

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Esquire Secretary PA Public Utility Commission
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Regarding Docket Number C-2021-3028346
Stanley and Eileen Krasinski versus Mid- Atlantic Transmission LLC.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please be advised that the following is our Reply to Answer to Margaret A Morris, Esquire at Reger Rizzo & Darnell LLP with regards to the motion of Mid Atlantic Transmission (MAIT)

Sincerely,

Stanley and Eileen Krasinski

cc: The Hon. Mark A Hoyer

The Hon. John Coogan

Margaret Morris Esquire

**Reply to Answer Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission of the Amended Complaint of Stanley
and Eileen Krasinski Docket No. C-2021-3028346**

Mid-Atlantic Transmission (MAIT) through its Attorneys Reger Rizzo and Darnall LLP has requested that our complaint be denied in entirety and that our “sudden allegation that the overhead lines create a safety and health concern are disingenuous”. We stand by our good faith complaint.

In reference to background submitted in the answer regarding Docket No. A-2015-248890-3 the PUC approved the joint application for the transfer of assets to Mid Atlantic Interstate Transmission (MAIT) from Metropolitan Edison Company (MetEd) Pennsylvania Power Company (Penelec). However, what is not stated is that MAIT was created by and is jointly owned by its operating companies, First Energy Transmission, MetEd, Penelec, and Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L), **all First Energy companies.** (*June 19, 2015 PUC Joint Application of MAIT, MetED, and Penelec page 1.*) The project of replacement of poles and wires is part of First Energy’s “Energizing the Future “ initiative.

In response to your answer, any reasonable person would have legitimate concerns for the health, safety and integrity of our neighborhood. The poles and wires have always been a concern to us but only more so now that we know that they are 69kV transmission lines and not distribution lines. One can say that we are also older and wiser. As parents, we spent years telling our children not to play near the electrical pole or under the lines so we deny the respondents accusation that we are making of sudden allegations. As per our complaint, First Energy states they are replacing the existing 69 kV lines. There is no mention if they are indeed replacing them with the same. In their correspondence of August 30, 2021, they state that the previous number of lines will be changed from 7 to 4. We still do not know the total amount energy that is being transmitted through each line or if in the future, they will phase in more lines and more kV’s. We also do not know the amount of electromagnetic energy these lines will be emitting. According to the EPA, scientific studies are **inconclusive** whether exposure to the electromagnetic field increases cancer risks and concluded that more studies are being done. (08/21 /2021 EPA.gov) The National Institution of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) also stated that concerns persist about possible connections between EMF’s and adverse health effects. NIEHS acknowledges additional research is needed and recommends continued education on practical ways to reduce exposure to EMF’s. (EPA.gov 08/21/2021).

There are discussions about effects of climate change but agreement in that we are experiencing an increase in the incidents of extreme weather. If a line or pole would come down, it could be deadly. First Energy’s initiative “Energizing the Future” is aimed at modernizing the electric “Super Highway” of the power grid. (07/2021 tdworld.com). It is apparent that placing the transmission lines underground would improve the electric grid as they would be less vulnerable to extreme weather and safer in any neighborhood. (12/21/2021 Vox.com/ The Future Plan to Fix America’s Power Grid). In ours it would require about 0.4 miles of underground lines.

In conclusion, First Energy Mission Statement is as follows. "We are a forward thinking electric utility powered by a diverse team of employees committed to making our customers' lives brighter, the environment better and our communities stronger." (Firstenergycorp.com) We whole heartedly agree with that statement and obviously deserve the same consideration in the modernization of the lines going across our properties. We too are looking to the future of The Meadows and again we request that the lines be placed underground.