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To whom it may concern,

We understand the reason for this high voltage line proposal is to supply New Paris, OH because of the occasional power outages, and this area is being served by an outdated system. If that is the reason, why are we being bombarded by solar projects because of the proximity to surrounding power lines that are completely outdated? You would think that before these proposals are even considered all landowners should be notified first. Evidently these solar projects know before we do.

Also, we received an offer for a 2-acre tract where this power line could possibly go. Why would a company from California be interested in this tract, unless they know something else is going on. One reason we do not want this power line going through this area is our son has an interest in building a house there.

Something else to consider is that there have been sightings of bald eagles on our property. We have read that in areas where these power lines run there is an increase in electrocutions of bald eagles. Since the bald eagle is our national symbol and is still in a federal monitoring stage, this is another concern of ours.

We recently drove thru Randolph County Indiana along St. Rt. 36 and we were disheartened by what we saw. High voltage power lines, substations, and a solar farm covering the landscape. This is not what we and our forefathers envisioned for this land that has so much meaning to us and many generations before us.

We do not want the power lines on our property nor any other developments that will follow!

Respectfully,
Ed and Vickie McWhinney
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