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To Whom It May Concern: Concerning the proposed West Milton Elden Transmission Line
Project: DP&L Case# 14-0469-EL-BTX

I received a letter on April 23, 2015 concerning evaluations and field studies for a new power line going in the area of property we own on Horse Shoe Bend Road, Forest Hill north and south, Fenner Road and State Route 55.

There are many things to be considered on being good stewards to the land. We no till, leaving the natural field residue on the land to alleviate soil erosion. Another responsibility of being a good steward is to make sure the soil is in proper condition before any equipment enters the field. We strive to improve farm land when we purchase ground. Field tiles have been placed on these properties at a great expense to us. Not only would some of the tile be destroyed by DP & L equipment, also compaction of the soil would be substantial. Soil compaction causes the drainage not to work as well and greatly decreases crop yields. Soil compaction causes equipment to wear out much faster and it takes more horse-power to cover the affected area. Farming around power poles causes extra expense and is inconvenient due to the size of our farm equipment. Our equipment used now is 40 to 120 feet wide with the potential to be larger in the near future. The monies lost in the extra seed, fertilizer, insecticide, and herbicide present a large expense over the years which from experience continue forever!

We have personal experience of how DP & L works with the farmland. During the early 1970's a power line was installed on five of the farms we own. We watched from the house as cement trucks entered the field and got stuck. We witnessed bulldozers pushing the loaded trucks that were buried in our field soil. As bulldozers and trucks became stuck together, other larger bulldozers entered the field to push the truck and dozer through. The deeper the ruts became, the farther the bulldozer and cement trucks moved out into the field. That land has never been the same. We are unable to produce crops that are close to normal yields in other areas of the field due to the soil compaction DP&L equipment caused in the fields. We feel the compensation of the crop yield should be for a minimum of two hundred years. We feel it would be economically beneficial to both of us to run the new power line down the road right of way.

We would appreciate you taking this into consideration when you decide where to place your poles and place them within the road right of ways.

Sincerely, *Kevin Moore*

Kevin Moore (937) 698-3182 Executor: Moore Family Farm Trust, Steve Moore

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