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Dear Ms. Chiavetta,

This letter is to express our objection to the placement of PPL high tension power lines in Wayne County and to their destruction of our beautiful, natural areas by clear-cutting. The devastation of land abutting Hoadley's Road, a beautiful rural road connecting Route 590 to Route 191, is serious overkill. They are placing a generating station there and have clear-cut huge sections of land on both sides of the road.

They have also chosen a route that will go along Martin's Cove of Lake Wallenpaupack. The lines will be located on a ridge, no more than 1700 feet from the Lake, which in all probability will suffer from silt and herbicide runoff. The communities downhill from the cutting will be impacted by torrential water flow after heavy rains and soil erosion. To say cutting 150 feet underneath lines and placing 175 foot poles is detrimental to the landscape in this area is a gross understatement.

It is hard to believe that PPL is placing these lines along the Lake since their lakeshore committee places so many restrictions on lakeshore residents. They prohibit the cutting of trees, allow only 5 foot walkways, etc. These poles and lines will be seen by everyone on the Lake and will add to the pollution from which many organizations have sought to protect the Lake.

PPL's contention that this is for electrical reliability does not reflect the reality that power outages are primarily caused by trees falling on lines within our communities. In addition, the PUC granted full recovery of all costs involved with this construction with 10.4% return on equity. The more they build, the more they make. It's nice to be a monopoly. We are already paying more in base rates because of this construction. Not only is this region suffering from the ugliness of this construction but we are paying for it.

The PUC has not ruled on the placement of these lines and will have a hearing at the end of July. Although PPL has stated they started this process in 2008, no community organization in my area has been informed of line placement; meetings were held off-season, when most seasonal residents are not present; and all maps shown of proposed lines were so small the route couldn't be seen. Even though all residents receive electric bills, not one notice was placed with our bills. Posting information on PPL's website does not constitute notification. Letting only residents within 1000 ft know about the lines also is not adequate.

PPL has stated there is little opposition but many of our neighbors still don't know these lines will be near the entrance to our community off of Finn Swamp Road. Pike County residents on the opposite side of the Lake from Martin's Cove to whom the lines will be most visible certainly have no idea of the placement of these lines. PPL has not advertised their activity well enough for people to object.

Although we are currently summer and not permanent residents of Lakeville, in the sixteen years we have owned our home, we have been permanent residents and we have contributed significantly to the tax rolls and economic well-being of the area. We believe our voice should be heard.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

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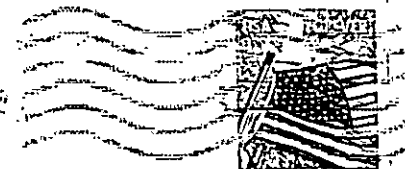
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