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Public Utility Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

We are writing on behalf of our constituents in Luzerne and Schuylkill Counties to respectfully renew our request that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) take a very hard and comprehensive look at the proposed PPL 500kV transmission line project that is set to impact our local area and surrounding communities.

This project has been under scrutiny and continues to face widespread and growing opposition from residents, landowners, and local officials. Many of the residents believe that the project offers little to no benefit to our communities while posing significant risks to property values, environmental integrity, and the rural character of our region.

The turnout at local municipal meetings has been substantial, with residents showing up in large numbers to express their opposition. These meetings have been filled with heartfelt testimony, data-driven concerns, and a unified message: we do not want this project in our backyards. The community engagement has been nothing short of remarkable, and it reflects the deep-rooted commitment of our citizens to protect their homes, land, and way of life.

With PPL having submitted their application to be heard by the PUC later this month, we respectfully ask the Commission to:

1. carefully examine the necessity and route of the transmission line with a focus on local impact and alternative solutions that do not disproportionately burden our communities, as well as
2. ensure full transparency and public participation in all stages of the review process.

We trust that the PUC will uphold its responsibility to the people of Pennsylvania by ensuring that any infrastructure project—no matter how well-intentioned—meets the highest standards of public need, fairness, and community benefit.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to your continued diligence and protection of the residents of Luzerne and Schuylkill Counties.

Best,



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