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Ms. Chiavetta,

As a resident of Thornhurst Township, I am writing to you to request a Public Input Hearing regarding docket number A-2012-2340872. Given the interest and organization that has been demonstrated by the Citizens Group in Thornhurst, I kindly ask for this Public Input Hearing to be held at the Thornhurst Volunteer Fire Station on River Road in Thornhurst Township.

While I am not one to stand in the way of progress, after cautiously evaluating the route proposed by PPL, it becomes clear that the route does not contribute to reliability in the North Pocono area. As a 17-year resident of the North Pocono area, I am accustomed to living with the power outages and the vast majority of our power failures are a direct result of above-ground lines being impacted by tree limbs during inclement weather. This route, as laid out on the project maps, clearly will be used as infrastructure to re-sell electricity to other markets, particularly in New Jersey and New York. I am offended by the poor sales pitch being made in an effort to convince me that the line is an infrastructure improvement for my North Pocono neighborhood. I am offended even more by being asked to pay for this unnecessary, ill-conceived construction project.

We in North Pocono do not need this line, nor do we need to shoulder the cost of this infrastructure improvement for PPL. I have seen the letters sent by PPL commenting on outages that could have been avoided, and in those instances, our power was not impacted, nor was the electric service to anyone else in our township who received the same letter. The data is missing, because it is clearly being fabricated as part of an engineered sales pitch.

On a final note, while I oppose this project in its entirety, I am appalled that the voices of the citizens of the North Pocono region are being muted as PPL plans to cut its line through privately owned lands, directly along residential boundaries and private housing subdivisions, jeopardizing the tributaries of the Lehigh River, an exception value waterway. An alternate route, the Citizens' Route, is available with less impact, if the PUC will not deny this project. The Citizens' Route, proposed through State-owned land with significantly less impact to home and property owners, is a clear winner in comparison. The Thornhurst area, with its pristine forests and exceptional value waterways, must be preserved. If areas like this fall victim to the utility companies, what will remain?

Sincerely,

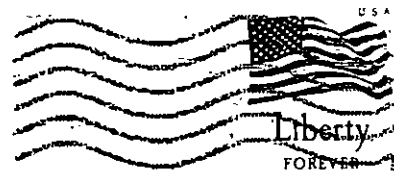


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