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Jan H. Gardner, President
Board of County Commissioners
Frederick County Maryland
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12 East Church Street
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Re: Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highland Project

Dear Ms. Gardner:

I have been asked by Terry Boston of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) to reply to your February 25, 2009 letter to him, which included a copy the January 7, 2009 letter addressed to Allegheny Energy, regarding the proposed Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline (PATH) project. Specifically, you raised concerns about the PATH project's potential impact on your community.

Please be assured that PJM appreciates your concerns and shares your interest in mitigating any impact to the extent reasonably possible. Under the PJM regional transmission expansion planning (RTEP) process, PJM is responsible for determining the need for new transmission projects or upgrades to existing facilities in order to ensure the reliability of the transmission system in the PJM region. Generally, PJM does not dictate the construction of details of an RTEP project, but rather relies upon the expertise of the utility constructing the project to design the actual transmission facilities. However, in order to provide as much information as possible regarding this project, PJM has commissioned Black & Veatch to perform an independent study to evaluate the feasibility and benefits of an underground HVDC transmission line. We anticipate completing the study with respect to the Maryland portion of the line by the end of the 2nd Quarter (2009). Upon completion of the study, the results will be posted on the PJM Web Site and discussed with the PJM Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee. While PJM is commissioning the study to respond to the this request, as well as similar requests, PJM believes that in order to preserve the rights of all interested parties, future requests regarding such siting issues are more appropriately addressed in the relevant state and local siting processes.

Thank you for your input.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Kormos", written over a white background.

Michael J. Kormos
Senior Vice President, Operations

Copy to: T. Boston

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