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RE: Docket # A-2024-3051167

Dear Members of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

The Carroll County, Maryland, Board of Commissioners (BoC) has publicly denounced the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP), the electrical grid enhancement plan authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and PJM, the regional electric grid operator serving Maryland. If the project, awarded to the Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG), comes to fruition, 70-miles of high-voltage power lines will be installed, the majority of which will be in Carroll County.

The BoC is respectfully submitting its opposition to the PPL Electric Utilities Corporation transmission line projects. According to a Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) press release, "These projects involve constructing, rebuilding, and upgrading key transmission lines and associated facilities in parts of Chanceford, East Hopewell, and Hopewell townships in York County, which PPL says are necessary to address transmission reliability issues associated with data center load growth in the mid-Atlantic region." The applications filed by PPL Electric Utilities Corporation are the first steps to beginning the MPRP. The two projects cannot be completed without the other.

The BoC understands and acknowledges the need for enhanced electrical power while maintaining the principles of protecting property owner rights, local control, land use and permitting authority. The proposed projects in Pennsylvania and Maryland do not respect any of these concepts. The BoC is leveraging all its influence with our neighboring jurisdictions as well as state and national leaders to halt the project in its current form. Our priority is to mitigate any adverse impact this plan could have on the county's citizens, community and land.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY

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