



STOP THE LINES!

Opposition to PSE&G Susquehanna Roseland Powerline Project

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Press Statement

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Stop The Lines has formally filed Motion for Intervention in the matter of the PSE&G Susquehanna-Roseland project application to the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU). The Motion was filed by hand at the pre-hearing meeting, which was led by Kenneth Sheehan, Deputy Attorney General at the BPU's Newark offices on February 26, 2009.

“It was absolutely crucial for us to intervene in this process on behalf of citizens along the proposed route of this seemingly unnecessary expansion,” said David Slaperud, a Trustee of Stop The Lines. “Our role as a grassroots organization is to assure that resident's safety, health, and property rights are considered during this review process. We will be bringing some very important information into the record.” Many residents have a difficult time trying to wrap their heads around the details of this application, given the extreme and overwhelming complexity of the BPU process. Stop The Lines will uniquely represent the typical homeowner along the route, and the public at large.

The Fredon School and the Willow Day Camp of Lake Hopatcong have also filed Motions to Intervene in the process.

The pre-hearing meeting's primary purpose was to discuss the schedule of events for the upcoming application review process. After consultation with our legal advisors, Stop The Lines brought a proposed timeline of critical deadline for proceedings to the meeting. Surprisingly, PSE&G – the project applicant – did not even have their own schedule prepared for discussion. PSE&G instead is requesting a 5-1/2 month expedited review process, which Stop The Lines feels is completely unreasonable and unacceptable for a project of this magnitude. The BPU has until January 12, 2010 to render a decision in this matter.

For more information on Stop The Lines and their intervention on this application, contact David Slaperud at info@stophelines.com, or by phone at 973-940-2976.