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Mr. Steven Herling, Vice President, Planning PJM
Board of Managers
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Dear Mr. Herling and PJM Board Members,

I am writing this letter to present my concerns regarding PJM's proposed project to construct a high-voltage transmission line through southern York County. This project lies within the confines of my legislative district and will have a detrimental impact on residents whom I represent. Given the recent correspondence sent by residents of southern York County, I request PJM's immediate removal of the proposed Independence Energy Connection (IEC)- East Project, from the Regional Transmission Expansion Plan (RTEP).

After carefully reviewing all application material, I am opposed to the application's proposal to fracture many pristine acres of preserved farmland in southern York County with high-voltage transmission power lines. Severely altering these parcels when taxpayer dollars have been spent to perpetually preserve the properties, violates the very essence of **Article I §27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution** which states: "The people have the right to... the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment...".

This important constitutional amendment continues efforts by the General Assembly to limit the use of eminent domain for parcels which have been permanently preserved through a conservation easement. As you may be aware, the General Assembly recently passed legislation to strengthen the Commonwealth's mission to preserve farmland and open space for future generations. This recommitment came at the request of many citizens who value the importance of our agrarian landscape and desire that Pennsylvania remain as the sole perpetual trustee and caretaker of our natural beauty.

Furthermore, this project is designed to benefit consumers in other states which are experiencing higher energy costs from congestion in the energy grid. This market efficiency problem is not a power issue for York County residents, and no residents are experiencing outages because of this congestion. Nor do I see where this project will aid our local Pennsylvania communities with reduced electric costs.

I therefore respectfully request PJM cancel this project immediately, in the best interest of Pennsylvania citizens. Thank you for your valued time and consideration, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Kristin Phillips Hill
State Representative
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