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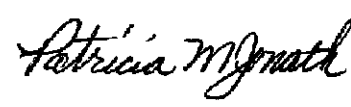
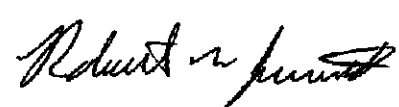
We are writing to you regarding the First Energy proposed 138 KV Transmission line in Geauga County. The project number is 07-1017-EL-BTX. We are among the many land owners upon whom the route 528 cross-country transmission line will have an impact. We have 58.2 acres of which 20 are being farmed. All our land has been placed as an agricultural district. We are trying to preserve the little farmland that is left. The transmission line is going to go right through the two fields on which we have crops. A sixty foot easement significantly cuts into these fields. Also, while working on this line with big heavy equipment, it would compact the soft earth and take years, if ever, to build it back to good farmland. Plus I'm sure the line would entail more than the sixty foot easement. Then there will be maintenance, whether it be spraying or cutting the vegetation under the lines or emergency maintenance. Take a look at the high weeds and brush growing under the lines in Chesterland or on State Route 44. We think a beautiful field of corn or hay looks a lot better. Also how careful are they when they spray? Will it kill the crop that is planted next to it? Also will the chemicals get into the streams? We have a small stream that is spring fed, so it is providing water for the wildlife. According to the map, the line will go right in the middle of the area where the spring is. Will the construction damage the spring? We have numerous deer, wild turkeys, and other wildlife that we really enjoy watching. What impact will the construction of this line have on the animals? They will not stay in the area with the noise and machinery. We feel there should be other routes considered that will have less impact on people and the environment such as State Route 11.

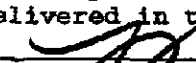
Living on a hill, we have one of the best views in Geauga County. You can see to Pennsylvania on a clear day. This morning, from our deck facing east, we witnessed the most breath taking, beautiful sunrise over a field of corn. We love to watch this almost daily. What a fantastic beginning to a lovely day. If this line continues as projected, this beauty will be intolerably polluted with poles and wires. What a sad ending to God's great gift, the awesome scene he created for our enjoyment. This literally sickens us. Enclosed is a picture taken from our deck looking east. Just imagine eighty foot poles and wires in the picture instead of a corn field.

This is a second generation farm that we plan on making a third generation. We bought the family farm in 1990 to keep this beautiful view and childhood memories, and also to prevent a housing development or anything else which could damage our land and our dreams. This beautiful country is supposed to be the "land of the free, and home of the brave," but where is the freedom? The only freedom we seem to possess is that to watch sixty years of sweet and tears come to a tragic conclusion. We seem to have no choice. Our beautiful view and dreams will be shattered if this project continues on the projected route. Please take our concerns into consideration when looking at this project. We have nowhere else to turn.

Sincerely,


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