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MEMORANDUM FOR PA Public Utility Commission
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Subj: Florio Response to 1 Mar 22 referenced documents (No. C-2021-3028286)

Ref: (a) Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission (MAIT) Response (File # 2371385)
(b) Metropolitan Edison Response (MET) (File # 2371382)

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

I received responses from MAIT and MET (reference a and b above) to my amended complaint to ensure First Energy, First Energy Transmission, Pa Electric Company, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission (MAIT), and Met-Ed were included. I did not receive any objections from the other parties. I find Ms. Morris' answers are still inadequate and disturbing. For example, in her response to my original complaint, Ms. Morris tried to dismiss my case saying Met-Ed was not responsible for this power lines and that everything was now owned by MAIT. However, in this most recent response to myself and my neighbors, we find the easement is still owed by Met-Ed and they maintain certain responsibilities for the power transmission lines. Interestingly, I still have not received any notification from MAIT that they will be switching out the power lines nor any information from First Energy/Med on the exact placement of poles and guide wires.

I respectfully request that all the complaints from myself and my neighbors be brought forth to a hearing with the responsible parties so the issue can be resolved. I note the following points for consideration in the placement of the 2000' of wire (.37 miles) underground:

- The current poles were placed when the land usage was completely different. Now it is a thriving neighborhood and safety should be paramount. Neighborhood personnel report there have been at least two occasions of the wires/transformers being struck by lightning and in one case a wire coming down.
- Currently 7 lines are being replaced with 4 transmission lines to carry 69 KV. Assuming one wire is an earth wire, this means that twice the voltage is being carried by each line.
- We are not served by this transmission line yet we assume all risk and no benefit.
- Current movement across the country is to place lines underground. Numerous large power companies are undergrounding transmission lines (Our own Pennsylvania Power and Light Co here in Hershey, Florida Power and Light-the largest in U.S., Pacific Gas & Electric Co. in California to name a few)

- Derry Township requires new lines to be underground, thus there are valid reasons to underground.
- The poles are taller and now also have guide wires. This is unsightly and ruins the property value and the green space. Further, from talking to the neighbors who received some answers from First Energy, some proposed placements are now in the middle of people's back yards and views. Moreover, with larger poles placed further apart than the current distance, the risk is now greater to houses and pools if one of these lines were to come down. From measuring distances with my neighbors, we were able to determine that 28 homes in our HOA would be affected if a line came down.



New Poles with guide wires placed across the field from my residence (1965 Sand Hill Rd)

- One of two poles to be placed on my property is to be placed in the middle of a berm that has been specifically engineered to handle all the drainage water for the neighborhood. The Meadows Home Owner Association (HOA) has not received any engineering drawings that show the proposed poles will not affect the dedicated area (which also has an easement on my property). I, along with my neighbors, are concerned about potential flooding and potential washout that could occur. In fact, the other end of the power line on Nye Rd has had major washout and the Meadows HOA had to raise the dues this year to handle necessary repairs. Also, worth noting is that the berm on my property is utilized by the whole neighborhood for sledding. The proposed pole and guide wires creates an eye sore and another safety concern for the neighborhood.

- None of the companies listed in the complaint have been able to explain the cost savings across .37 miles or have discussions on other possibilities. The city of Hershey wants to convert the area near Nye Road into green space and help offset the cost of the repairs on Nye Rd. They are currently holding up the project pending the results of this case. If done correctly, the placement of the wires underground potentially could be offset by this project. It would also create a beautiful green space for the neighborhood and Hershey to utilize.
- We need CURRENT information on the safety of EMF (studies at present are aged and show inconclusive results.... suggesting further studies be done).

I look forward to the above concerns, shared by my family and neighbors, being properly addressed. I can be reached at (717) 460-5783 for any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely



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