

March 16, 2011

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: *Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline, LLC*,
Update on Status of Project
Docket No. ER08-386-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

Please file this **Comment on the Update on Status of Project for *Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline, LLC***, in the above referenced docket.

I have two (2) properties that lie within the direct path of the PATH-VA proposed right-of-way and I am very concerned with the developments of this project at the current state.

Please let me illustrate the situation, as I see it, by using something we all can relate to, a 'pregnancy'. A pregnancy begins at conception and then develops, hopefully to its full term. However, sometimes a situation beyond the hosts control causes the development to have difficulties and a natural abortion or miscarriage occurs, preventing undue harm to the host. The pregnancy is ended. It is not suspended.

Since its conception the PATH project has had difficulties in proving it is needed within the time frame they projected. PATH repeatedly has extended the "in service date" further and further out. A quote from First Energy spokesman Doug Colafella stated, "it looks like completion of the project has been delayed until at least 2020, based on PJM's latest forecasts". PATH has recently requested the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) to withdraw their application and to request that they, and now Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to suspend the project indefinitely. Basically putting the project on hold for an indefinite period of time.

The words that PJM and PATH have chosen to use here are very disturbing. In their words the project could be suspended for many years. Suspension is an unjust arrangement to the hundreds of property owners within the path of the PATH right-of-way. The fate of their properties are held hostage for that "suspended indefinitely" period of time. In my case, as I'm sure is true with many other property owners, if I desire to sell, I morally have to disclose to a potential buyer the state of the PATH project if it continues in a "suspended indefinitely" state. My real estate agent has advised me that I would be legally obligated to make such a disclosure. I'm sure you would agree, no prudent potential purchaser would sign a contract with such a project

looming over the property for an “indefinite period of time”. Property values would not be at market levels while held in that “suspended” state.

In PATH’s letter dated March 7, 2011 to you, they seem to be more concerned with maintaining the “PATH Formula Rate and Protocols” (their pot of gold) than the plight of the property owners along the approximately 275 mile route. They state that, the PATH Formula Rate and Protocol should continue to apply for “some non-development activities and non-capital cost expenditures” during the Projects suspension. Why should they continue to receive such a high rate of return (14.3%) while the country is in an economic down slide? That Formula Rate was provided during a robust economy, however, now the economy has receded and returns are not what they used to be. If you take away PATH’s ‘pot of gold’, they will stop chasing the rainbow. Also, would not PATH as well as PJM continue to make periodic analysis and non-development activities to project future needs? That appears to me to be a normal business operation for power companies.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the FERC consider this project aborted. It is a miscarriage of justice to the hundreds of property owners to continue the PATH project in an “indefinitely suspended” state. Additionally it is a miscarriage of justice to subject the ratepayers to an abnormal rate for an indefinite period of time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully submitted this March 16, 2011,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Michael Tetter". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Cc: Commonwealth of Virginia
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