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New Jersey Highlands Coalition **ACTION ALERT**

URGE THE DEP TO SAY "NO" TO THE SUSQUEHANNA-ROSELAND TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Upcoming Public Hearing and Opportunities to Submit Comments

We need your help opposing PSE&G's Susquehanna-Roseland Transmission line expansion project. This transmission project, proposed by PSE&G, will replace existing 80 foot towers with 195 foot towers. The construction of the new transmission line will have permanent impacts on environmentally sensitive areas in the Highlands and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The visual impacts on our communities, recreational areas, cultural resources, scenic vistas and trail systems will be profound (the existing towers are below the tree line of our forested areas, the proposed towers will extend 110' feet above the tree line). They will now be seen from areas located miles from the existing towers.

The justification for this project is based on obsolete energy-use projections. It has been demonstrated that this project is unnecessary. The project is contrary to the New Jersey Energy Master Plan, which states that this project is "costly to build and more vulnerable to disruption."

The proposed transmission line will import unregulated, dirty coal-fired electricity from states to the west and south "and the prevailing winds carry that pollution here to the detriment of our air quality and public health." (NJ Energy Master Plan)

The proposed transmission project is unnecessary, costly, unreliable, it will have permanent adverse impacts to the environment and destroy the beauty of our natural lands and our communities.

We need your help to fight back and urge the Department of Environmental Protection to say "NO" to this project!

The DEP is holding a public hearing on two permits that PSE&G needs to move forward with construction-Flood Hazard Area and Individual Freshwater Wetlands permits. This is our opportunity to come out and voice our opposition to this

project and the damage it will cause.

Please help us fight this unnecessary project by letting DEP know your concerns by attending DEP's public hearing:

**Wednesday, April 28, 6PM
Berkshire Valley Golf Course
28 Cozy Lake Rd
Oak Ridge (Jefferson Twp), NJ 07438-9125**

The following are some of the key issues to include in your comments:

- If this power line expansion is carried out, it will impose serious, irreversible damage on the Highlands, an environmentally sensitive area that is critical to the health of the state's water supply.
- The project will result in the removal of vegetation, destroying acres of wildlife habitat and causing erosion and sedimentation in area streams that play an important role in New Jersey's drinking water supply.
- Increased amounts of sediment in these streams will cause contamination, resulting in dangerous public health effects .
- Access roads required to complete the project are located on hiking trails and logging roads that must be widened and graded. This will result in loss of canopy cover and forest connectivity, increasing the edge effects on the core forest. Edge effects include more deer browsing and the encroachment of invasive species populations
- Soil compaction from the use of these vehicles and other heavy machinery will reduce groundwater recharge - the process by which our aquifers are replenished
- These higher towers, carrying vastly increased EMF, are near to homes and schools, which will impact public health and safety and diminish property values
- PSE&G has not sufficiently explored alternatives to the project, including energy conservation and energy efficiency options
- PSE&G has not committed to avoidance and minimization practices to decrease the environmental and community impact of the project

If you can't make it to the hearing, your voice can still be heard. Send your comments, by May 14, to:

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or:

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Division of Land Use Regulation
NJDEP

PO Box 439

or:

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