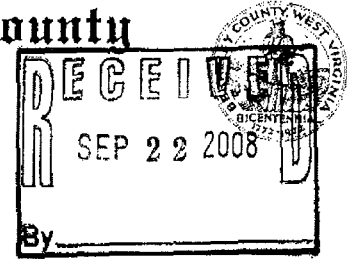




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September 16, 2008

The Honorable Joe Manchin, III
State Capitol
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, WV 25305

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Dear Governor Manchin:

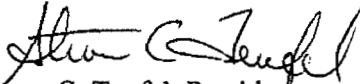
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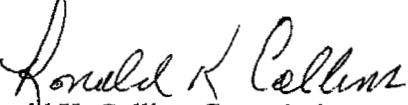
We are writing about an issue of considerable concern to many residents in Berkeley County. That issue is the location of the PATH transmission lines by Allegheny Power through West Virginia and particularly through Berkeley County. To date, the Berkeley County Commission has received numerous letters on this issue and all of them have been opposed to the designated location of the transmission lines as they travel through Berkeley County.

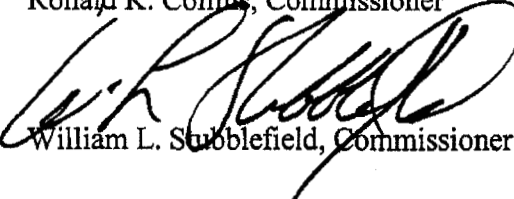
We appreciate your efforts to compensate West Virginia citizens when the final decision has been made to run the power lines through a section of our state. This is the case of TRAIL. It is our understanding, however, in the instance of PATH, that the Public Service Commission has not made this decision. Therefore, we request that you petition the PSC not to permit PATH to run through Berkeley County. If such a route is approved, the Berkeley County Commission requests that the path of the transmission lines follow that of the existing transmission lines to the maximum extent possible.

Thank you for your consideration of the concerns of our residents. We are most appreciative of your work on behalf of the Eastern Panhandle and request your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,


Steven C. Teufel, President
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