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August 4, 2008

Governor Ted Strickland  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

07-0171-EL-BTX

Dear Governor Strickland,

My wife and I spent a lot of time and money selecting an ideal location in which to live, one and a half years ago. We both are seniors and have enjoyed cycling over the years. I have ridden a number of Multiple Sclerosis tours with up to 1,500 riders in my 60's and 70's. My last ride was for Cystic Fibrosis in my 80th year. We had 188 riders and collected \$20,000.

The reason that I tell this is to point out how much good cyclists do, year after year. Not only is cycling healthy but helpful as well. Neither my wife nor I can ride today, but thousands of younger people could be harmed if the Maple Highlands Bike Trail is used as a conduit for the 138kV Power Line that First Energy is requesting.

Respectfully,

*Donald Heywood*

*Vivienne Heywood*

Donald and Vivienne Heywood

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Heywood:

Thank you for contacting Governor Ted Strickland regarding the proposed transmission line project in your area. Gov. Strickland forwarded your letter to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and asked that I respond on his behalf.

There are two routes currently being considered by the OPSB. The Preferred Route generally follows a cross country alignment located east of Madison Road (State Route 528). The Preferred Route is approximately 14.7 miles in length. The Alternate Route parallels Clay Street in Geauga County and it is approximately 12.05 miles long.

The OPSB recently scheduled three public hearings to give interested stakeholders the opportunity to voice their concerns. Notice of these hearings is required to be published in local newspapers. The local public hearings are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008, at 4:30 p.m.  
Ledgemont Elementary – Middle School Gymnasium  
16200 Burrows Road  
Thompson, Ohio
- Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.  
Huntsburg Town Hall, Second Floor  
16534 Mayfield Road  
Huntsburg, Ohio
- Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008 at 6 p.m.  
Huntsburg Town Hall, Second Floor  
16534 Mayfield Road  
Huntsburg, Ohio

We appreciate your input and will include your letter as part of the official case record, which is reviewed prior to the OPSB issuing its decision. Should you wish to track the progress of this case, you may do so at [www.OPSB.ohio.gov](http://www.OPSB.ohio.gov) by entering case number 07-0171-EL-BTX in the search box.

Should you have additional utility-related concerns, please contact the PUCO Call Center at (800) 686-PUCO (7826) or visit our Web site at [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

Alan R. Schriber  
Chairman

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