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Brian & Laura Ross
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October 25, 2007

Dear Director Harnish,

We are writing to you to express our strongest possible objection to the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project, PUCO case number 07-0171-EL-BTX as proposed by FirstEnergy Corporation and as currently under review by the Ohio Power Siting Board.

We are asking you to help save the properties, wetlands, farmlands and homelands that this project intends to destroy. We are asking you to support modifying this plan and relocating it to a more suitable location (on Route 11 or even on the Rachel route/bike path).

Our property in eastern Geauga County has been a dream come true for our family. After 10 years of marriage, saving as much as we could and selling our little city home we moved to Montville to make our permanent residence and to eventually retire. Our 15 acres includes farmland, wetlands, wooded areas, streams and all kinds of wildlife. Owls, hawks, deer, luna moths, fox, coyotes, and so many more precious animals make their home on our property. We have 10 children ages 2 through 16. We home school most of our children and this has been the perfect safe educational environment that many people only dream of. The children are able to learn to care for our environment, explore the undisturbed wildlife and learn all about science, biology, and agriculture. We grow organic beans, squash, lettuce, peas, tomatoes, potatoes, okra, swiss chard, black/red/& yellow raspberries, blueberries, apples, peaches, grapes, strawberries just to name a few. We raise horses and chickens and campout in the woods. This is a safe place for farming and for raising children. That will all change if these power lines are put on the back of our property.

This power line corridor proposed by FIRST ENERGY would damage our unspoiled virgin property in ways that can never ever be fixed. It will also destroy the safe haven for our children to grow and play in. The safety issues that these high power lines pose is well documented. Not to mention anyone will have easy access to the back of our property. We all know what people use the paths under the power lines for - it is NOT good. Our children will no longer be able to explore this vast wilderness independently. There won't even be much of a wood land left after a 60 foot strip of land is destroyed to build the power lines. There is no way anyone could ever compensate our family, all 12 of us, for the adverse effects on our land and our lifestyle. The project that is proposed is not acceptable in any means.

There are acceptable, logical locations for the proposed transmission line. Pre-existing corridors, such as highway and rail corridors exist that could be used for the proposed transmission line. State route 11 is a perfect example. It is only 15 miles away and offers simple access to all the locations FirstEnergy ENERGY needs. As a public utility, charged with the responsibility to care for the wellbeing of the land, we urge you to consider more suitable locations where adverse lifestyle and ecological impacts can better be minimized.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our position opposing the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project as proposed by FirstEnergy. As active citizens, voters and residents of eastern Geauga County and the state of Ohio, we are counting on your support and offer our assistance to work with local and state officials to develop a suitable alternative. Please consider the value of this cherished unspoiled rural paradise and the value of the peaceful community oriented lifestyle it gives to the families that live here. We look forward to your support in securing workable modification to this project affecting Thompson, Montville and Huntsburg townships.

Sincerely,

Brian and Laura Ross

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Abigail L. Ross
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Dear Ms. Harnish,

Through this letter I hope to show my strong objection to and regarding the Geauga County 138 KV Transmission Line Project, PUCO case number 07-0171-EL-BTX, as proposed by the FirstEnergy Corporation and is currently under review by the Ohio siting board. I am asking for your assistance in securing workable modifications for the project to overcome the devastating effects it would have on my property.

My name is Abigail Ross and I am 16 years old. I live on a 15 acre parcel of land in Montville Township at 8771 Madison Road in eastern Geauga County. My family and I have lived here for years organic gardening and enjoying the woods behind our house. We moved here because of the peace and quiet. This proposed transmission line project is approved, there will be an end to the solitude. If powerlines are built in my backyard the woods would be clear-cut, the entire width of my land, in a 60 foot wide swath to make room for high voltage powerlines. The woods where I played while growing up would be destroyed. No longer would I see deer, birds or Bald eagles when I walk in the woods. I could not hear the creek murmur or the leaves rustle. Instead I would see steel towering over the remaining trees, hear nothing but the static buzz of these giant cables and view the destruction of wetland where I once played. If you destroy a habitat you can never get it back again.

There are other suitable locations for the proposed transmission line. Pre-existing corridors, such as highway and railway corridors, exist that could be used for the transmission line. State Route 11, only 15 miles east of the proposed corridor, is a pre-existing "made to order" location for the powerlines. The previously engineered and approved Rachel transmission line along the B&O railroad grade. I am confident that the engineering talent exists within FirstEnergy to use 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, Huntsburg and Montville Townships.

Sincerely,

Abigail Ross
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Michael Ross

8771 Madison Road

Montville, Ohio 44064

Dear Ms. Harnish,

I am writing you because I live in Montville Township on a perfect piece of property that the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company plans to destroy. My name is Michael Ross, I am 11 years old. I have been taught that we are suppose to be responsible for our environment. We take care of our woods, protect our wetland, grow our own food organically and raise our own animals respectfully.

How can you rationalize ruining our farmland, delicate wetlands and peaceful home when there are totally acceptable alternative routes for these power lines - like on State Route 11 which is already cleared.

You have a responsibility to this world and our families. Do Not build electric lines here!

Sincerely,
Michael Ross

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Kaitlin Ross
9771 Madison Rd.
Montville, OH 44064

Dear Ms. Harnish

I am Kaitlin Ross, a Montville resident and have lived here for 6^{1/2} years. I am 14 years old and live on a perfect piece of property that CEI plans to destroy by bulldozing a 60 ft. wide path through virgin, unspoiled land that consists of beautiful farmland and countryside. The Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project, PUCO case number 07-0171-EL-BTX, as proposed by the FirstEnergy Corporation, that is currently under review by the Ohio Power Siting Board, will ruin our 15 acre piece of property by destroying beautiful property and ruining its land value. It would also disturb our peaceful life by seeing unnatural, 90 ft. or taller, power lines in our backyard. It would ruin our reason of coming here. We gave up alot to move here, but it was well worth it all and we now have a better life here then we did before. If you pass the Geauga County 138 kV Transmission Line Project, PUCO case number 07-0171-EL-BTX, it would utterly ruin our life by turning our world upside down with this power line corridor in our backyard.

There are other acceptable routes that would make sense for such a project. I suggest Route 11 as an alternative acceptable route, because there is already a cleared area suitable for the powerlines, and the land is already scarred. If you put it through the Thompson, Montville, Huntsburg area, it would destroy untouched land. For instance, our land includes a wetland along with a beautifully wooded forest with ancient trees. Our wetlands and forest are a winter habitat for many animals such as deer, coyote, owls, rabbits, snakes, and even a pair of Bald Eagles make their home there. Tearing down a 60 ft. wide path for some power lines that could easily be put someplace else, would destroy their habitat forever.

Thank you for taking the time to review and consider this letter. I am trusting that you will come to a decision that favors the future of my land, family, lifestyle and the unspoiled rural paradise that Thompson, Montville and Huntsburg offer to generations to come.

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Ross