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Secretary Samuel W. Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

As the Pennsylvania House Majority Leader, I would like to thank you for responding to requests to hold a public meeting in the Commonwealth regarding the draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors designations, particularly the Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor.

I would submit that in addition to your planned June hearing in Pittsburgh, you also should schedule another public meeting in the Northeast region of Pennsylvania, since one of the proposed lines is slated to serve New York and New Jersey.

On April 25, I testified in Washington, D.C. before the subcommittee on Domestic Policy of the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Oversight & Government Reform regarding the NIETC issue. I am opposed to the draft proposal that would designate most of Pennsylvania as a "National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor." Draping these patriotic words over the effort to take virtual possession of our sovereign state does not make it any less of a power grab.

On behalf of the 60,000 residents who I represent as the House Majority Leader for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I respectfully request that my name be added to the list of those testifying at the Pittsburgh hearing.

I thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of the above requests and await your response.

Yours in public service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill DeWeese".

Bill DeWeese
House Majority Leader
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cc: Poonum Agrawal