



ACTION ALERT

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Call the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Department of Watershed Management (609-984-6888) and request they hold a *public hearing* on Public Service Electric and Gas Company's Amended Highlands Applicability Determination request for an exemption from the Highlands Act and the NJDEP Highlands rules, for its proposed Susquehanna-Roseland 500-KV transmission line.

This project will cause serious and long-lasting if not permanent adverse impacts on not only the Highlands resources that NJDEP is charged with protecting, but also on the future economy and quality of life in the Highlands Region.

The proposed line expansion crosses the New Jersey Highlands Region for 26 miles, 17 miles in the Preservation Area, and includes over 20 miles of construction access routes in the Highlands. A new switching station - a new large scale industrial use - is also proposed for the Highlands Preservation Area. This project is substantially inconsistent with the goals and purposes of the NJ Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act.

It is important that NJDEP hear directly from the communities and individuals who will be directly impacted by this project. Request that a public hearing be held in Morris or Sussex County.