

HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

January 30, 2009

Mr. Michael Hosier  
Allegheny Energy, Inc.  
General Manager, Transmission Projects  
800 Cabin Hill Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

**Re: Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline ("PATH") Project**

Dear Mr. Hosier:

The Frederick County Delegation submits this letter to you regarding the proposed PATH Allegheny Transmission Company's PATH Project that includes a new 765 kV transmission line across southern Frederick County for approximately 50 miles. While the Delegation recognizes the need and importance of this project and the fact that the decision to site this transmission line is within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Public Service Commission, we are concerned with the project's impact on our community and have an interest in mitigating these impacts to the extent reasonably possible.

The Delegation has heard numerous concerns from citizens about the PATH project. One of our concerns is regarding the right of way required for the transmission line. We understand that an above ground 765 kV alternating current transmission line requires a right of way of approximately 200 feet. We have been told that a high voltage direct current (HVDC) underground transmission line would require only a 20-foot right of way, significantly reducing community impacts and increasing the alignment options.

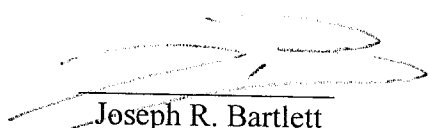
It is the Delegation's position that it would be in the best interest of both the community and Allegheny PATH to evaluate and consider the feasibility and benefits of locating the PATH project underground as it crosses Maryland. We also believe it would be in everyone's best interest if this evaluation was made by an independent third party consultant, recognized as an expert in this technology. Completing this independent study, prior to PATH Allegheny submitting its application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to the PSC for the PATH project, would serve as a testament to Allegheny PATH's stated goal of soliciting and considering public input and all feasible alternatives to the proposed line routes.

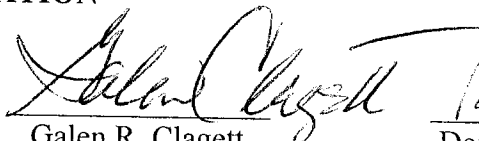
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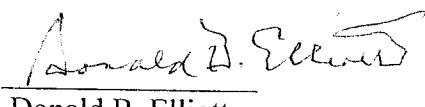
We appreciate your careful consideration of these requests and your responsiveness to community concerns. We thank you, in advance, for providing us with copies of all PATH Allegheny and affiliated companies' responses to these requests.

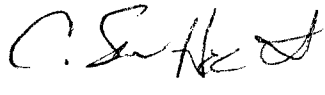
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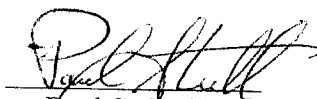
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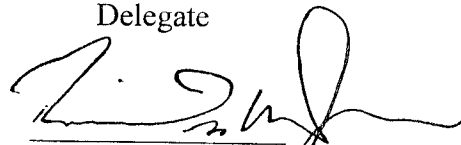
  
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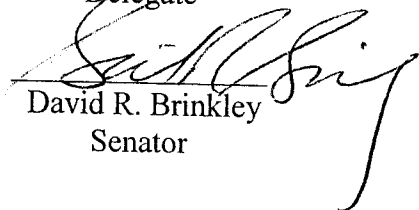
  
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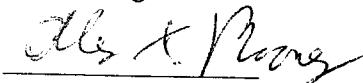
  
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