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The Honorable Craig A. Dally
Main Capitol Building
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Craig
Dear Representative Dally:

Thank you for writing to me about the Susquehanna-Roseland power line project. It's always good to hear from you, and I certainly value your input on this important matter.

We have very clearly heard the opposition to Alternative C, not only from residents of the 138th State House District, but also from residents all along that possible route. The issues you raise in your letter, including safety, environmental impacts, land use, impacts on historic and scenic sites, and the impact on landowners were echoed by the more than 600 people who attended our two open houses in Northampton County, and by the hundreds who called our special phone line or e-mailed their comments from the project Web site.

I appreciate your acknowledgment of the effort PPL Electric Utilities has undertaken to solicit public comment to date. This is just the beginning of the input process. After we announce a preferred route, and before we submit that route to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for approval, we will hold additional input meetings for residents along that route. And, as you know, the PUC conducts a very thorough process for soliciting public input before a decision is made.

Many people have mentioned the concern that this line will not have direct benefits in Pennsylvania. Actually, there will be very real benefits to electric customers in Pennsylvania because this line, according to the analysis of the PJM Interconnection, will help prevent overloads on other regional power lines. Such overloads can lead to degraded reliability or even regional blackouts during the periods when electricity demand is highest – such as the heat wave we have been experiencing lately.

Thanks again for your letter. Dave Schleicher will be happy to call you directly to let you know of our decision in early August.

Sincerely,

Jim Miller
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