

# Sugarloaf Conservancy

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Anthony J. Alexander  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
FirstEnergy Corp.  
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Dear Mr. Alexander:

On June 9, 2010, Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) presented alternatives to resolve perceived 2015 RTEP issues. They proposed to solve 2015 issues by “reactive reinforcements” and rebuilding the Mount Storm to Doubs 500 kV line. As you are aware, DVP with PJM’s approval is currently rebuilding the Mount Storm to Doubs line, which will bring an additional 66% transfer capacity.

The DVP presentation also proposed rebuilding the Mount Storm to Pruntytown line by 2017, to address projected needs. This line is of similar age and geographic region to the Mount Storm to Doubs line and should be reconducted and/or upgraded now.

In requesting that the PATH application be withdrawn, Mr. Richard Gary, PATH’s attorney before the Virginia State Corporation Commission, on March 17, 2011, stated the following:

So, as you can see, the base case alone moves out the thermal violations into the next decade. And with the two fairly certain sensitivities that were considered by PJM, the Mt. Storm-Doubs rebuild and the construction of the Warren County facility, the thermal violations virtually disappear from the planning horizon.

When the upgrade is completed, the Mt. Storm-Doubs line, the first two lines on this slide, the carrying capacity of that line will be increased about 66 percent. And so, that will move out the thermal violations shown in the base case well into the decade of the 2020’s.

The Pruntytown-Mt. Storm is the next closest violation, and even in the base case does not occur until 2024.

With the extended downturn in the economy and attendant loss of energy demand, this creates a window of opportunity to rebuild/repair transmission lines that otherwise could not be worked on due to heavy loading factors.

Just as DVP took the initiative to rebuild its Mt Storm to Doubs line, Sugarloaf Conservancy requests that, similarly, First Energy/Monongahela Power recommend to PJM that the Pruntytown to Mount Storm line be rebuilt/reconducted before there is a need for transmission capacity beyond the ability of the current infrastructure to accommodate the load. We also recommend that you evaluate all First Energy lines, to determine if others would be candidates for rebuilding/reconducting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas S. Kaplan  
President