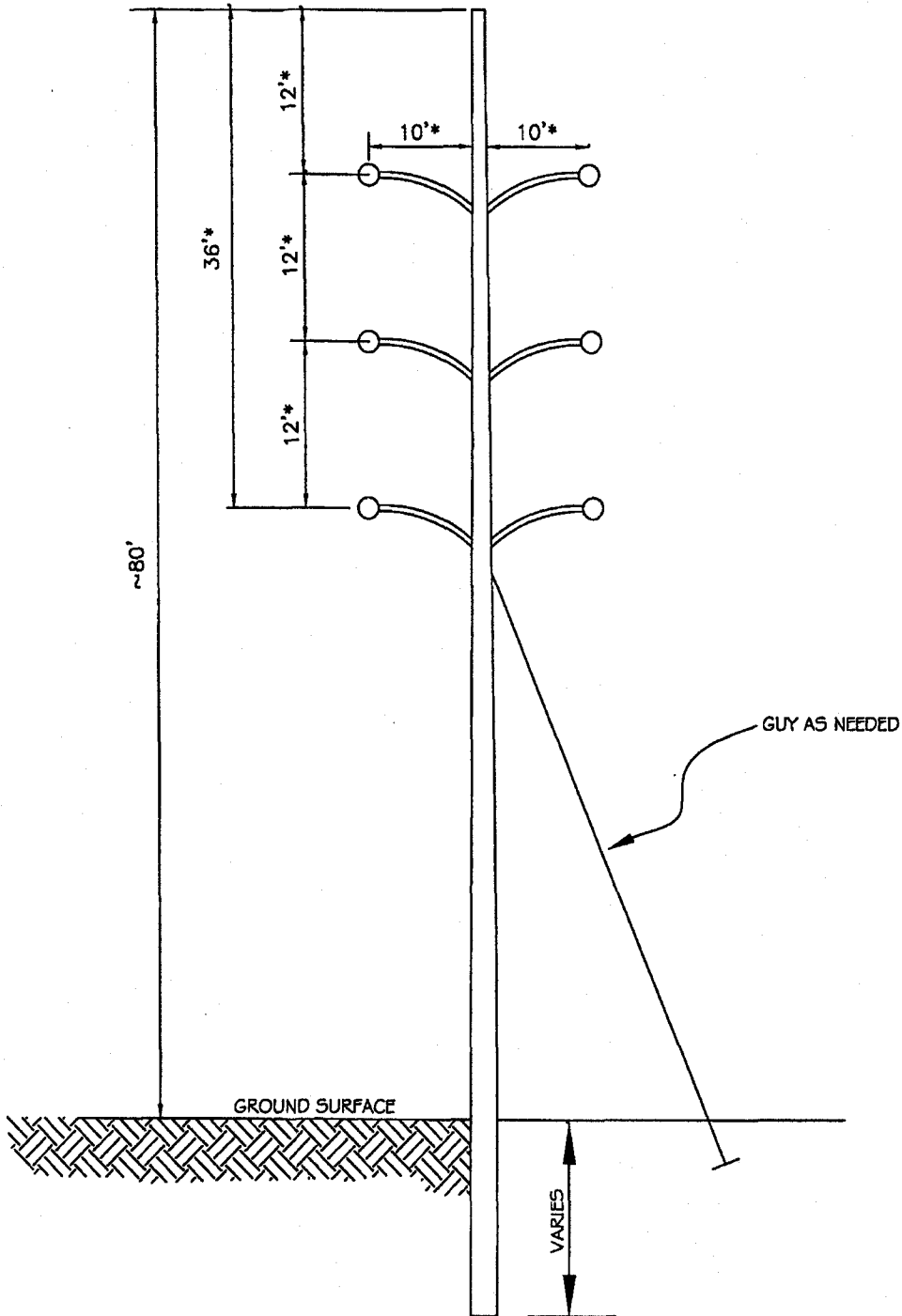
In order to tie the new tap line into the new substation, additional right-of-way will be required for the property adjacent to the new substation. In addition, in order to meet design parameters and clearance requirements the existing right-of-way will need to be widened where the tap spans the wetlands adjacent to Hap Arnold Boulevard. Figure 3 shows the proposed typical cross section of the right-of-way. The approximate aerial extent of the right-of-way is shown on the Aerial Exhibit included in Attachment "2". The owner of the property, the United States Army, has agreed to grant the additional rights-of-way.

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



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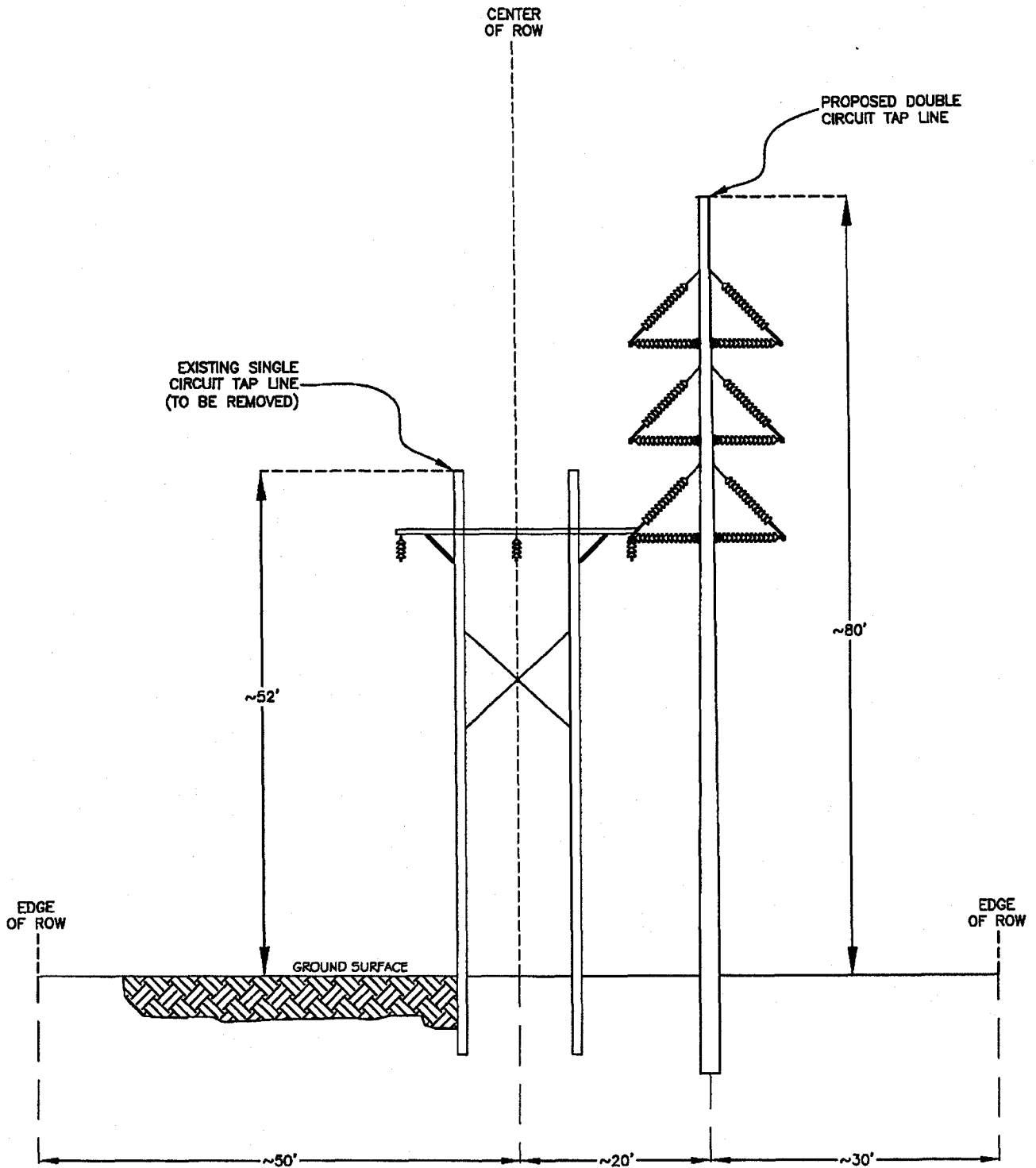
**FIGURE 2**  
PROPOSED 138/69 kV ANGLE STRUCTURE  
APPROXIMATE HEIGHT - 80'



\* - ARM LENGTH AND VERTICAL ARM SPACING DEPENDENT ON SEVERITY OF ANGLE.  
MAXIMUM VALUES ARE DEPICTED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

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**FIGURE 3**  
**PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY LAYOUT**



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TOBYHANNA LAKE

BLOOMING GROVE - JACKSON 138/69 KV LINE  
& PECKVILLE - JACKSON 138/69 KV LINE

200' PPL ROW

100' PPL ROW

PROPOSED SUBSTATION

EXISTING SUBSTATION

PROPOSED R.O.W.  
(APPROXIMATE)

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT

ADDITIONAL R.O.W. FOR BLOWOUT  
CLEARANCE (APPROXIMATE)

EXISTING 69 KV TAP LINE

PROPOSED 138/69 KV TAP

HAP ARNOLD BLVD

CHURCH ST (S.R. #23)

LAKESIDE DRIVE

LAKESIDE DRIVE

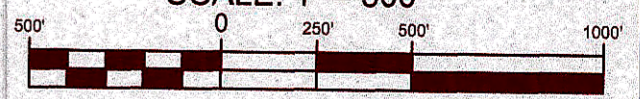
MAIN ST

MILLPOND  
NUMBER ONE

### AERIAL EXHIBIT

TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 138/69 TAP  
COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP  
MONROE COUNTY, PA.

SCALE: 1" = 500'



PREPARED BY:  
PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORP.  
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#### LEGEND

- EXISTING TOBYHANNA TAP
- PROPOSED TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 TAP
- PROPERTY LINE (APPROXIMATE)
- EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY
- PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY
- APPROX. LIMIT OF ARMY PROPERTY

PROPERTY NUMBER	OWNER OF PROPERTY	PROPERTY ID NUMBER	OWNER OF PROPERTY
①	WILLIAM L. LEONARD JR. ET AL (MARLOU C. HITT & JOSEPH P. LEONARD) 614 LEONARD LANE TOBYHANNA, PA 18466	⑦	LAWRENCE LEONARD 4111 US HIGHWAY 156 ADVANCE, NC 27006
②	WILLIAM L. LEONARD JR. & DIANE LEONARD 614 LEONARD LANE TOBYHANNA, PA 18466	⑧	GLENN & JILL BOINSKE PO BOX 848 TOBYHANNA, PA 18466
③	GEORGE F. & MARY LEONARD 617 LEONARD LANE TOBYHANNA, PA 18466	⑨	GLENN & JILL BOINSKE PO BOX 848 TOBYHANNA, PA 18466
④	GEORGE & MARY LEONARD 617 LEONARD LANE TOBYHANNA, PA 18466	⑩	FRANK BROZZETTI JR. AND MICHAEL BROZZETTI 4356 ELMHURST BLVD. MOCCOW, PA 18444
⑤	PAUL R. LEONARD 615 LEONARD LANE TOBYHANNA, PA 18466	⑪	TOWNSHIP OF COOLBAUGH ATTN: DOUGLAS HEIN, BUSINESS MGR 5550 MEMORIAL BOULEVARD TOBYHANNA, PA 18466
⑥	MICHAEL W. & SHIRLEY I SMITH PO BOX 302 TOBYHANNA, PA 18466	⑫	TOBYHANNA MILITARY RESERVATION, US ARMY TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT 111 HAP ARNOLD BOULEVARD TOBYHANNA, PA 18466-5078

# **ATTACHMENT**

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**ATTACHMENT "3"**  
**TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 138/69 kV TAP**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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**A. INTRODUCTION**

At the Army's request to improve reliability at the Tobyhanna Army Depot, PPL Electric is proposing to construct a new 138/69 kV double circuit tap to replace the existing 69 kV single circuit tap line. The project involves the installation of approximately 2.08 miles of new transmission line on steel monopoles, and installing one new LSAB switch. The transmission tap will be designed for double-circuit 138 kV operation, although it initially will be operated at 69 kV. The section of the tap line located off the Army Depot property will be constructed within the existing right-of-way. The section located on the Army Depot Property will be substantially located within the existing right-of-way. A portion of the transmission tap lines approaching the proposed substation will require additional right-of-way from the Army. Additionally, the existing right-of-way where the tap spans the wetlands adjacent to Hap Arnold Boulevard will need to be widened. For these sections, as shown on the Aerial Exhibit included in the back of Attachment "2", the Army has agreed to grant PPL Electric the required rights-of-way.

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

**B. LAND USE**

Construction of the proposed line will have minimal incremental land use impacts, as it will be constructed substantially within the existing right-of-way adjacent to the existing 69 kV single circuit tap line. The proposed tap line is located in woodland and open areas and crosses 12 properties. These properties include the Army Depot property,

Coolbaugh Township Municipal Park, and 10 residential properties. Due to the presence of the existing tap line in the right-of-way, the incremental visual impacts of the project to these properties will be minimal.

No nearby railroads, communication towers, pipelines or other utilities will be affected by the proposed project. The Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport in Mt. Pocono is the nearest airport and is located approximately 2.8 miles to the east of the project site. Impacts to this airport are not expected due to the distance between the project and the airport and the orientation of the runways with respect to the project location. PPL Electric will file the appropriate notifications 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.

Existing access roads will be used for construction with the exception of areas where species of concern have been identified (as discussed below in Section E.). In these areas, new access roads will be constructed to avoid impact to the species of concern.

### **C. CULTURAL RESOURCES**

The project was reviewed by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). The PHMC has determined that this project will have no effect on any historic buildings, structures, districts or objects that may be present within the project area and eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Furthermore, it is PHMC's opinion that no archeological resources will be affected by this project (File No. ER 2011-0332-089-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 127, which is located approximately 150 feet east of the project site; Gouldsboro State Park, located approximately 0.5 miles west of the project site; and Tobyhanna State Park, which is located approximately 0.6 miles north of the project site. There are no anticipated impacts to these features since: (1) the proposed tap line will be constructed adjacent to the existing line and constructed within the existing cleared right-of-way, (2) the distance from the project area and the recreational areas, and (3) the existing vegetative buffer between the project area and the recreational areas. Additionally, with respect to the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Park, the proposed line will remain within the existing right-of-way and shifted further away from the developed portion of the park. Within the municipal park, a skateboarding complex encroaches on the right-of-way and some ramps and jumps are located directly below the existing conductors. With the proposed layout of the new tap, the ramps and jumps will no longer be located directly under the conductors.

Substantial tree clearing is not anticipated off the Army Depot property since the proposed line will be constructed within the existing maintained right-of-way. Some tree clearing may be required along the edges of the right-of-way and on the Army Depot Property adjacent to the new substation. In addition, some brush removal will be required to access the work areas. 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 tap line will cross both wetlands and areas designated as "Waters of the U.S." or "Waters of the Commonwealth." PPL Electric will obtain all required permits 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. In addition, PPL Electric will obtain any required soil erosion and sedimentation control permits, and comply with conditions placed on those permits.

**E. THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES**

PPL Electric has coordinated with various 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 *Carex Disperma* (Soft-leaved Sedge), *Carex paupercula* (Bog Sedge), *Juncus filiformis* (Thread Rush), *Ledum groenlandicum* (Labrador Tea), and *Myrica gale* (Sweetgale) may be impacted by the proposed project (PNDI Search ID: 20100719253184).

Based on the results of the PNDI review, PPL Electric contracted with Mellon Biological Services to conduct a survey of the project area to identify whether the above identified species were present. The survey found two of the above species, *Juncus filiformis* and *Ledum groenlandicum*, within the existing right-of-way. A third species, Pennsylvania endangered plant species *Muhlenbergia uniflora* (Bog Muhly), was also identified within the existing right-of-way. Following identification of these three species, Mellon Biological Services delineated the extent of each species and also identified suitable routes that could be utilized to access work areas without impacting these species. These access routes will be included within the engineering drawings and utilized during construction to limit impacts to the species of concern. PPL Electric will coordinate with the appropriate agencies and obtain all required approvals prior to the commencement of construction.

In addition, a *Pandion haliaetus* (Osprey) nest was observed on one of the existing transmission tap structures. PPL Electric will submit this finding to the Pennsylvania Game Commission and obtain the appropriate approvals prior to the commencement of construction.

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**LIST OF SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENTS**

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**ATTACHMENT "4"**  
**TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 138/69 kV TAP**  
**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**

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**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

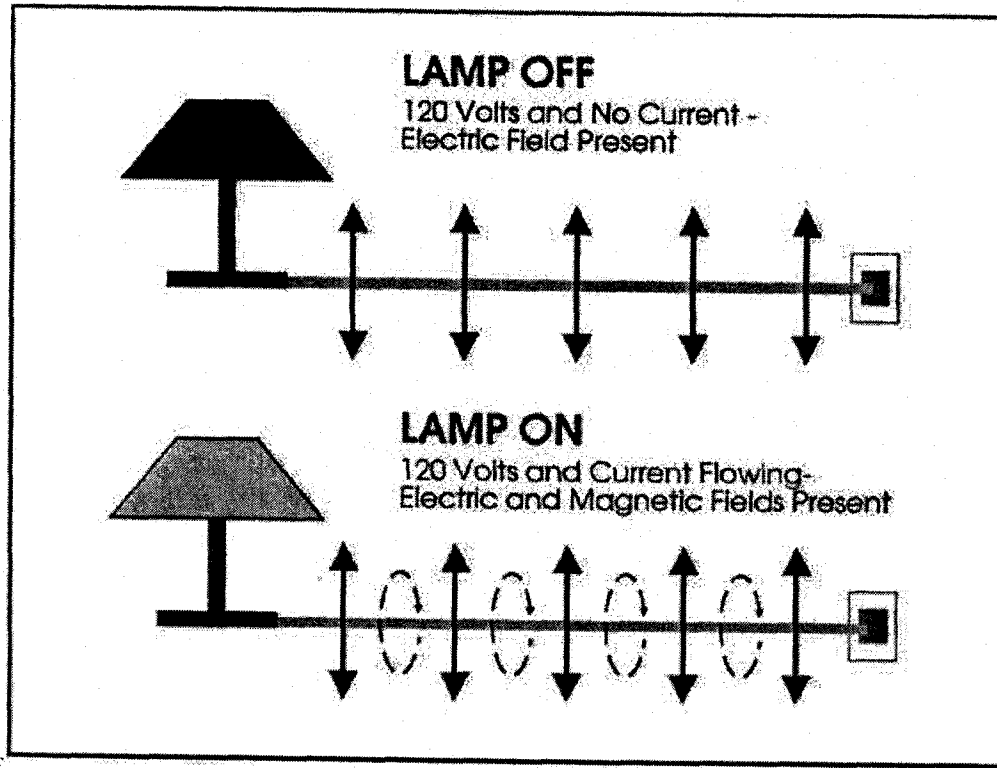


Figure 2









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.

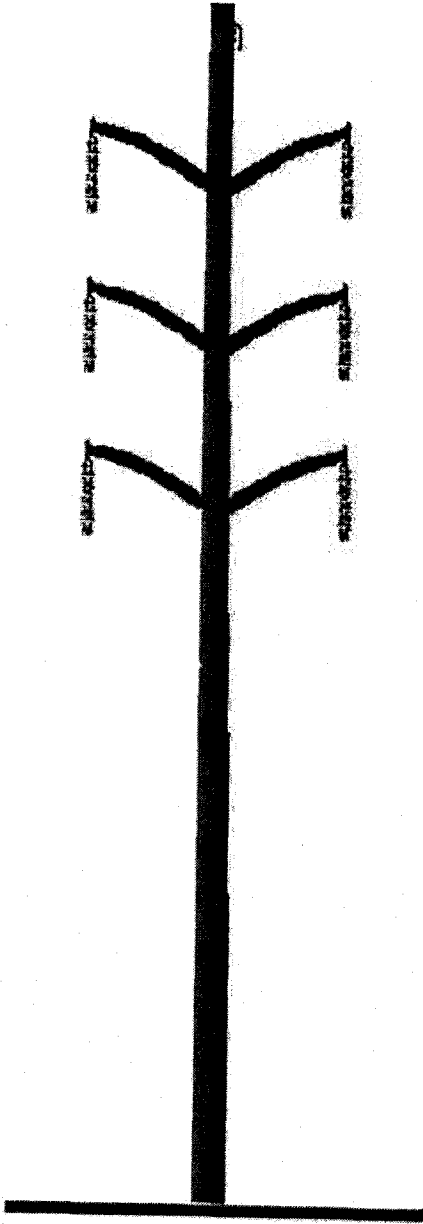
## **UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION LINES**

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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.**

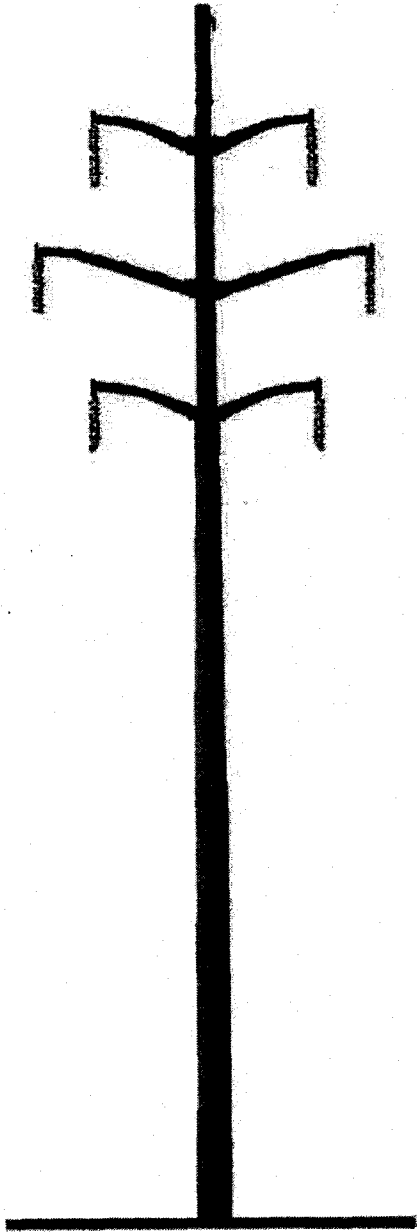
- The phase arrangement that produces the lowest field will be determined.
- The depth of burial of the line will be determined considering the cost of excavation and the location of other buried utilities in the area.
- The use of steel pipe ferromagnetic shielding that reduces magnetic fields will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



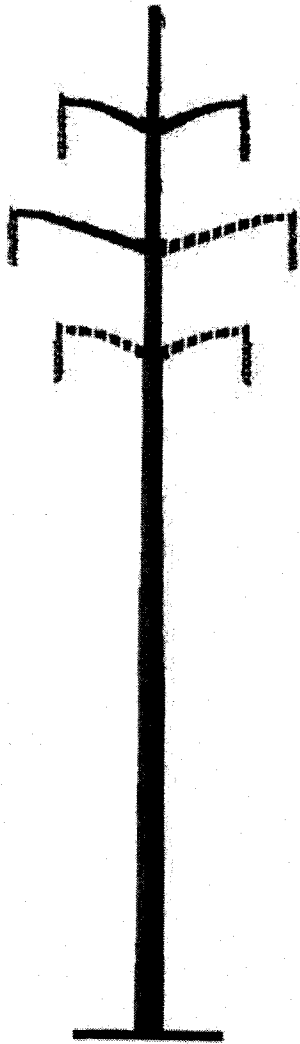
- Lower cost alternative
- Reduces magnetic fields due to higher structures
- Typical conductor data:
  - 1 3/8" HS steel overhead ground wire - 17.3 feet sag
  - 6-556.5 KCMIL 24/7 ACSR power conductors - (PARAKEET) 23.0 feet sag
  - Average span - 600 feet

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

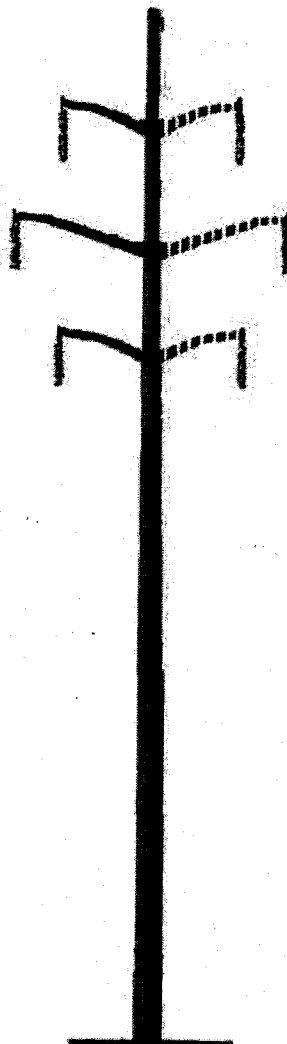
TYPE CONSTRUCTION	MAGNETIC FIELD IN MILLIGAUSS AT THE EDGE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY
SHORT SPAN (CHART I)	30
SHORT SPAN (REVERSE PHASE)	8
LONG SPAN (CHART II)	29
LONG SPAN (REVERSE PHASE)	9
COMPACT (CHART VI)	14
COMPACT (REVERSE PHASE)	3

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.

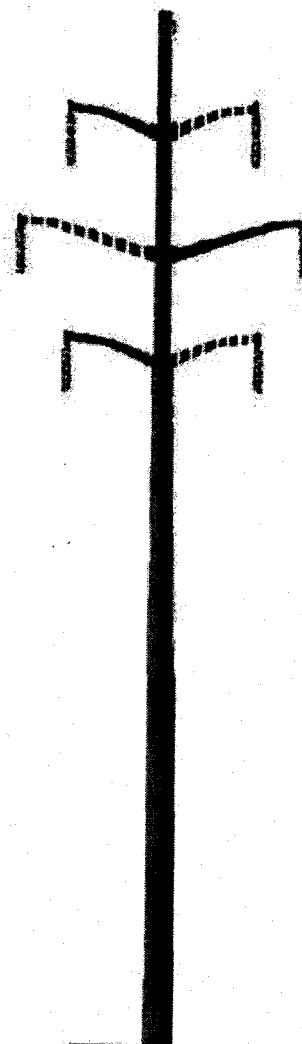
# Typical Single-Circuit Structure Designs



Top/Middle



Vertical



Top/Middle/Bottom

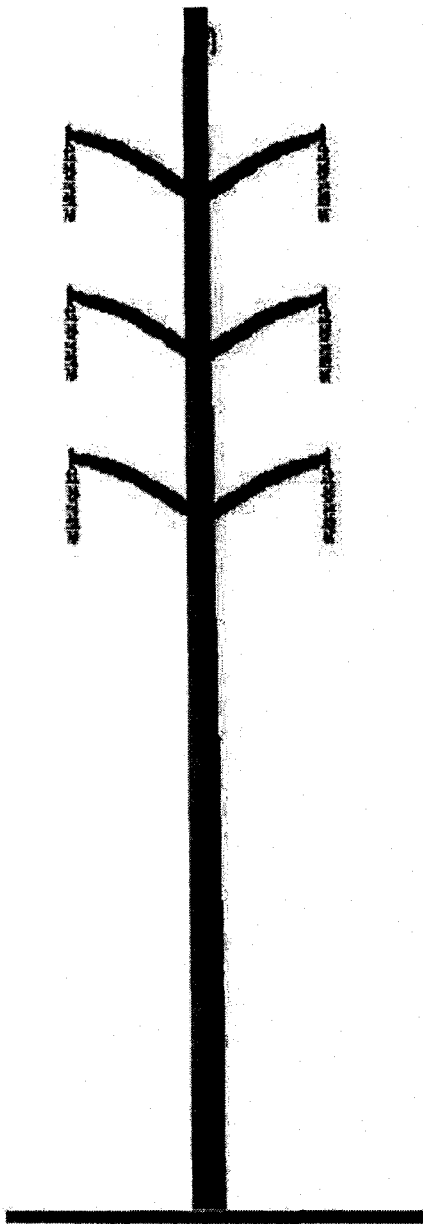
——— initial single circuit  
- - - - - future second circuit

**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

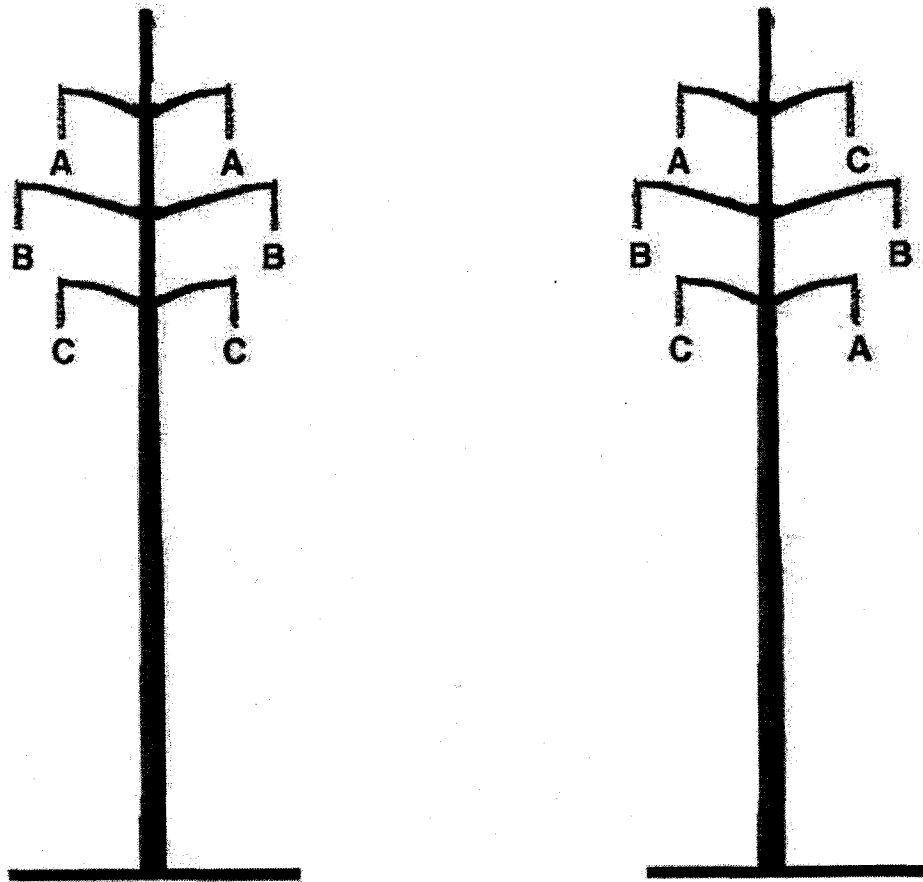
The edge of right of way is 50 feet from the line centerline.  
The 400 ampere phase current is balanced between phases.  
Calculations are based on a minimum ground clearance of 25 feet.

# 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: → → → → 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**

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**ATTACHMENT "6"**  
**TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 138/69 kV TAP**  
**LIST OF PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY**

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**Property Identification Number  
(as shown on Aerial Exhibit)**

**Property Owner and Mailing Address**

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2	William L. Leonard Jr. & Diane Leonard 614 Leonard Lane Tobyhanna, PA 18466
3	George F. & Mary Leonard 617 Leonard Lane Tobyhanna, PA 18466
4	George & Mary Leonard 617 Leonard Lane Tobyhanna, PA 18466
5	Paul R. Leonard 615 Leonard Lane Tobyhanna, PA 18466
6	Michael W. & Shirley I Smith PO Box 302 Tobyhanna, PA 18466
7	Lawrence Leonard 4111 US Highway 158 Advance, NC 27006
8	Glenn & Jill Boinske PO Box 848 Tobyhanna, PA 18466
9	Glenn G. & Jill P. Boinske PO Box 848 Tobyhanna, PA 18466
10	Frank Brozzetti Jr. and Michael Brozzetti 4386 Elmhurst Blvd. Moscow, PA 18444

**Property Identification Number  
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**Property Owner and Mailing Address**

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Township of Coolbaugh,  
Attn: Douglas Hein, Business Mgr  
5550 Memorial Boulevard  
Tobyhanna, PA 18466

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Tobyhanna Military Reservation  
United States Army  
Tobyhanna Army Depot  
11 Hap Arnold Boulevard,  
Tobyhanna, PA 18466-5078  
Attn: Joe Merli

# **ATTACHMENT**

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**TOBYHANNA #1 & #2 138/69 kV TAP**

**LIST OF INVOLVED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND  
OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES**

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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
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Attn: Mr. Douglas C. McLearn, Chief

Coolbaugh Township Planning Commission  
5550 Memorial Boulevard  
Tobyhanna, Pa 18466  
Attn: Wayne C. Horne, Chairman

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

Monroe County Commissioners  
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Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
Attn: Suzanne McCool, Chairman

Monroe County Planning Commission  
1 Quaker Plaza, Room 106  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
Attn: John Woodling, Executive Director

Coolbaugh Township  
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Tobyhanna, Pa 18466  
Attn: Douglas A. Hein, Business Manager

Coolbaugh Township Board of Supervisors  
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