

DUPLICATE LETTER

Power Siting Board

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Dear Governor 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 07-0170-EL-BTX, as proposed by the 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.

My name is Carolyn Schue, owner of a beautiful parcel of land in Huntsburg Township at 11670 Madison Road in eastern Geauga County. This 55 acre farm has been in my family for almost 55 years. My father purchased this particular piece of property because of the spectacular view of Pennsylvania to the east and my mother loved watching the sunrises so much that she frequently took pictures of them. Both of these views will be ruined by this transmission line and therefore hurt me very deeply as I try to preserve their love of this land, AS IT IS, in their memory.

The power line corridor proposed by CEI would damage my view and therefore damage my property and its value. This damage would be severe and unrecoverable. This damage is fundamentally a consequence of CEI's creation of a new utility corridor through absolutely virgin, unspoiled land. There is no way that I could ever be compensated for losing the view that was so near and dear and important to BOTH of my deceased parents. I could not even imagine a sunrise picture that would be beautiful with power lines in it. But I can imagine, only too well, how much having this view altered so horribly would have hurt my Mother.

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. I have many neighbors whose land would be ruined by this corridor and all I have to do is imagine that this corridor were going in my back yard and that is enough to make me outraged at this whole project.

Especially since there ARE acceptable locations for the proposed transmission line. Pre-existing civil corridors, such as highway and rail corridors, exist that could be used for the proposed transmission line. I feel that Route 11 or the Ashtabula, Geauga county line are excellent alternatives since both counties will benefit from this project. If you do not pick an alternate route I feel that I am entitled to know exactly why in detail.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my argument overwhelmingly against the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project as proposed by FirstEnergy. As a tax payer, citizen and voter in Geauga County I am counting on you for your support. 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,

Carolyn Schue

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