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Terry J. Romine  
Executive Secretary  
Maryland Public Service Commission  
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6 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

Subject: Written Comments, Case No. 9198

Dear Ms. Romine:

In reference to Case No. 9198, in the matter of the application of the Potomac Edison Company on behalf of PATH Allegheny Transmission Company, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the Maryland segment of a 765 kV electric transmission line and a substation in Frederick County, Maryland, I hereby request The Maryland Public Service Commission deny the above for mentioned application based on the following:

Ten east coast Governors including the Honorable Governor Martin O'Malley have publicly declared their preference for local power generation instead of bringing power from the Midwest (see attached letter). In this letter addressed to congressional leaders dated March 2, 2009 the governors explicitly state: "we must express our concern about the significant risks posed by recent proposals regarding transmission that we believe could jeopardize our states' efforts to develop wind resources and inject federal jurisdiction into an area traditionally handled by states and region." Although the basis for the letter is about the Federal pending legislation regarding the transmission of wind power from the Midwest, the same would apply to coal generating power plants located in the Midwest.

The PATH transmission line would carry power generated from the John Amos power plant to the mid Atlantic states whose governors signed this letter. The governors from these states in this letter clearly stated their preference to handle their power requirements locally. In addition, if this application is accepted the citizens of Maryland whose property and quality of life will be adversely affected by the PATH transmission would have to expend considerable time and financial resources in order to have relevant facts presented before a hearing examiner. As the Governors who signed this letter represent the citizens and the governments of their states and there is documented citizen opposition to this application, it is there respectfully requested the application by Potomac Edison Company on behalf of PATH Allegheny Transmission Company, LLC be hereby denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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