



# STOP THE LINES!

Opposition to PSE&G Susquehanna Roseland Powerline Project

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Kristi Izzo  
Office of the Secretary  
Board of Public Utilities  
Two Gateway Center  
Newark, NJ 07102

RE: PSE&G Susquehanna-Roseland Transmission Project  
BPU Docket No: EM09010035

Dear Secretary Izzo:

Enclosed please find the Original and ten copies of STOP THE LINES Motion to Intervene and Application for Leave to Represent Party at Contested Case Hearing.

If you require anything further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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David Slaperud  
for  
Stop the Lines

cc: Service List

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF	)	
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS	)	BPU DOCKET NO. EM09010035
COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION	)	
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF	)	
N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19	)	
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SUSQUEHANNA-ROSELAND PROJECT	)	

**STOP THE LINES MOTION TO INTERVENE**

Stop the Lines, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-166.1 – 1:1-16.5, makes this motion to intervene in the above-entitled matter, Public Service Electric and Gas Company’s (hereinafter “PSE&G”) Petition for a Determination pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 for the Susquehanna Roseland Transmission Project.

Stop the Lines is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey. Stop the Lines members live, work and recreate along the PSE&G Susquehanna-Roseland Transmission Project proposed Route B. Members of Stop the Lines will be substantially, specifically and directly affected by the outcome of this contested case.

Stop the Lines’ interests are as many and varied as its members. Stop the Lines is concerned about the energy policy and public interest issues reflected in this proposal. Transmission infrastructure is an irretrievable commitment of money at a time when capital for construction projects is hard to secure. If this line is built, we will commit to a means and manner of electrical generation and usage, one that will not facilitate conservation and efficiency, but instead that will facilitate market transactions of electricity.

Stop the Lines is concerned about the methodology, inputs and theory of PSE&G’s /PJM’s forecasting. We are not in a high growth area. A goal of the New Jersey Energy Masterplan is to use less energy in 2020 than today. The recent drop in demand is due not only to our current economic downturn, but also with growing awareness, conservation, and better efficiency. We do not want to repeat the 1970s, where people learned about energy use, conserved dramatically, and the result was that utility forecasting was improperly based on prior trends (which were grossly incorrect) and the industry

overbuilt. The result was that many plants were cancelled, others were stopped in mid-construction saddling ratepayers with unnecessary costs and lack of local generation that would solve today's perceived problem of overloaded transmission lines. We have needed little utility infrastructure because of this surplus.

Stop the Lines has an interest in the location of claimed load -- most of the energy proposed to run through these lines is not ultimately intended for use in NJ, it is instead intended for export to New York City. What is the cost to the ratepayers and landowners of New Jersey to be a "pass-through," and to pay for the capital costs and provide land for a project from which we will not benefit?

Stop the Lines has an interest in alternatives to this transmission project, and is concerned about the lack of system alternatives to transmission to address any increase in demand. PSE&G and PJM are only looking at transmission, and does not address satisfaction of need by implementing demand side management, conservation awareness programs, local solar, and various steps that constitute the energy policy of New Jersey, as outlined in the New Jersey Energy Masterplan.

Stop the Lines would inform the record about efficiency and inefficiency when comparing this proposal against other options, such as distributed generation near load. Line loss alone could preclude this project as an economic option. Local generation is a much better solution than the inherently inefficient long distance transmission of energy in Alternating Current along 195'+ high towers.

Stop the Lines has an interest in assuring that any project approved be compatible with the Obama administration's proposed electrical priorities and new grid design. Hopefully, this new grid design will incorporate a focus on local and distributed generation, with a supporting transmission grid designed for lower energy loss and EMF emissions.

Stop the Lines is also concerned about financing, including costs, sources and amounts of capital for this project and will address these financing issues in the hearing. Private capital is not available for construction costs, and public capital may be available from sources such as stimulus money. Any stimulus money project must be doubly vetted to assure it is in the public interest.

Stop the Lines members are landowners along the route. We are concerned because the current Right of Way through the New Jersey portion is only 150' wide. Petitioners should allow for a larger Right of

Way. The original grantors of the easements clearly were not anticipating a grant to PSE&G of the right to construct towers of this magnitude for high capacity transmission. This is an “order of magnitude” difference – low level transmission for local load and massive transmission for bulk power transfer.

Stop the Lines has concerns with the 190'+ high towers that are proposed. We believe that through their height, they pose a very real safety concern. From an engineering standpoint, putting towers that are up to 195' tall in a right-of-way only 75 foot across is physically unsafe – this Right of Way does not provide a sufficient setback for clearance in the event a tower would fall. There is also a major visual and environmental price to pay if towers of this height are put above the tree canopy and are visible through our historic, rural, and protected communities. Our water supplies and several sensitive habitats may also be at risk from the planned construction of new towers.

Stop the Lines has a direct interest in the economic impacts of this line, which should be considered in a cost-benefit analysis of the project. Stop the Lines would submit evidence that this transmission line would affect property values, income from tourism, business income, and would “industrialize” our rural area beyond recognition.

Stop the Lines has substantive concerns with the higher EMF levels that would result with the proposed line. We question whether the “cancellation techniques” that PSE&G plans to use will lower EMF levels to lower than the current levels. There are studies that show that high EMF levels are associated with an increased rate of child leukemia, and corona attracts aerosol pollutants, triggering the “Henshaw Effect,” which leads to serious health problems. Landowners should be given the option to force a buyout so they can get out from under the line should this project or future projects be built along this ROW.

As landowners along the existing easement, Stop the Lines has an interest in the routing of the line. If this transmission project is approved, it should be buried or run along the Route 80 corridor, which is a much shorter and more logical route. We will address New Jersey’s policy of “accommodation” and use of DOT corridor.

In our current economic crisis, it is very difficult for us to raise funds to retain legal representation and experts to challenge PSE&G’s claims. We respectfully request that the BPU require PSE&G to be

assessed and pay into escrow for Intervenor to retain experts to inform the record. This is equitable because PSE&G was saved the expense of Intervenor experts that would have been assessed had they brought their application to the 15 individual planning boards in communities along the route in New Jersey as originally announced.

No other intervenor addresses the issues or has the same concerns of Stop the Lines. Stop the Lines' interests are sufficiently different from any other party to support granting Intervenor status as a full party with all rights and obligations. Through its work informing the record, Stop the Lines will add measurably and constructively to the scope of this docket. There is no intent or action to confuse or delay – Stop the Lines seeks to contribute to an equitable and fully informed decision on this matter.

The following party IS to receive filings and documents on behalf of Stop the Lines:

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WHEREFORE, Stop the Lines respectfully requests that the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Grant Stop the Lines permission to intervene in the above proceeding and be treated as a party, with full rights of participation as provided by the Board's policies and procedures and by N.J.S.A. 48:2, subject to its agreement to take the record as it stands.
2. Stop the Lines be afforded all such other relief deemed appropriate by the Board.

Respectfully submitted:

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By \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO REPRESENT A PARTY  
AT A CONTESTED CASE HEARING**

1. Public Service Electric and Gas Company’s (hereinafter “PSE&G”) Petition for a Determination pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 for the Susquehanna Roseland Transmission Project has been filed and the above-entitled docket will be heard by the Board of Public Utilities as a contested case.
2. Applicant David Slaperud requests permission to represent a party, Stop the Lines, in this contested case proceeding.
3. Stop the Lines is a non-profit closely-held corporation organized in the state of New Jersey.
4. Applicant David Slaperud is a member of the Board of Directors of Stop the Lines, and as such is a principal of the corporation.
5. Applicant David Slaperud certifies that he is not a suspended or disbarred attorney and that he or she is not receiving a fee for the appearance.
6. Applicant David Slaperud has completed a Notice of Appearance, attached.

Respectfully submitted:

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**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE/APPLICATION  
CLOSE CORPORATION**

**STOP THE LINES, INC.**

I, David Slaperud, hereby apply to represent Stop The Lines in above captioned case. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-5.4(a)(5), I submit the following information in support of my application.

Stop the Lines is a non-profit Corporation that is not publicly owned. It is engaged in the business of Public Interest and incorporated in the State of New Jersey.

I am not a suspended or disbarred attorney.

I am not receiving a fee for the appearance.

I have served a copy of this application on all parties.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate.

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DATE

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SIGNATURE

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For a Determination Pursuant to the  
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**(SUSQUEHANNA-ROSELAND)  
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