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Ralph LaRossa
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Dear Mr. LaRossa,

Our groups are concerned about your company's proposal to substantially expand capacity on the New Jersey portion of the Susquehanna – Roseland electricity transmission line. It is our view that the \$650 million it would cost your customers to build the line would be better spent on renewable energy installations and energy efficiency measures. We ask that you seriously consider withdrawing your multiple requests for approval to expand this line, and instead offer an alternative proposal that focuses on these clean energy strategies to meet the region's electricity needs.

Our greatest concern is the lack of information as to any analysis you have conducted to consider alternatives to expanding the line, such as efficiency, conservation, and distributed generation from small-scale renewable energy systems throughout the region.

As you know, \$650 million is a major investment of ratepayer dollars. Given the serious environmental problems our state faces from climate change and air pollution, that level of investment could buy tremendous energy savings and solve the congestion problem that your line expansion seeks to address several times over, without making environmental problems worse.

Do you have data that suggests efficiency, conservation and local renewable energy installations cannot meet the need that your line expansion seeks to address? If so, we would appreciate your sharing that data with us so that we may begin a dialogue with you on this topic. We are especially interested in knowing how much additional electricity your company feels you need to move over the line by 2013 to meet peak demand, as well as information on what is the maximum amount of electricity that could be moved over the line when operated at full capacity.

Thank you in advance for providing us with this critical information. If at all possible, we would appreciate the information as soon as possible and we are very interested in meeting to discuss it with you and your staff if you are agreeable.

Sincerely,

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