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Attn: Mr. William J. Rountree, P.E.
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Mr. Rountree:

Thank you for the PPL Electric Utilities S. Akron 138/69 kv Transmission Line Revised Location Map (July 16, 2014) via certified mail. As per our letter of May 17, 2012, a copy of which is attached, this township remains concerned about the scenic impact of this route and its construction across one of the most aesthetic focal points of the Eastern Conestoga Valley. How can this scenic impact be minimized? The revised location map reflects the lines going directly through what is now officially recognized as a County Heritage/State Scenic Byway just west of Glick Road and East of the historic village of Churchtown. This has only raised our concern about the location of its construction. On October 22, 2012, the Route 23 corridor from Blue Ball to Morgantown was officially designated a County Heritage/Scenic Byway. On October 30, 2013, the State officially designated this corridor the 21st Pennsylvania Scenic Byway. The PPL electric application, section 2.1.4/linear infrastructure before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission should reflect these changes.

As stated before, letter of May 17, 2012, the Township supports PPL Electric project's concept of adequate electrical capacity and reliability but not the proposed location. Alternate routes were suggested along an existing ROW or closer to and parallel to the turnpike. These proposals were offered in the spirit of a constructive solution and practical alternative.

In addition, under Land Use/Paragraph 75 of the PPL Electric application, the preferred Route "D" does now traverse three existing Agricultural Easement areas in Caernarvon Township. These farms are all essential elements in the County and State Byway's food shed and view shed. The Preserved Farms are as follows:

John Glen Zimmerman	Preserved October 2008
Raymond Lee King	Preserved August 2013
Dave K. Smucker	Preserved December 2013

Furthermore, Township Officials attended these PPL Electric 2012 Open Houses:

April 19 – Caernarvon Fire Hall
August 1 – Fivepointville Fire Company
October 4 – Twin Valley High School
October 18 – Fivepointville Fire Company

On October 4, 2012, the Regional Community Relations Director PPL Corporation was specifically asked by a Township Official why there was no response or acknowledgement of the Township's May 17, 2012 correspondence. The answer, "The letter did not specifically ask for a response". The Township apologizes for any misunderstanding or misinterpretation in the attached letter.

As per our letter of May 17, 2012, we look forward to your consideration, comments, and response.

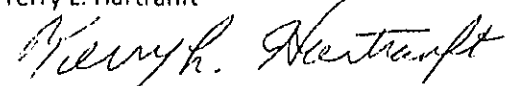
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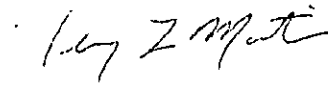
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Mr. John Levitski
PPL Electric Utilities
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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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Dear Mr. Levitski:

Thank you for the PPL Electric Utilities Open House at the Caernarvon Fire Company on Thursday evening, April 19, 2012. The maps, handouts and PPL Electric Utilities' experts were all very informative to this community. At our recent monthly public meeting, this Board had an opportunity to discuss the North Lancaster-Honey Brook 138-69 KV line project area. As per your request, PPL correspondence April 3, 2012 and April 24, 2012, this Board forwards its opinions and comments on PPL's planned investments.

The Board of Supervisors supports the plan and desire to upgrade the delivery system and its reliability in our area and the greater tri-county community. Our comments are offered in the spirit to assist in arriving at the optimum result for Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County.

Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County, in cooperation with East Earl Township and Lancaster County will be completing the official designation of Route 23 as an official County Heritage Historical and Scenic Byway from Morgantown to Blue Ball. We look forward to maintaining this very attractive tourist destination as a viable agricultural food shed in the future. We are also cognizant of the aesthetics and the view shed in this narrow valley. Adding large power lines, 90 foot poles and 100 foot right of ways is a concern. Lanchester (Chester County Solid Waste Authority) presently is organizing a multi-municipal inter-county advisory board to develop a tree/brush final cover for the landfill along the valley's southeast rim.

The ELANCO Comprehensive Plan, the Township's Comprehensive Plan, agricultural zoning and ag security do not promote major developments or enhanced power requirements in this agricultural valley. Most of the valley's Plain community will stay off the grid. Increasing phone line capacity by 20% in this valley is probably not a high priority with the proliferation of cell phones in all communities.

Since a major power line south of Churchtown courses southwest to northeast through the valley already, this board recommends a connection with it outside of the Conestoga Ridge Byway Valley. We suggest an alternate "T" (PA Turnpike) as a possibility. This path would take it just outside the turnpike right-of-way and most of it going east through State Game lands. The Turnpike Commission recently clear cut trees in the turnpike right-of-way along this track. The Turnpike Commission considers the liability of trees a greater priority than the environmental impact. Another nearby alternative would be the existing right away just south of the Turnpike where one right away would take two power lines.

Both the alternatives track east and could intersect with the Churchtown power line in and around Swamp Road.

Thank you for your request and we look forward to your consideration and further discussion.

Sincerely,

Caernarvon Township Supervisors

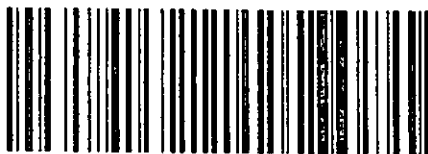
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