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Alan R. Schriber
 Chairman Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
 180 East Broad Street
 Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: The Maple Highlands Trail corridor & First Energy's high-voltage transmission line

Dear Mr. Schriber:

You can help the very rich First Energy Company, or you can do something good for the State of Ohio. First Energy can afford to purchase any land they want, but they are hoping you help them steal a convenient right of way from the taxpayers. High power transmission lines' ugliness and health side effects will be detrimental to humans who want to preserve health and well being by getting exercise on the Maple Highlands Trail. We do not have sidewalks or safe areas to walk or ride along our country roads. This trail is very important to everyone, both for its aesthetic beauty and for its safe and healthy opportunity for exercise.

After the Perry Nuclear Power Plant was forced down our throats some years ago, it was revealed that First Energy sells a lot of the power it produces to other states. Ohio does not need to help First Energy sell power to other states. Please do not go the way of the Taft administration and approve everything big business wants. Taft took away our local control of the regulation of gas and oil well drilling. There have been serious local consequences as a direct result of Taft's arrogance and ignorance. We don't need or want high power transmission lines towering over a beautiful, scenic and natural trail.

Very truly yours,



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