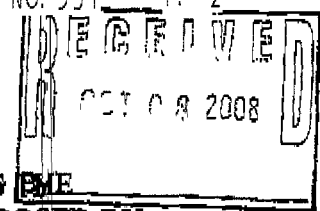


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A RESOLUTION OF THE HARDY COUNTY COMMISSION OPPOSING POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRANSMISSION HIGHLINE (PATH) PROPOSED BY ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC AND AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER.

- WHEREAS, the Hardy County Commission have been elected to serve the collective interest of citizens of Hardy County, West Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, American Electric Power and Allegheny Energy, Inc have proposed to build a transmission line in West Virginia; and
- WHEREAS, Allegheny Energy has identified a study area located in parts of Hardy County, West Virginia for the purpose of studying possible routes for the proposed transmission line; and
- WHEREAS, no one from the federal government has been in touch with the Hardy County Commission, yet,
- WHEREAS, this proposal would deface one of the most beautiful, pristine, historic and protected landscapes in America; and
- WHEREAS, State natural and historic protections could be bypassed and undermined by this process, including the Open Space Land Act and the Conservation Easement Act; and
- WHEREAS, the power line proposal would do harm to the citizens of Hardy County who place a high value on agriculture, rural character, scenic view sheds, tourism and environment, historic and cultural resources; and concern for citizens that would be forced to live near these power lines, due to radiation, and high voltage; and
- WHEREAS, the power line proposal would undo open-space and conservation easements which were entrusted to West Virginia in exchange for federal and state tax benefits; and
- WHEREAS, sensible national energy policy must foster an optimal mix of deliverable power from diverse sources, the Hardy County Commission does not believe this line will enhance electric reliability or security; and
- WHEREAS, this power line has not been proven necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hardy County Commission call on American Electric Power and Allegheny Energy, Inc to provide it with immediate information regarding their plans, the way they will proceed with their study, how they determined this line is "necessary" and - most importantly - a full description of all of the alternatives to this line which they have considered; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hardy County Commission do hereby oppose the PATH designation requested by American Electric Power and Allegheny Energy, Inc. without consultation, examination of alternatives and the prior completion of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement; and

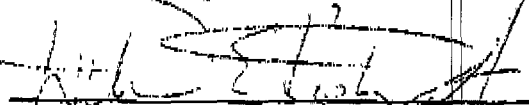
BE IT RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Hardy County Commission respectfully requests that Senators Byrd and Rockefeller, Representative Capito and Governor Manchin exercise active leadership in pressing the industry and Department of Energy to do a full environmental review and consideration of alternatives before proceeding further.

Adopted this the 7th day of October, 2008 at a regular meeting of the Hardy County Commission at which a quorum was present and unanimously voted affirmatively.

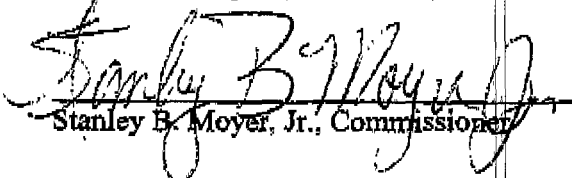
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