

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

In re: Application of NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic, Inc.

Siting Application Docket No:A-2026-3060856

CPC Application Docket No: A-2026-3060921

REBUTTAL AND ANSWER OF LINDA MAUST-JACOBS TO THE ANSWER OF NEXTERA ENERGY TRANSMISSION MIDATLANTIC, INC. OPPOSING HER PETITION TO PROTEST

I, Linda Maust-Jacobs, hereby submit this formal response to the filing titled "NEET - MARL - Serving Answer to Petition to Protest (6.12.26) (Linda Maust-Jacobs).pdf. I respectfully request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PA PUC) dismiss NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic, Inc.'s ("NEET MA") objections and continue to grant me full Protestant status based on the following distinct and direct property interests:

1. Direct Property Threat via the 500-Foot Rule:

My distinct interest to protest in the MARL applications goes far beyond generalized impacts to my electric bill. I am a property owner of 5th-generation family land. NEET MA's ability to shift, swing, or adjust the transmission line route by 500 feet during the construction phase directly threatens, alters, or encroaches upon my specific parcel of property. This physical exposure to the route establishes a direct, immediate, and substantial interest that cannot be adequately represented by the PA Office of Consumer Advocate (PA OCA).

2. Inclusion of Alternative Routes:

While NEET MA claims in its June 12, 2026 filing that I do not sit on their current "Proposed Route" corridor, the Company's application explicitly lists alternative routes. I own two family farms within the designated study area. Specifically, my property located at 225 Maust Rd, Gibbon Glade, PA 15440 is directly threatened by the current route configurations and the 500-foot construction swing rule. The active inclusion of these alternative routes in the dockets legally justifies my distinct property interest.

3. Deficiencies in Public Notice and Transparency:

My ability to evaluate these threats was actively hindered by NEET MA's failure to provide adequate notice. NEET MA failed to send me my second required postcard and reduced the online MARL map resolution compared to what was shown during the April 2025 public meeting period. Furthermore, physical project packets were placed in the Point Marion Library, which has highly limited hours, rather than a centralized location like the Uniontown Library. This severely impacted the ability of nearby landowners to discover how the 500-foot rule would encroach on their land. NEET MA broke public trust and failed in its responsibility to communicate transparently with me as a direct stakeholder.

4. Project is Not "Used or Useful" to Pennsylvania:

Based on PJM's own regional transmission expansion plan (RTEP) data, the MARL project is designed to funnel cheaper renewable power from states west of Pennsylvania to large energy loads in northern Virginia. Because this infrastructure is not "used or useful" to the citizens of Pennsylvania, yet threatens my private land, I have a clear right to protest. Furthermore, project costs have skyrocketed since the 2022 RTEP plan, and these shifting economics demand a strict reevaluation by the Commission to determine if this route or project is truly the least-cost solution.

5. CONCLUSION

Because my physical real estate, a 5th-generation family farm, and overall property values are uniquely at risk of being directly traversed or impacted by the 500-foot swing rule, the general public advocates (such as the PA OCA) cannot legally or adequately represent my private property interests.

Wherefore, Linda Maust-Jacobs respectfully requests that the PA PUC dismiss NEET MA's objections, maintain my status as an active party of record, and permit me to continue as a formal protestant in these consolidated proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Maust-Jacobs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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