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Governor Ted Strickland  
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Hon. Alan R. Schriber, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Opposition to Proposed Utility Line along the Maple Highlands Trail and through the City of Chardon

Dear Governor Strickland and Mr. Schriber:

07-071-EL-BTX

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- The Maple Highlands Trail is a public park. The public parks are held in trust and should be developed only in a manner that is consistent with their public use.
- The "preferred route" or "alternate route" would be built in rural areas and primarily through fields.
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- A high voltage transmission line through the City of Chardon is not appropriate due to the density of residential, commercial and industrial uses.
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Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Robert Mueller

August 25, 2008

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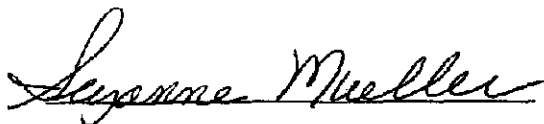
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September 5, 2008

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Robert Mueller  
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Dear Mr. Mueller:

Thank you for contacting Governor Ted Strickland regarding the proposed transmission line project in your area. Gov. Strickland forwarded your letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) 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  
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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 the PUCO Web site at [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

Alan R. Schriber  
Chairman

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