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Township of Byram Planning Board Chairman
George Shivas
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**Re Susquehanna-Roseland 500 kV Transmission Line
 Highlands Applicability Determination
 Warren, Sussex and Morris Counties, New Jersey (JR2797)**

Dear Mr. Shivas;

This letter is to provide you with legal notification that Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), a subsidiary of Public Services Enterprise Group is submitting a Highlands Applicability and Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) Consistency Determination Application Form (Highlands Applicability Determination) to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Division of Watershed Management under the *Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Rules* (NJAC 7:38). PSE&G and their consultants, The Louis Berger Group Inc. (Berger) and Commonwealth Associates, Inc. (CAI), are preparing engineering plans, environmental reports and environmental permit applications associated with the proposed Susquehanna-Roseland 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line.

The Highlands Applicability Determination will establish that the proposed project is one of the following: exempt from these rules; a major Highlands development; or unregulated by the NJDEP. In addition, the Highlands Applicability Determination will also establish whether or not the proposed project is consistent, not addressed, or inconsistent with the applicable area-wide Water Quality Management Plan. PSE&G is applying for the following determinations:

- Exemption (establishes whether the project is exempt from the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act rules)
- Major Highlands development (establishes whether or not the project is a major Highlands development under the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act rules. If a proposed project is determined to be a major Highlands development and is not exempt, the project will be subject to these rules.)
- Unregulated by NJDEP (establishes if the project is agricultural or horticultural and thus not regulated by the NJDEP under the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act rules)
- The proposed project shall also be reviewed for consistency with the applicable area-wide Water Quality Management Plan. A determination of consistent/not addressed, or inconsistent shall be issued.

The complete application package can be reviewed at the office of the clerk or by appointment at the NJDEP Trenton office (609-984-6888) at the address listed below. The NJDEP welcomes comments and any information you may provide concerning the proposed project and site. Written comments should be submitted to the NJDEP within 30 days after the NJDEP publishes notice of the application in the DEP Bulletin. The NJDEP shall consider all written comments submitted within this time. The NJDEP may, in its discretion, consider comments submitted after this date. Comments cannot be accepted by telephone. Please submit any comments you may have *in writing, along with a copy of this letter*, to: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Watershed Management, Bureau of Watershed Regulation, PO Box 418, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, Attn: Highlands Applicability Determination.

The rules governing Highlands Applicability Determinations are found in the NJDEP's *Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act Rules* at N.J.A.C. 7:38, which can be viewed on the NJDEP Highlands website (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/highlands/>) or at the county law library in the county courthouse. The NJDEP will notify each municipalities Clerk's Office of the determination on the application. If you have any questions or comments on the applications, please contact Robert Pollock of PSE&G at (980) 692-6253 or Edward Samanns of The Louis Berger Group, Inc at (973) 407-1468.

Sincerely,
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