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PJM Agrees to Study underground HVDC;

10 Governors Unite;

PATH Application is filed in Maryland

155-Acre Farm in Kempton sold to AE for Substation

On May 19th, Allegheny Energy filed a Certificate for Public Convenience and Necessity with the Maryland Public Service Commission (MPSC) for the PATH transmission project. It has been assigned Case #9198 and can be seen by going to www.psc.state.md.us and entering the above case number. See also their Maillog numbers 116780 and 116782. The next step for affected property owners is to file a request with the MPSC to become an Intervener. Please see our website on how to do this. (www.nomoretowers.org). The MPSC will hold a pre-hearing conference to set a hearing location, schedule for collecting evidence and for holding public meetings. We will get that information out as soon as it becomes known.

Months ago the Frederick County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and our State Delegation asked Allegheny Energy to conduct an independent study on the merits of using High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) underground technology supporting the request previously made by the Sugarloaf Conservancy. On May 14, PJM finally responded to the BOCC request from last January and agreed to have this study done by the firm, Black and Veatch. More information will be available, as it becomes known. See the attached copy of the PJM letter.

The Conservancy has also worked long and hard to get government leaders involved with our concerns over PATH and recently ten governors, including Maryland's Governor O'Malley, sent a joint letter to House and Senate leaders in Washington, D.C. This letter expressed their concern that Federal Laws favoring bringing Midwest and Western wind generated electricity into their state would be counterproductive to their efforts to establish locally generated renewable sources such as off shore wind generation. See attached copy of the Governors' letter.

Sugarloaf Conservancy's next meeting will be June 6, 2009. Yard Signs are available this Saturday. See our websites for information on where, when, cost and much more - go to www.SugarloafConservancy.org and www.nomoretowers.org. For more information contact Doug Kaplan at 301-874-0584.