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James Miller, President
PPL Electric Utilities Corp.
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Dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing to personally make you aware of the input I have submitted to David Schleicher, Vice President of Transmission, regarding PPL Electric Utilities proposal to upgrade its transmission system with a new power line, to be known as the Susquehanna-Roseland Power Line. Let me begin by letting you know that I have appreciated the efforts by PPL to solicit feedback from the communities that could be impacted by the new power line.

As I have indicated to Mr. Schleicher in the attached letter, I have received considerable feedback from the citizens of the 138th State House District regarding proposed Route C, which begins at the PPL Electric Utilities switching station near Berwick and travels south primarily on an existing future-use right of way through Luzerne and Schuylkill counties. The line would then travel east primarily on future-use or existing transmission power line routes in Schuylkill and Lehigh counties, then east-northeast through Northampton County on the path of an existing power line.

When PPL conducted two public input open houses in Northampton County, more than 600 people were in attendance. The vast majority of these citizens opposed proposed Route C. Under the Public Utility Code, these citizens are lawfully entitled to know that PPL's proposal is the *best* out of other alternatives considering safety, environmental impacts, impacts on scenic and historical sites, existing land use, soil and sedimentation, plant and wildlife habitats, terrain, hydrology and landscaping. *Additionally, another key consideration must be the impact that the proposed transmission line route will have on landowners.*


As I set forth in my letter to David Schleicher, I sincerely do appreciate the need for PPL Electric Utilities to address the growing infrastructure needs of Pennsylvania's power network. As a State Representative, I am intimately familiar with the energy issues facing our Commonwealth, in particular the growth in demand for electricity. However, I also recognize that our Commonwealth continues to export electricity to other states, so while the citizens of Pennsylvania would be impacted by the addition of transmission lines, they may not be the beneficiaries of these upgrades.

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In his July 3, 2008, letter to me, Mr. Schleicher writes that, "We are keenly aware of the opposition to Route C in Northampton County, and we are taking all comments seriously as we choose which of the three alternatives we will recommend to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for approval." I believe that this admission, along with the enclosed documents, demonstrates that Route C is not the best option for PPL to pursue. As the President of one of Pennsylvania's premiere electric distribution companies, I trust that you will come to the same conclusion.

Please know that I appreciate your willingness to consider the views of the people of my legislative district. I respectfully request that when PPL makes a decision in early August concerning the route that this transmission line will be proposed to take, that you or Mr. Schleicher will contact me directly to let me know of the decision. Further, should Route C be the proposal that is adopted, you should be aware that I intend to be active during all PUC processes concerning the same.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely yours,

CRAIG A. DALLY
State Representative
138th Legislative District

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