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GOVERNOR TED STRICKLAND
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, RIFFE CENTER, 30TH FLOOR
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Dear Governor Ted Strickland,

By this letter, I hereby state for the record my objection, in the strongest possible terms, to the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project, PUCO case number ~~07-041-000-0000~~ proposed by FirstEnergy Corporation and as currently under review by the Ohio Power Siting Board. I am asking for your assistance in securing workable modifications to the project to overcome the devastating adverse effects that it would have on my property.

I am the owner of a beautiful parcel of land in eastern Geauga County, in the proposed transmission line corridor, along the preferred route within that corridor. My property is part of a perfect environment of rural traditions, productive agriculture, outdoor sport opportunities and unspoiled natural beauty. There are precious few places like northeastern Geauga County that remain anchors of productive family-oriented agricultural business, untouched bastions of unspoiled beauty, outdoor sports paradise, natural order and rural heritage.

The power line corridor proposed by CEI would damage my property in severe, unrecoverable ways. Creating the proposed sixty foot wide clear-cut utility corridor would decimate precious woodland, wetland and outdoor sports preserves. Productive agricultural areas would be severely damaged due to soil compaction and destruction of natural drainage patterns for which there is no reasonable compensation. The inherent desirability and value of my property, largely due to its natural, unspoiled, traditional beauty, would be ruined. This damage is fundamentally a consequence of CEI's creation of a new utility corridor through absolutely virgin, unspoiled land.

Based on the extremely adverse effects that Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project as proposed by FirstEnergy Corporation would have on my land, and the unavailability of any reasonable way to compensate for those adverse effects, I am forced to conclude that the project as proposed is not acceptable.

There are workable alternative locations for the proposed transmission line. Pre-existing civil corridors, such as highway and rail corridors, exist that could and should be used for the proposed transmission line rather than creation of a new corridor through virgin land. State Route 11, only 15 miles east of the proposed new corridor, is an ideal pre-existing civil corridor and a "made to order" location for the proposed transmission line. The route of the previously engineered and once approved Rachel transmission line along the B&O railroad grade is another viable pre-existing civil corridor. I am confident that the engineering talent exists within FirstEnergy to utilize these preferred, pre-existing civil corridors for the new transmission line.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my argument overwhelmingly against the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project as proposed by FirstEnergy. I look forward to your support of an outcome from the Ohio Power Siting Board process that favors the future of my land, family, lifestyle and the cherished unspoiled rural paradise that is Thompson, Montville and Huntsburg townships.

Sincerely,

Ed and Betty Zehe
Signature

10-25-07
Date

Name

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

THESE POWER LINES ARE GOING TO GO THE LENGTH OF MOST
OF MY PROPERTY, & THERE GOING TO BE FOUR EXTRA POLES WITH
GUIDE WIRES, GOING TO TAKE MY FORESTERY AWAY. I HAVE
TRAILS, SNOW MOBILES, ATV, GOLF CART. MY WIFE AND SHE ARE
BOTH DISABLED, AND USE THESE TRAILS, SO DO ALL THE GRAND
KIDS, AND NIEPHOES KIDS, AND THESE GUIDE WIRES ARE VERY
BAD, I AM 66. WORK ALL MY LIFE FOR THIS. I DON'T
WANT THIS, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS,

ED AND BETTY ZEBE

6965 LEDGE ROAD

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To Whom It May Concern;

I currently reside on Ledge Rd and am strongly opposed to transmission lines coming through the Zehe properties. Four generations of Zehes have lived here and we all spend a lot of time on the property for recreation (Fishing, camping, trails, 4 wheelers, snowmobiles, etc.)

Not only would the transmission lines take $\frac{1}{3}$ width of the property, but it would also pose as a danger for the many kids that use these trails - I know there are a lot of guide wires proposed to be in this area!

Also, the area of 166/628 (south east of intersection) is an unknown and very old cemetery in which the Founders of Thompson Township are buried. It would be a sin to disturb this a historical area.

The houses on Ledge are also too close to the Road for transmission lines to come through. Ours is the one that has just been redone. Had we known that there was any possibility of transmission lines we would not have ~~redone~~ ^{revamped} the old house.

What are possibilities of taking the lines through the bike trails?

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