

Target: Power Corridors (Delaware River Valley)

In a project known as the Susquehanna to Roseland Transmission Line, PSE&G and PP&L are proposing to expand their transmission powerline right-of-way across the Delaware River, through the Wild and Scenic Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and across the Appalachian Trail. The proposed powerlines include towers twice as tall as the tree line. The Susquehanna to Roseland Transmission Line will negatively impact Visitor Experience in such historic and scenic areas as the New Jersey section of the Appalachian Trail, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and the view sheds in the Pocono Mountains, the New Jersey Highlands and the Upper Delaware River. The views seen from throughout the Park, along the River and the Appalachian Trail are priceless.

Background

During the summer of 2009, Rock the Earth friend and supporting artist, Tim Carbone of the outstanding Americana rock band Railroad Earth, told us about another proposed energy corridor that would impact three of America's most special places – the New Jersey Highlands, the Wild and Scenic Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and the world renowned Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

The New Jersey Highlands are part of the great sweep of the Appalachians that shadows the East Coast from Maine to Georgia. The region contains nearly 860,000 acres of forested ridges, rolling farmlands, diverse recreation, abundant wildlife and historic treasures. The proposed powerlines include towers twice as tall as the tree line and two and a half times the size of powerlines currently existing in the area. For an excellent video about the issue, [GO HERE](#).

Update

The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing to conduct an environmental impact study to document the impact these powerlines will have on the natural resources and on VISITOR EXPERIENCE and is currently soliciting comments. Your input is needed so the NPS understands how important our National Parks are to you, your children and grand children.

Please consider sending a comment letter before March 12, 2010 to:

National Park Service

Attention: DEWA PPL EIS Planning Team

Denver
Service Center—Planning

P.O. Box
25287,

Denver, CO 80225

Please reference 75
FR 3486 (Susquehanna to Roseland Transmission Line) and make the following
points in your letter:

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The Susquehanna
to Roseland Transmission Line is not reasonably necessary for the service,
convenience and welfare of the public.

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There are reasonable, practicable, permanent and
reliable alternative routes that would have less adverse impact upon the
environment. One possible route, which
the Applicants have dismissed, is to run the transmission lines along Route 80
highway.

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will negatively impact Visitor Experience in such historic and scenic areas as
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the Pocono Mountains, the New Jersey Highlands and the Upper Delaware
River. The views seen from
throughout the Park, along the River and the Appalachian
Trail are priceless. PSE&G and PPL should not be allowed to
degrade our "park experience" for their private gain.

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The impacts of constructing go far beyond the
right-of-way, including the creation of new roads, fragmenting wildlife habitat
and forests and giving invasive plants a greater foot-hold in our public lands.

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Federal lands on the East Coast are rare.
Congressional legislation was required to create the National Recreation Areas
and we should respect the few federally protected lands we have.

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The population of the region has boomed. There
are not that many places remaining to see wildlife and to experience the kind
of tranquility one has in this river valley.

Links

[Rock the Earth Scoping Comments -- Comment Letter of March 10, 2010 to National Park Service](#)

[Eastern Environmental Law Center Comments \(Rock the Earth signatory\) -- Comment Letter of March 12, 2010 to NPS](#)

[Delaware Riverkeeper](#)

[Oppose the Towers](#)

[Stop the Lines](#)