

Writing to PJM to Oppose Additional New Projects on Same Corridor
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I hereby voice my opposition and commit to fight any additional new transmission lines in Jefferson County West Virginia on a new easement parallel to existing transmission lines, including 2024 Window 1 Proposals 262, 759 and 907.

The existing easement has been in place for decades and many homes, businesses, and other buildings have been constructed adjacent to the easement and are subject to taking when the easement is expanded. In addition, FirstEnergy's right-of-way restrictions prohibit buildings, lighting fixtures, signs, billboards, swimming pools, decks, flag posts, sheds, barns, garages, playgrounds, fences or other structures, septic systems, leach beds, and/ or wells. New parallel easements will remove all of the above existing uses from host property, interfering with the landowner's use and enjoyment of his property and lowering its resale value. In some cases, the new easement may not just erase outbuildings and playgrounds, but may actually take the homes themselves. Hundreds of homes **will** be lost in Jefferson County, which is a political impossibility!

The Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (PJM 2022 Window 3) found that paralleling an existing transmission line through three Maryland counties would result in the destruction of more than 90 homes parallel to the existing right of way, in addition to two places of worship and a school.

Jefferson County is the ONLY community impacted by PJM's 2022 Window 3 (new 500kV line) that is also being targeted for both an additional new 500kV line **AND** a new 765kV line parallel to the same corridor in 2024 Window 1! This could result in widening the corridor by 500 feet, or more. This is simply too much sacrifice for one small group of landowners who would be impacted by PJM's planning again and again until they lose the very roof over their head!

I urge PJM to look elsewhere to site new transmission for Virginia's data centers. The referenced projects provide absolutely no benefit to West Virginians and require that hundreds of West Virginia homes be sacrificed.