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Dear Attorney Chiavetta,

Greetings! I am extending my hand as a fellow neighbor in the state of Pennsylvania -- a beautiful state to live in. I've only recently returned to PA after living in many countries all over the world for almost 19 years. Neighbors in foreign countries have been like family to us and I enjoy my new neighbors in St. Johns, PA as well!

Contrary to what was written in the "St. Johns-Freeland Transmission Reconstruction" report (the blue report that was hand-delivered to us and to our neighbors in mid March), we want you to know that there ARE many residents presently living under this line. Does anyone know this? They are residents who are not sophisticated enough to voice their opinions, not capable of doing research on the hazards of living under a transmission line or able to use technology of today to defend their right to continue living in their home. What a shame that American government mandates are willing to protect a species of bat (and I like bats too) but to not to protect people? especially children, or small trees that are no menace to the power lines? what a shame... no one cares to come out and see that there are people living under these power lines in homes that were once summer homes but are now their primary residences and they have no where else to go? And we DO have historical and environmental features that will be negatively impacted by reconstructing this transmission line—these features are described at the end of my letter.

We recently (19 mos ago) purchased this farm through which this transmission line crosses a considerable portion of our pasture and house lane.

Almost a month ago, I spent two afternoons with Neil Wolfe (permissions specialist with PennLine) and Brian Deeken (PPL forester) in order to come to some compromise in chopping down our very mature trees(400 ft x 100ft worth-- ALOT of trees and some oaks 70 ft tall!). After getting their spoken promises that the small trees would be spared(and we even touched and named the small trees

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to be spared), I came home Wednesday afternoon, March 20th, to find almost every one of those small trees were chopped TO THE GROUND and most of our antique fence posts pulled out of hard frozen ground without our permission! I had even removed the horizontal rails so that they would have easier access and not have to worry about damaging them. Graciously too, I had moved our cars to let them have easier access to the easement via our private lane(that is outside the easement). I did this in good faith that they would keep their promises. Now Brian Deeken tells me I am "wasting his time" when I called ONCE to ask why everything was cut and he replied "lady, we can do ANYTHING we want". THAT is just being a bully when I was trying to be accommodating. Since when did it become sanctioned that Americans can treat other Americans so heartlessly? And I am told it is for the sake of "homeland security"? It feels more like "homeland INsecurity" to me!

*Closer to the creek where they cleared before they cleared our portion, only 65 feet wide(33ft to each side of the center wire)was cleared but where our property and Sharon Sabia's(our neighbor's) property is, they cleared it 110 feet wide! that's 10 feet OVER their legal easement! I understand that some trees may arch toward the wire but our segment is markedly wider than anywhere else along this transmission line. Our permission was never asked to cut those trees! They belonged to OUR properties, not PPL's.*

As well, our lawyer claims that while the easement belongs to PPL, the "sticks on the property" belong to us and we have say as to what happens to them. According to the easement agreement of 1922, PPL has to prove that our trees "are a menace to the power lines". My husband and I have spent a lot of money and time on landscaping this property in the last 18 months(and we have receipts to show this). We had many dead trees removed and so many others trimmed back hard to improve the health of so many of the trees on our 12+ acre property.

Also, by recently eliminating all of those small trees and shrubs, PPL has effectively created a swamp between our neighbor's house and ours. This area has always collected water but the trees soaked it up before...now they won't...it's a big depression at the foot of the mountain and the mountain water runs right down into it and there's no drainage.

To say we are sorely disappointed in thinking we could trust Neil and Brian is putting it politely. My lawyer told me to call the police on them and that is how PennLine left our property on March 21st. It took me 2 and 1/2 hours to get them to leave...they kept cutting even though I asked the men to stop and I asked Neil and Brian to stop them. That was a very difficult day...I nearly had a nervous breakdown while my brain injured son was going nuts over this.

We have tried hard to act in good faith with PPL. However, Neil's and Brian's

words are cheap and untrustworthy. I have asked and they have put in to writing and on a letterhead how they will remediate the areas but they have not promised anything in this letter except to replace five of our fenceposts. (see a copy of their letter enclosed)

The cutters have eliminated the whole backyard of our neighbor's home and it will be a big portion of our front yard and whole entrance that will be affected if they continue to cut the remaining 2/3rds of the easement on our property. Imagine what that does to our property values? and we just bought this home! I understand it is for the safety of all concerned that all of these trees be cut or eliminated but can't they do it in a more considerate way? If PPL were one of our neighbors, we would hope they would treat us like a neighbor and not like adversaries. We want the best for everyone, doesn't PPL? Treat us as you would like to be treated, that is all we ask. The former owner of our property used to chase PPL off this property with her shotgun year after year. We don't own a gun because our son would probably use it to end his life he is so depressed from his brain injury.

On our property, we have a +70 year old crossbuck Croft(Scottish-style) barn with beautiful horse pasture within feet of the easement(the easement actually goes through our pasture). This barn is presently listed with the Historic Barn and Farm Foundation of preserved Pennsylvania barns and the database repository is at Kutztown University. Traversing Straw Mountain and the length of our southern property boundary, is a long ancient dry-stack stone trolley bed that was used in the 1800's to carry passengers and freight from Hazleton to Wilkes-Barre. It deserves to be on an historic registry too. These are only a few of the beautiful historic landmarks in our little village of St. Johns/Drums and the powers that be ought to know what they are forfeiting in putting this transmission line through the most beautiful part of this village.

As well, this power line also crosses the cleanest branch of the Little Nescopeck Creek, the headwaters of which are in Nescopeck Park. The Little Nescopeck Creek is classified as a High Quality-Cold Water Fishery (HQ-CWF) stream above the tunnel discharge, as is Nescopeck Creek upstream from its confluence with the Little Nescopeck. Many trout fisherman can be seen RIGHT NOW fishing from this creek -- just yards from the transmission line. Whoever made up that blue packet sent to us by the lawyers missed a lot of things!!! and obviously never came to see our area to check it out for themselves. We, the neighbors of the easement, would be happy to show you or anyone our local beauty and how much promise this area has for recreational and cultural possibilities (albeit for a transmission line running through the middle!)

We also DO NOT want PPL to spray our properties and kill everything as they are planning to do! All of us neighbors along the line are on well water and there

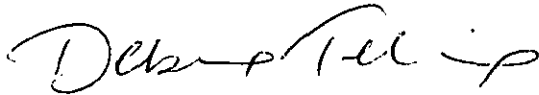
are so many deer and wildlife that will be affected, not to mention our still very clean portion of Nescopeck Creek! On our farm, we are hoping to put livestock on our pasture soon and this spraying is a serious issue.

We also have a very diverse bird population and bat population that frequent our farm in the summer. I know that hibernaculum for bats exist in the Jeddo tunnel area and Pardeesville mine shafts -- both are close to us. Bats are under environmental protection and cutting of trees isn't recommended after March 31 until Oct 15.

Can this transmission line go underground if it has to go through our area? Please see this site and I'd appreciate your thoughts on this: <http://www.undergroundconstructionmagazine.com/underground-electric-transmission-installations-gaining-traction>

Please feel free to call me about anything I've mentioned in this letter. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you again for taking the time to hear us.

Gratefully yours,



Deborah Telatovich (for Edward Telatovich and our family too)

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*ps. I would like to participate in the proceeding before the PUC please! Thank you!*

Copy of their "only and last" response (according to the email about this letter)



PPL Electric Utilities

April 5, 2013

Deborah Telatovich  
P.O. Box 112  
Saint Johns Pa. 18247  
Dear Mrs. Telatovich:

Thank you for your e-mail about PPL Electric Utilities' vegetation management work on the company's right of way on your property. As you requested, I am responding by letter.

To the extent possible, we are committed to performing this required work in ways that meet your specific requests. Accordingly, PPL Electric will repair all ruts and grind stumps of the trees we removed in the grassy areas. The grinding work will be completed within several weeks of completion of work weather permitting.

At your request, when we return to do the balance of the work, our trucks will not travel in your pasture. Any work that requires access through that area will be done by hand. Also at your request, our trucks will not drive on your lane past your house. We will complete the balance of the work by keeping our trucks along the road or backed into your driveway just enough so that they are safely off the road.

The enclosed brochure contains the most current list of compatible species permitted in our right of way.

Regarding the five fence posts you mention, our contractor, PennLine Services, will be reimbursing you to replace them. The estimate you provided is satisfactory. Accordingly, if you will please have this work done and send me the receipted bills, PennLine will reimburse you up to a total of \$500 for this work.

As you request, we will give you three days' notice before our crew returns to do the balance of the work. We will provide the date and time, weather permitting, that the work will be done.

I do apologize for the inadvertent removal of some <sup>???</sup> hawthorn bushes on your property which I originally told you could stay. As I mentioned, we will ensure that you are reimbursed for replanting some compatible bushes or trees at an appropriate place on the right of way. And, in recognition of your costs in restoring your property after this work is completed, PPL Electric Utilities will help compensate you for those additional costs.

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and dogwood & witch  
hazel trees... many of  
them were there!  
and they were  
beautiful!

I will be in contact with you after the balance of the work is complete to discuss this reimbursement. As you know, the terms of PPL's right of way agreement for your property do not require compensation for required vegetation maintenance to keep our transmission line reliable. We are extending this one-time offer to you in this case. It is contingent on the successful completion of vegetation management work on your property in the time frame outlined above.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Brian Deeken

Regional Forester

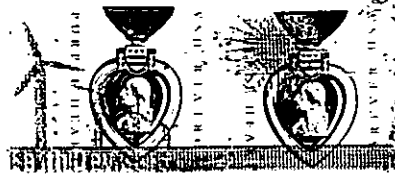
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