



STOP THE LINES!

Opposition to PSE&G Susquehanna Roseland Powerline Project

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In response to PSE&G's "Myth vs. Reality", here is our own "Myth vs. Reality", as we see it. We agree that there have been a number of inaccurate or misleading statements made to the public.

Myth: This line is needed

Reality: The proposed addition of 500Kv line to the existing 230Kv line would represent approximately a 300-400% increase in transmission capacity, for an estimated increase in demand of 1.4% per year (see page 15 here, and while you're at it take a look at page 52)

http://stophelines.com/downloads/PSEG_bankofamerica_presentation.pdf

We think this proposed increase in transmission is extreme, and irresponsible to the local citizens along the route by not taking into account their concerns with health, environment, and property values. The "need" for the line has also not be re-evaluated since New Jersey's announcement to move forward with an off shore wind project and a variety of other locally produced energy sources such as the pending legislation to allow wind and solar to receive the same tax benefits as traditional farms, greatly increasing the incentive for small landowners to become clean energy producers. Of note, the Trailco line proposed for western PA was recently *stopped* by authorities, because the "need" was not found to be there.

Myth: This line is not going to provide energy to NYC

Reality: See page 52 from this PSE&G presentation to Bank of America June 24-26 2008, and decide for yourself where the energy is going to go.

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It clearly shows plans for 3 increased transmission lines into NJ, and 5 projects going into NYC.

Myth: This line will not transmit dirty power into NJ

Reality: There is increased transmission planned all the way from VA/WV through PA and through NJ. The only need for increased transmission capability, is if they plan to put more power through those lines. Newer members of PJM's club are Dominion Power and Duquesne light. <http://www.pjm.com/about/pjm-heritage.html>

Dominion uses coal to generate more more than 40% of their power.

<http://www.dom.com/about/stations/index.jsp>

Myth: This proposed line will not affect efforts for renewable energies & conservation

Reality: The solution to getting more power to Eastern NJ (and east of there if necessary) is not to put huge transmission lines across PA and NJ. The solution is to generate power locally (preferably clean power), use demand-side management, and promote conservation. New Jersey's commitment to combat global warming through the 2007 Global Warming Response Act and through the voluntary agreement to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) will be undermined by the proposed PSE&G line because only carbon produced in New Jersey will be sold through the RGGI program. PSE&G's proposed line will circumvent New Jersey's commitment to be a leader in combating global warming. It will also bring in much cheaper energy, reducing the demand for locally produced, renewable energy sources like wind.

Myth: This line will not increase magnetic fields

Reality: By definition, more transmission lines with more power running through them will increase magnetic fields! There is no question about it. PSE&G may be able to use some cancellation techniques, but will they?

Myth: This line will not affect property values

Reality: We'll let people with common sense figure that one out. Check with your realtor. In our current economic situation we do not need any more help with dropping home values.

Myth: This line cannot be built underground

Reality: Underground transmission lines are becoming more and more common. We are not suggesting another 500KV line, and we do not feel it is warranted for our shrinking increase in demand. We had asked PSE&G if it were possible to run the lines along route 80 (above or below ground), and were told that they cannot run the lines along route 80. They also mentioned this on the channel 9 investigative report. But when we called the DOT, they had no knowledge that PSE&G was planning new transmission lines in NJ.