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Via First Class Mail

Douglas S. Kaplan, President
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Dear Mr. Kaplan:

We are responding to your recent correspondence requesting the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") file a Section 206 Complaint with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") asking that the Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline ("PATH") project be considered abandoned.

Since December 28, 2007 when PATH filed proposed tariff sheets with FERC to be included in the PJM Interconnection Open Access Transmission Tariff our office has been involved in the matter protecting the interests of New Jersey ratepayers. At this time, it is the position of Rate Counsel that the filing of a Section 206 will not achieve positive benefits for New Jersey's ratepayers. However, our office will continue to monitor the proposed transmission project and be involved in any settlement negotiations.

Thank you for contacting us with your concerns and should you have any other questions, please contact us again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stefanie A. Brand".

Stefanie A. Brand, Esq.
Director, Division of Rate Counsel

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c: Felicia Thomas-Friel, Esq., Managing Attorney - Natural Gas/FERC matters