

RE: Docket # a-2013-2352732

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To whom it may concern at the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission:

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By filing this efile letter, we protest PPL's application to reconstruct the St. Johns-Freeland transmission line in 2014 and ask that this line be abandoned or to be reconstructed underground in areas where it is most populated.

57.76 Determination and order.

1. That there is a need for it.

According to PPL's letter of Notification to Pennsylvania "PPL Electric considered the possibility of abandoning the St. Johns- Freeland Tie Line."

This states that there are other options available to PPL and that this line is not Absolutely necessary.

2. That it will not create an unreasonable risk of danger to the health and safety of the public.

There are ten homes in my community in close proximity of this transmission line.

My home is within 100 feet of this transmission line. I am extremely concerned about the hazards from EMF's coming from this line. I am concerned for the health and well being of my family living under this line with the possibility of PPL increasing operating voltage to 138kv. I know of a family living within 100 feet of a transmission line and they all past away from CANCER. The youngest was in his thirty's.

I do not want PPL spaying there chemical agent on this transmission line near my property. I am told that my doors and windows must be shut and all pets remain indoors. How is this safe for my child who has a swing set practically under this line? Can PPL guarantee our safety?

Our drinking water is well water. How can PPL guarantee this chemical will not contaminate our drinking water?

PPL foresters have removed all the trees in a portion of land behind my house. I am afraid we are now going to have a swamp issue on our hands. This also can create health issues. There are no trees left to absorb excess water and the wood chip pile that was left for us is 4-5 inches thick.

3. That it is compliance with applicable statutes and regulations providing for the protection of the natural resources of this Commonwealth.

We do have environmental and historical features that will be negatively impacted by this transmission line.

This power line crosses the Little Nescopeck Creek, which is classified as a High Quality Cold Water Fishery. My family fishes in this creek along with several other fishermen in this beautiful area.

My neighbor has her barn registered with the Historic Barn and Farm Foundation. This barn is 70+ years old.

4. That it will have minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the electric power needs of the public, the state of available technology and the available alternatives.

PPL's tree removal had an environmental impact on the animals living in those trees and the animals that take shelter under those trees. We have a BALD EAGLE currently nesting in our area. He had visited our back yard just this past week. What a shame if his tree was cut down. He was sighted by several people. We have a diverse bird population and bat population. These animals have been displaced due to PPL removing more trees than were necessary.

This power line goes over the Little Nescopeck Creek. Spraying over this creek will contaminate the water and the fish that live there. The game commission takes pride in stocking this creek for the fisherman to enjoy.

We take pride in the area we live. I'm afraid PPL forgot about how to ensure the quality of life and to help the community in which they serve. Please feel free to contact me regarding this letter. Thank you for your time regarding this manner.

Sincerely yours,

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