

Appendix M

Section 106 Compliance

**APPENDIX M:
SECTION 106 COMPLIANCE**

The Section 106 Process

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties (those resources eligible for the National Register of Historic Places) and afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) the opportunity to comment on federal undertakings. The ACHP regulations for implementation of the Section 106 process (36 CFR Part 800) require federal agencies to consult with other parties, including the public, with an interest in the effects of the undertaking on historic properties. The Section 106 process includes initiating the Section 106 process, identifying historic properties, assessing adverse effects, and resolving adverse effects.

The National Park Service (NPS) managers are integrating Section 106 compliance with the NEPA process pursuant to the criteria set forth at 36 C.F.R. § 800.8(c)(1)(i)-(v) for the issuance of a construction and right-of-way (ROW) permit for the portion of the proposed Susquehanna-Roseland 500 kV Transmission Line that crosses park lands. The following compiles and summarizes the applicable information for the Section 106 process from the draft and final environmental impact statements (EIS) and associated consultation. The fourth step in the 106 process, the resolution of adverse effects, has been ongoing as the final EIS was being edited and printed; accordingly, this section will describe actions proposed up-to-and-including development and signing of the Record of Decision (ROD) for this final EIS, including a process for concluding Section 106 compliance. This section relates the conclusion of 106 compliance to the signed ROD and identifies Section 106 mitigation measures that will take place after the ROD is signed. All details and the agreement on the resolution of adverse effects can be found on the National Park Service (NPS) Planning, Environment, & Public Comment (PEPC) site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=25147> as they are developed.

Background and Proposed Project

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and PSE&G (the applicant) applied for a construction and ROW permit to dismantle the 230-kV Bushkill-to-Kittatinny Line (B-K Line) and a small portion of the 230-kV Wallenpaupack to Siegfried Line northwest of the Bushkill substation, located on utility easements predating federal ownership and the establishment of the parks. The permit would provide conditions of access to the right-of-way for construction, and would allow the widening of the current ROW for a portion of the park crossing in which the applicant's existing rights are not sufficiently wide to permit their new transmission line to be built. The new transmission line would consist of one new 500-kV circuit and another circuit, built to carry 500 kV but initially energized to 230 kV, as replacement for the B-K Line and the small portion of the Wallenpaupack to Siegfried Line within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA).

The NPS put forward eight alternatives during project scoping. Two were dismissed from consideration after scoping. The NPS assessed six alternatives in the draft EIS, which was released in November, 2011. The draft EIS identified the "no-action alternative," or alternative 1, as the environmentally preferred alternative, but did not identify an "agency preferred alternative." In March 2012, the NPS identified the applicant's proposed route as the NPS preferred alternative. This alternative is described in the draft EIS as alternative 2, which crosses DEWA, the Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR), and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA), for a 4.3-mile segment of the 146-mile transmission line. This alternative is fully described in this final EIS in chapter 2, "Description of the Alternatives," under "Alternative 2: Applicant's Proposed Route." A summary of the route is as follows:

Alternative 2:

The route proposed by the applicant would follow the route of the existing B-K Line, which traverses approximately 4.3 miles of DEWA. Within DEWA boundaries, the route crosses MDSR and APPA approximately perpendicularly. In the draft EIS, 5.6 miles of alternative 2 were analyzed, 4.26 of which were within NPS boundaries. The alignment would enter DEWA from the west in Pennsylvania approximately 0.25 mile east of Big Bushkill Creek. The alignment would cross approximately 0.6 miles of DEWA land and then exit the park. Once the alignment exits the park, it would travel to the Bushkill Substation, cross a small (0.06-mile) portion of DEWA, cross the Fernwood Golf Course, and then re-enter DEWA south of the South Zone Ranger Station and north of DEWA Headquarters. The alignment would travel southeast within DEWA for approximately 0.85 mile, then cross 0.10 mile of MDSR just north of Depew Island. The route would continue southeast approximately 2.4 miles past the Watergate Recreation Site and cross APPA. The route would then traverse another 0.25 mile from APPA to the eastern DEWA boundary.

Under the NPS preferred alternative, the proposed NPS ROW and construction permit would allow the ROW to be cleared, which now varies in width from 100 to 350 feet, to a uniform 350-foot width. The applicant would replace the twenty-one existing 85-foot lattice towers within park boundaries with sixteen 195-foot monopoles or lattice towers. The NPS received schematic drawings and a visual simulation from the applicant, but final designs and exact placement were pending as of May 2012. Construction of the new line will require additional access roads to bring in construction equipment, as well as crane pads at tower sites and pads at conductor pull stations. Maintenance of the new transmission line will be more intensive than for the existing line. The new line will be a “critical” portion of the regional transmission infrastructure and vegetation will be limited to a height below 5–10 feet. The existing transmission line is considered “non-critical” and does not have this level of vegetation maintenance. Some of the temporary access roads would be converted to permanent roads to perform this maintenance.

The Area of Potential Effect

The Area of Potential Effect (APE) for this undertaking has two aspects (Figure M-1): an area of direct effects, defined as the area of ground disturbance; this includes, but is not limited to, tower locations, temporary construction pads and clearings, the ROW cleared area, and the access roads to and from the ROW; and an area of visual effects which extends 8 miles laterally from the transmission line alignment within park and state forest boundaries, and a half-mile laterally from the alignment up to the point outside the park at which multiple routes are possible (the Visual Split Location or VSL).

The APE for this undertaking is limited to the area in which the NPS’ issuance of the permit dictates the route which the transmission line must follow. Beyond the VSL, the NPS has no authority to influence the applicants’ actions or choice of route. The VSL for the western edge of the ROW lies on the park boundary; on the eastern edge, it extends for 0.7 miles beyond the park boundary. Consistent with state regulations related to utility applications, the applicant has conducted and continues to conduct direct consultations with the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (HPO) on the project’s effects on historic properties outside the boundaries of the NPS’ permit authority.

Consulting parties

Although consultation is continuing to develop, at the time of the printing of this final EIS, consulting parties included the ACHP, the Pennsylvania SHPO and the New Jersey HPO, and twelve federally-recognized Indian tribes. The tribes include the Delaware Nation, Oklahoma; Delaware Tribe of Indians,

Oklahoma; Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Wisconsin; Seneca Nation of New York; Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma; Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians of New York; Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Shawnee Tribe, Oklahoma; Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, New York; Oneida Nation of New York; and Onondaga Nation of New York. As the Section 106 process continues, additional consulting parties will be sought out by the NPS. The applicant will also be included in some of the consultation party discussions and meetings. A full list of consulting parties will be available on the PEPC website. The consulting parties were engaged in the Section 106 process both through the NEPA public comment process and review of the draft EIS, as well as additional consultation correspondence. Many of the consulting parties also participated in on-site consulting party meetings including two tribal consults (January and May 2012) and an overall consultation meeting (June, 2012). These correspondence letters can be found in Appendix I of this final EIS, as well as on the PEPC website.

Identification of Historic Properties

Subject matter experts have identified historic properties within the APE through compiling information on known park resources, evaluating historic properties surveys commissioned by the applicant along the route, and reviewing a cultural landscape survey commissioned by the NPS. Technical experts identified properties in three major categories: archeological sites, historic structures, and cultural landscapes; some overlap exists between the categories. Preliminary lists of historic properties affected by each alternative were in the draft EIS and the NPS asked consulting parties to comment on those lists during the public review period. After further refinement from subsequent studies, at least two archeological sites, 36 historic structures, and 43 cultural landscapes were identified within the APE for the preferred alternative. There are a few properties that still required concurrence on their eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places at the time of the final EIS printing and additional historic properties could be identified during consultation. A list of the identified historic properties at time of printing, as well as effects on each, is below; a final list can be found on the PEPC website.

Assessment of Effect

The NPS has assessed the effects on historic properties of issuing the construction and ROW permit, and has determined that the action will have an adverse effect on at least one archeological site, at least 17 historic structures, and 18 cultural landscapes within the APE. There will be direct, physical adverse effects to the Horace Van Auken Farm, the Appalachian Trail, the Old Mine Road Historic District, the Owens/Stone Spring Farm springhouse landscape, and the Pennsylvania-New Jersey Interconnection (the current Bushkill-Kittatinny and Wallenpaupack to Seigfried lines); the remainder of the effects will be visual. At the time the final EIS was being compiled for printing, the NPS had not yet fully reviewed the archeological report or the historic structures report for the preferred alternative, and the result may be that additional adverse effects will be identified. Initial review of the historic structures technical report has already identified a difference between the NPS method for assessing visual and cultural landscape resource effects and the applicant's method for assessing visual effects on historic buildings. Preliminary assessments of effect were available in the draft EIS for consulting party review and comment; final determinations will be made in consultation with the consulting parties, and will be reflected in the list of properties and effects on the PEPC website.

Resolution of Adverse Effects

Through spring and summer 2012, the NPS consulted with the New Jersey HPO and Pennsylvania SHPO, the ACHP, and twelve Tribes. The NPS initiated consultation on resolving adverse effects at the time the final EIS was being compiled. Conference calls and on-site meetings will be held to allow all consulting parties to discuss the extent of adverse effects and appropriate measures to mitigate adverse effects.

Mitigation measures may include vegetative screening for visual effects, structure rehabilitation, archeological excavation, monitoring of construction excavation, and/or compensation, among many possible examples. In that case the process for concluding consultation on mitigation will be outlined in either a programmatic agreement or included in the ROD. The NPS plans to conclude the Section 106 consultation process by the signature of the ROD for this EIS. Mitigation measures will be undertaken pursuant to the ROD and permit, and may require additional discussion among the consulting parties if unexpected circumstances arise while construction is occurring. Results of mitigation consultations and a draft programmatic agreement (if necessary) will be available on the PEPC website.

Next Steps

A complete Section 106 package was submitted to all consulting parties on May 2, 2012. The package supplemented the draft EIS with updated information on the overall Section 106 process, description of the undertaking, area of potential effect, identification of historic properties, assessment of effect, resolution of effect, a schedule for completing the EIS, and identification of the next steps for Section 106.

Consultation discussions and on-site meetings were then pursued to discuss the overall Section 106 process and all of the aspects outlined in the draft EIS and the May 2, 2012, Section 106 package. The plan (as of July 2012) is to proceed as follows:

Date	Planned Consultation Actions
May 24, 2012	The NPS conducted on-site tribal consultation meeting (at DEWA) to follow-up on January 23-24 meetings conducted with five Tribes
June 26-27, 2012	The NPS conducted an on-site consulting party meeting (at DEWA)
July 2012	The NPS will conduct additional consultation to finalize discussions about resolving adverse effects through mitigation and compensation measures and concluding the Section 106 process
	The NPS and the consulting parties will finalize development of a process for concluding Section 106 consultations and implementation of any measures to resolve adverse effects. This process will be outlined in the ROD
October 2012	The NPS will finalize the resolution of adverse effects in the ROD.
	Permit issued, including mitigations measures required of the applicant.

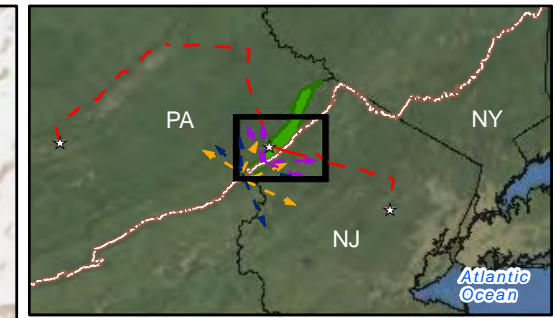
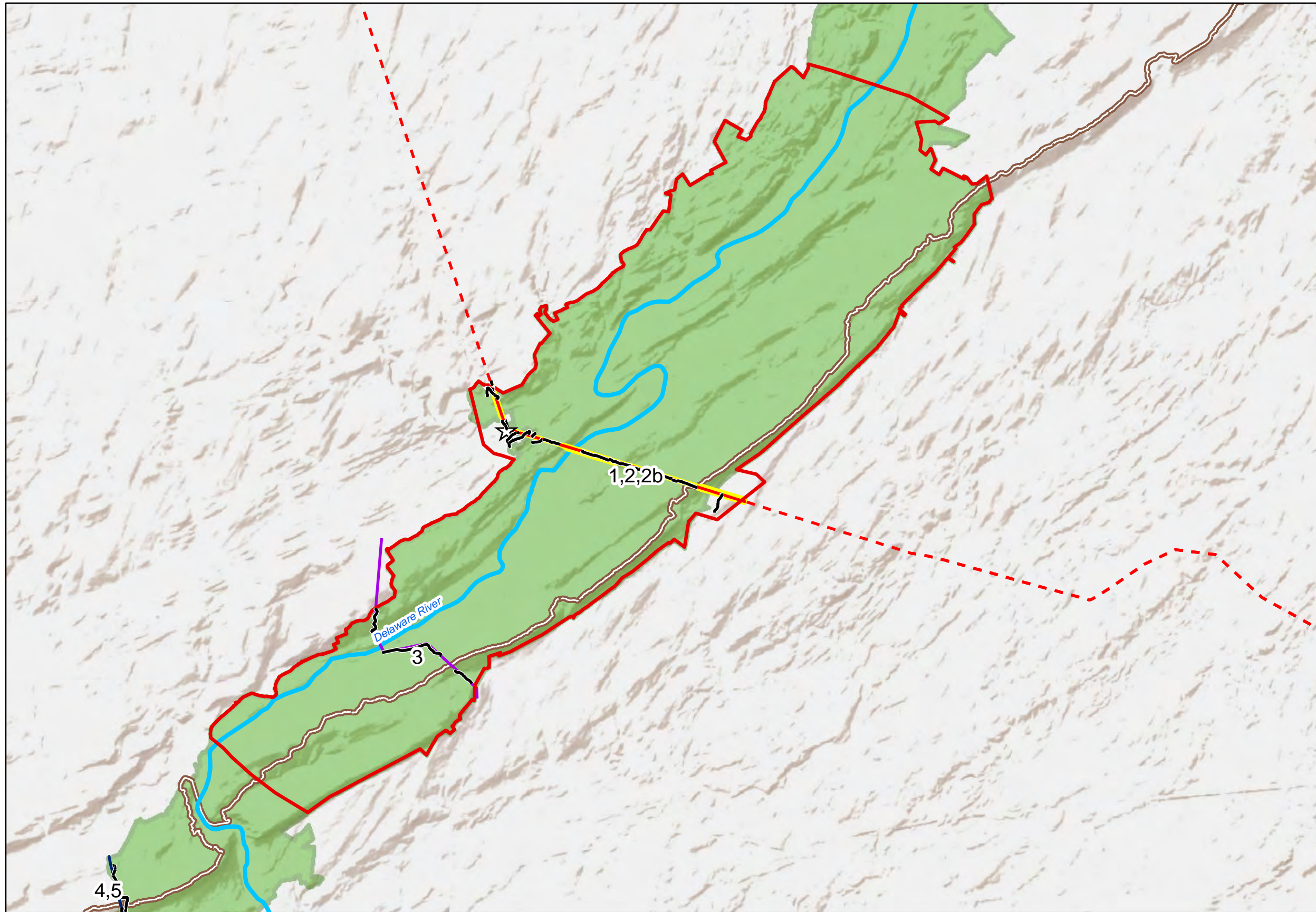
Section 106 Correspondence and Consultation Meeting History

A history of the Section 106 correspondence and consultation meetings is provided in the table below:

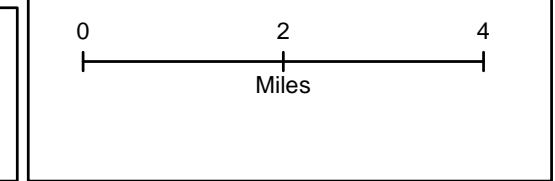
Date	Meeting/Consultation
2010	
February 1	NPS sends initiation of consultation invitation to NJ HPO, PA SHPO and six Tribes
March 12	Delaware Nation responds to NPS. Requests continuing consultation
March 29	NPS invites additional Tribes to participate
	NPS mails CD with reports, photos, and archeological files to Stockbridge-Munsee Community and Oneida Nation of New York
April 9	NPS mails invitation to May 4 scoping meeting with Tribes, SHPOs and other federal and state agencies
April 16	Arnold L Printup email response, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, New York not interested in consulting at this time

Date	Meeting/Consultation
April 26	E-mail follow-up to April 9, 2010 invitation sent to seven tribes
May 4	NPS conducts scoping meeting with Tribes. Stockbridge-Munsee and Oneida Nation of New York participate by conference call
	Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma requested meeting notes via call
	Stockbridge-Munsee Community interested in participating via conference call in May 20, 2010 call. Requests meeting notes
May 20	Conference call conducted with Tribes related to Project Scoping. Call notes available
June 7	NPS sends continuing consultation letter to NJ HPO, PA SHPO, and 12 tribes
June 11	Delaware Nation responds. Requests continuing consultation
July 6	Stockbridge-Munsee email response to June 6, 2010 letter requesting ongoing interest in consultation
July 7	Conference Call conducted with Tribes. Call notes available
July 13	E-mailed notes from May consultation to Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Eastern Shawnee, Oneida Nation of New York
July 15	E-mailed corrected notes from May consultation to Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Eastern Shawnee, Oneida Nation of New York
July 20	E-mailed follow-up for June 7, 2010 outgoing consultation request letter, email delivery failure report received from Towanda Seneca Nation
July 30	Alternatives Letter, sent to 12 tribes
August 3	Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians contacts DEWA for additional information and continuing consultation
August 16	Received email response from Delaware Tribe to Alternatives Letter of July 30, 2010
	Received email response from Delaware Nation to Alternatives Letter of July 30, 2010
2011	
June 30	Information on NEPA and 106 process to date, sent to ACHP
July 18	Request for information on tribal resources for draft EIS, sent to 12 tribes and copied to NJ HPO and PA SHPO
August 15	NPS requests comments from NJ HPO, PA SHPO and 12 tribes on John Milner Associates cultural landscape report
August 31	NPS receives and acknowledges email response from Shawnee Tribe, Oklahoma requesting ongoing consultation
September 20	NPS receives response from Oneida Nation of New York (no comments)
September 21	NPS acknowledges Oneida Nation of New York response
September 30	NPS receives response from Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma requesting ongoing consultation
October 3	NPS acknowledges and honors Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma request
November 21	NPS sends availability of draft EIS for review and comment on Section 106 content, including preliminary historic property lists and effect determinations for all alternatives to NJ HPO, PA SHPO, ACHP, and 12 tribes
November 22	NPS receives email from Stockbridge-Munsee Community requesting on-site consultation visit to parks
November 30	Shawnee Tribe, Oklahoma emails review of EIS; NPS thanks tribe for review
December 11	Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma email address correction

Date	Meeting/Consultation
December 22	Invitation to site visit and meeting, sent to Delaware Tribe of Indians, Delaware Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Wisconsin, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and Oneida Nation of New York
December 28	Eastern Shawnee Tribe responds affirmatively to invitation
2012	
January 3	Delaware Nation contacts NPS expressing interest in on-site consultation. NPS acknowledges and responds
	NPS acknowledges and responds to Eastern Shawnee Tribes invitation acceptance
January 5	Invitation to site visit and meeting, sent to Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, Shawnee Tribe, and Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at request of Eastern Shawnee Tribe and NER Ethnographer
	NPS requests RSVP from invited tribes
January 6	NPS requests RSVP from invited tribes
January 9	NPS requests RSVP from invited tribes
January 24-27	Tribal consultation meeting held at Delaware Water Gap HQ with Delaware Tribe, Delaware Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and Absentee-Shawnee Tribe. Site visits were included. Tribal feedback was received
February 3	NPS mails on-site consultation thank you letter to January 24-27, 2012 consultation parties
	Eastern Shawnee Tribe provides council resolution supporting alternative 1, the “no-action” alternative. NPS receives resolution on February 15, 2012
February 6	NPS receives letter from ACHP requesting information and consultation
February 10	NPS mails resource reports to ACHP
February 13	Stockbridge-Munsee Community provides written resolution supporting alternative 1, the “no-action” alternative
February 24	Follow-up to site visit, including meeting notes, sent to Delaware Tribe, Delaware Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and Absentee-Shawnee Tribe
February 27	NPS sends response to ACHP about letter of February 6, 2012
March 1	NPS sends applicant’s Phase I/II archeological survey report for park lands sent to 12 Tribes, NJ HPO, PA SHPO, and ACHP and requests comment
March 15	NPS receives report-request from NJ HPO
March 26	NPS mails architectural survey to NJ HPO, PA SHPO, ACHP, and 12 tribes and requests comments and receives request from NJ HPO for reports
April 12	NPS receives request for consultation on project from ACHP
April 17	NPS identifies preferred alternative, and notifies NJ HPO, PA SHPO, ACHP, and 12 tribes of likelihood of core drilling
April 27	NPS sends letter providing an update on the progress of the project, and to propose dates for a follow-up consultation meeting
May 2	Consultation package, including updated identification of historic properties, effect determinations, and invitation to consultation meeting on resolution of adverse effects, sent to NJ HPO, PA SHPO, ACHP, and 12 tribes
May 21	NPS sends letter requesting continued consultation
May 24	NPS conducts on-site consultation with Tribes at DEWA
May 31	Letter from NPS to USFWS regarding Tribes concerns for alternative 2 and the protection of the bald eagle, which is sacred to these tribes



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 - Appalachian National Scenic Trail
 - ~ Delaware River
 - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

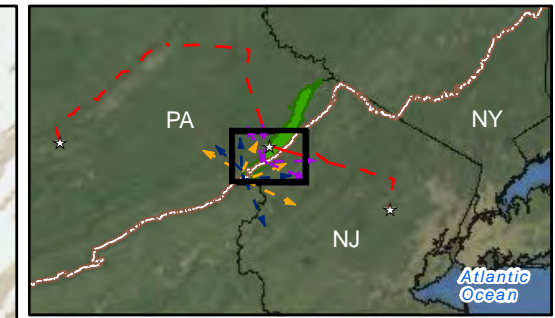
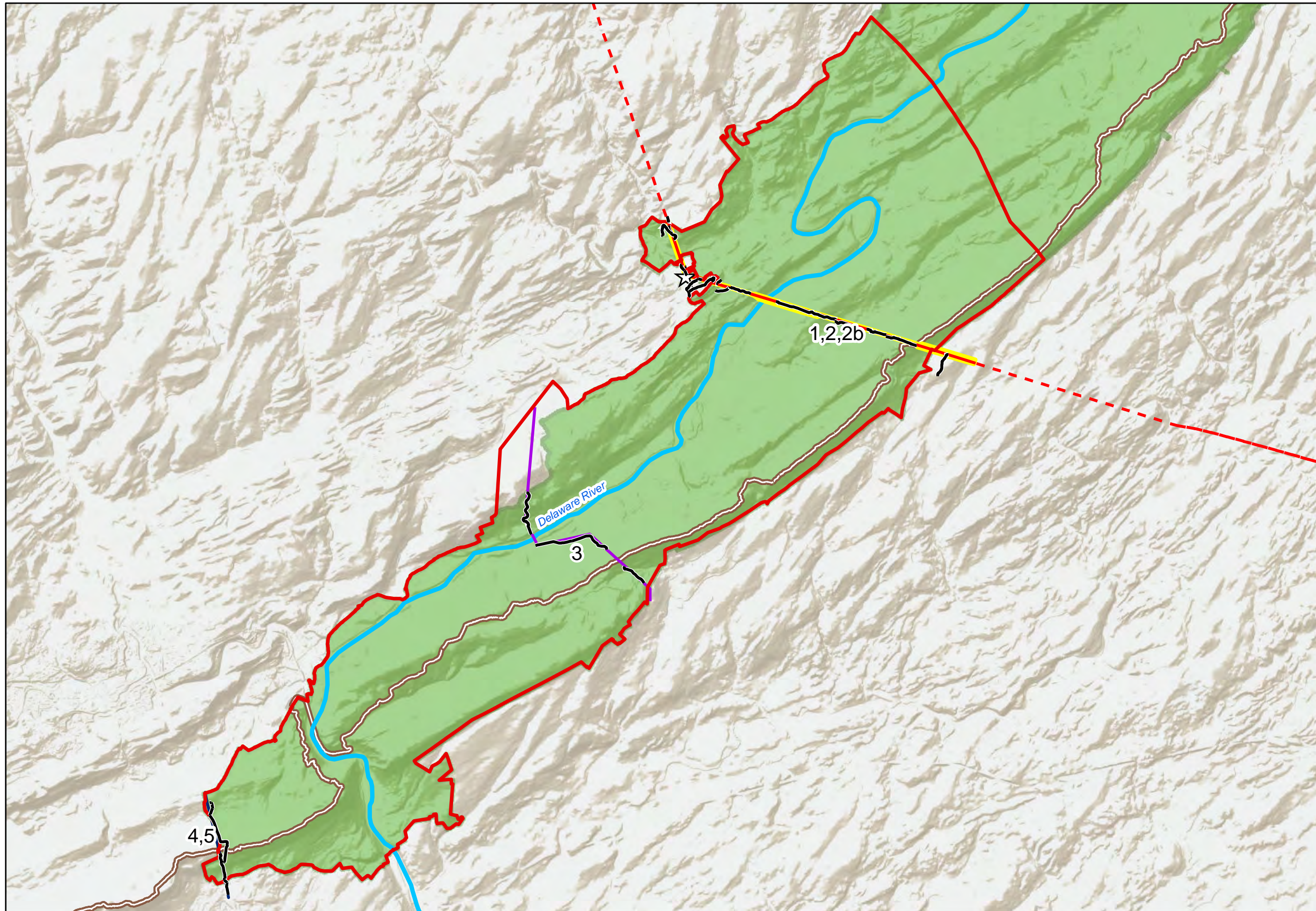


Susquehanna to Roseland
Transmission Line Proposal
and
Right-of-Way Request EIS

Figure M-1
Alternative 2/2b and the Area of Potential Effects

Source: ESRI Streetmap 2006, Penn State 2010,
ESRI ArcGISonline Map Service 2010,
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NJ DEP 2008,

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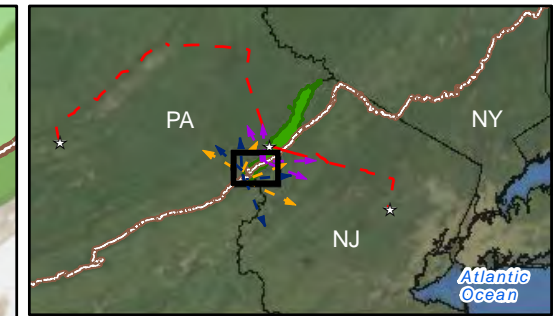
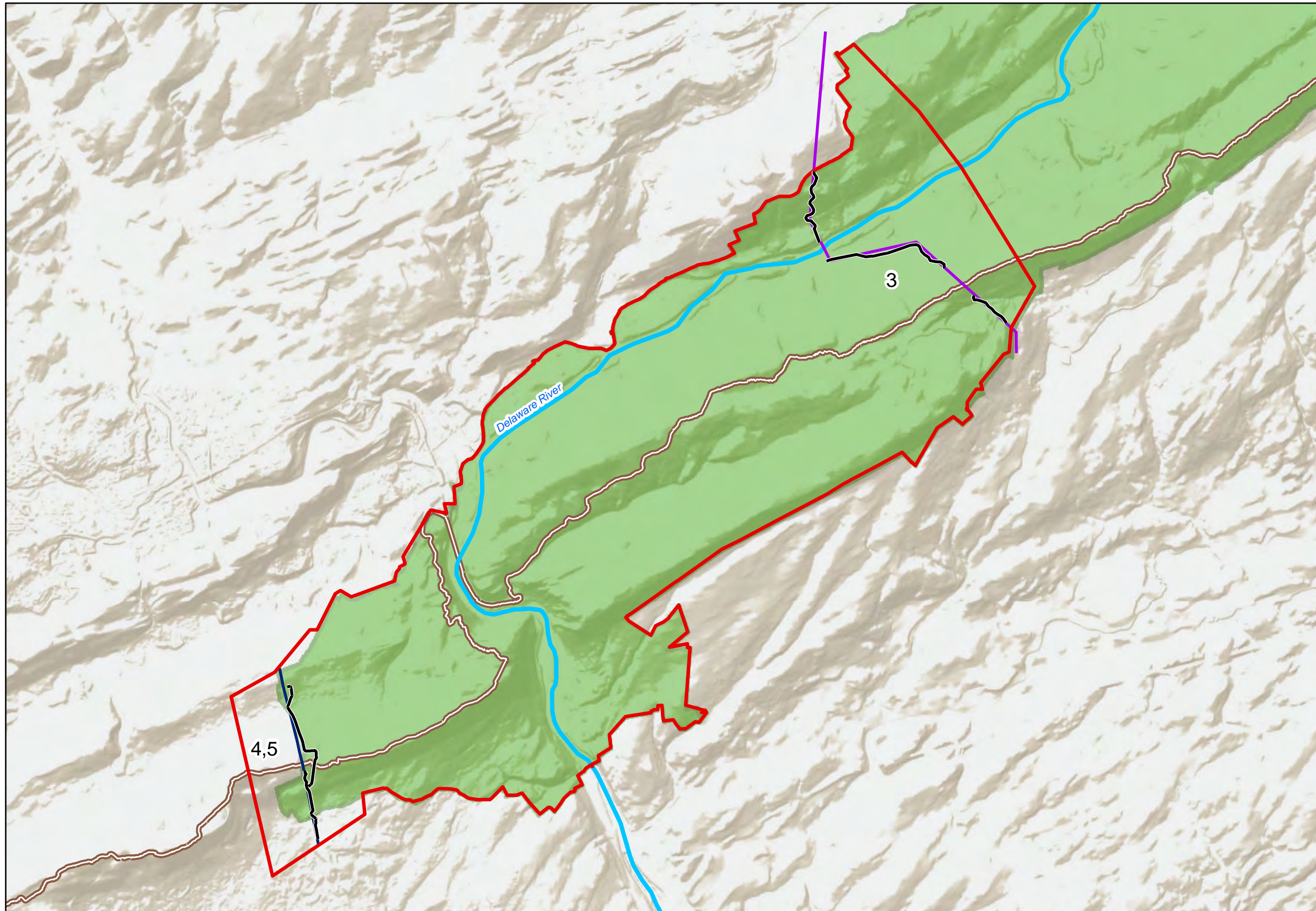


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Figure M-2
Alternative 3 and the Area of Potential Effects

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NJ DEP 2008,

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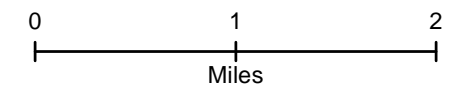


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Figure M-3
Alternative 4/5 and the Area of Potential Effects

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Tamara Francis
 Cultural Preservation Director
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Dear Ms. Francis:

The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts for the proposed construction of a high voltage electric transmission line traversing three National Park Service (NPS) units in Pennsylvania and New Jersey (Figure 1). The three park units are the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA), Middle Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR), and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA). I am writing to inform you about this project and to inquire if The Delaware Nation desires to consult with the NPS regarding the proposed project under Section 106 of the NHPA. Since the area of effect lies within the aboriginal homeland of the Delaware people, there may be historical, cultural and archeological resources in the area of potential effect that would be of interest to The Delaware Nation. I would especially like to know if you have any information about such sites and resources. I am available to discuss the project with you in more detail if that would assist our conversation about the proposed project. We are making a similar inquiry to the tribal governments and agencies listed in Enclosure 1.

Project Summary

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and PSE&G, jointly known as the Applicants, have proposed the expansion of an existing 230,000-volt (230kV) electric transmission line from Susquehanna (Berwick, Pennsylvania) to Roseland, New Jersey (the S-R Line) (Figure 1). The project is based on direction for electric transmission expansion provided by the Regional Transmission Operator, PJM Interconnection, which oversees the overall movement of wholesale electricity between many electric utilities throughout a 13 state region. The proposed action includes replacing the existing 80-foot towers with new larger towers (up to 200 feet high) and adding an additional 500,000-volt (500kV) transmission line. This would necessitate widening the existing right-of-way, and in areas, would require granting additional legal rights beyond the Applicants' current rights. The proposed action would also include the construction of new access roads and the rehabilitation and widening of existing roads for accessing the transmission line corridor. The current EIS study area, developed by NPS (Figure 2), includes the area affected by the 4.18 mile portion of the S-R Line. The study area has been expanded beyond the right of way to include other areas within the parks affected by alternatives not yet developed by NPS and the surrounding human environment affected directly by the NPS action.

Development of Alternatives

The EIS would compare three routes that have been proposed by the Applicants to determine the alternative that would minimize impacts to the natural and cultural resources within the parks and surrounding areas. The three routes, Alternatives A, B, and C are displayed in Figure 3.

Other alternatives are currently being developed by the NPS and may include relocation of the project partially outside of park(s) boundaries; installation of portions of the entire upgraded power line underground; installation of the power line on the bottom of the river; or an alternative that uses direct current from two wires instead of the proposed three to eight wires. Additionally, the No Action Alternative is also being considered, in which the existing power lines running from Susquehanna to Roseland would be kept but the current request for permits would not be granted.

Consultation

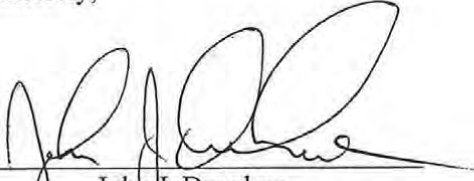
If The Delaware Nation wishes to consult with the NPS regarding this project as provided for under the regulations for the National Historic Preservation Act, please write to the address below or contact Amanda Stein by phone at (570) 426-2472 or email at Amanda_Stein@nps.gov.

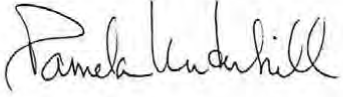
Due to the EIS schedule, we would appreciate hearing from you by February 28, 2010.

Please send responses to:

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Bushkill, PA 18324-9999

Sincerely,


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Good Morning Jason:

We accept The Delaware Nation as a consulting partner, under the Executive Order for Government-to-Government Consultation, and we will provide any information that you need in order to provide input to the Proposed Susquehanna to Roseland Transmission Line Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you.

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Hello Ms. Stein,

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The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA), Middle Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR), and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA).

The Delaware Nation will be a consulting party on the projects and thank you for consulting with the Delaware Nation,

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Dear Ms. Kieniatobe:

During recent public scoping meetings the National Park Service (NPS) was asked to broaden the scope of a proposed project on federal lands to include consultation with additional American Indian Tribes. As you know from past experience with Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA), soliciting your input in the project review process is something we would always plan on doing in any event.

The NPS is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts for the proposed construction of a high-voltage electric transmission line traversing three (3) units of the National Park Service (NPS) (Figure 1). The three affected units are: Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA), Middle Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR), and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA). I am writing to inform you about this project and to inquire if the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma desires to consult with the NPS regarding the proposed project under Section 106 of the NHPA.

Since the area of effect lies within the aboriginal homeland of the ancestors of modern Delaware tribes, there may be historical, cultural and archeological resources in the area of potential effect that would be of interest to them. Additionally, some lands under consideration for alternative routes for the project fall in the homelands of other tribes (e.g. Shawnee, Iroquois, Mohawk). Therefore, it is important that we seek your input on this project. I would especially like to know if you have any information about historical, cultural and archeological resources in the area of potential effect. I am available to discuss the project with you in more detail if that would assist our cooperation on the proposed project. We are making a similar inquiry to the tribal governments and agencies listed in Enclosure 1.

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transmission line corridor. The current EIS study area, developed by NPS (Figure 2), includes the area affected by the 4.18 mile portion of the S-R Line. The study area has been expanded beyond the right of way to include other areas within the park units affected by alternatives not yet developed by NPS and the surrounding human environment affected directly by the NPS action.

Development of Alternatives

The EIS could compare three routes that have been proposed by the Applicants to determine the alternative that would minimize impacts to the natural and cultural resources within the parks and surrounding areas. The three routes, Alternatives A, B, and C are displayed in Figures 3A and 3B.

Other alternatives are currently being developed by the NPS and may include relocation of the project partially outside of park(s) boundaries; installation of portions of the entire upgraded power line underground; installation of the power line on the bottom of the river; or an alternative that uses direct current from two wires instead of the proposed three to eight wires. Additionally, the No Action alternative is also being considered, in which the existing power lines running from Susquehanna to Roseland would be continued, but the current request for construction permits and additional right of way would not be granted.

Consultation

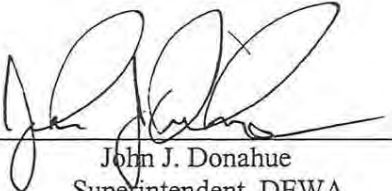
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We would appreciate your comments within 30 days of receipt of this letter.


Please send responses to:

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Sincerely,



John J. Donahue
Superintendent, DEWA



Pam Underhill
Superintendent, APPA

Enclosures:

Enclosure 1.	Listing of Agencies and Tribal Governments
Figure 1.	Location Map for the Parks
Figure 2.	Study Area Map
Figure 3A & B.	PPL and PSE&G Proposed Route Maps



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RECEIVED SPARKS, MD

Mr. Michael Bedrin, Regional Director
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Dear Mr. Bedrin:

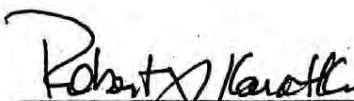
As required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze potential impacts for the proposed construction of a high voltage electric transmission line traversing three NPS units in Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA), Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR), and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA). The NPS held its first set of public meetings in February 2010, and is currently finalizing a report which summarizes and analyzes the comments submitted during the public scoping period. The next step is developing alternatives to the Applicants' proposed route, as required by NEPA and initiating consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Endangered Species Act.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you or your representative to an information session that the National Park Service is hosting on May 4 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm to engage Federal and State Agencies and Tribal Governments in our environmental review process. This meeting will provide an overview of the proposed project; will discuss the current status of the EIS schedule, and will be an opportunity for the agencies and governments to discuss their role and expertise in this process.

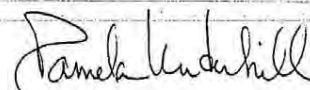
We request that you please RSVP by April 26 to Amanda Stein by phone at (570) 426-2472 or email at Amanda_Stein@nps.gov. Please provide Amanda with the name and contact information of the attendee.

Thank you for your assistance in facilitating coordination between the agencies and tribal governments on this project and we look forward to your participation on May 4.

Sincerely,



John J. Donahue
 Superintendent, DEWA



Pamela Underhill
 Superintendent, APPA

From: [Amanda Stein](#)
To: SRLINE_EIS@nps.gov
Subject: Fw: EIS for Delaware Gap, , Middle Delaware, and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail
Date: 05/03/2010 06:50 AM

----- Forwarded by Amanda Stein/DEWA/NPS on 05/03/2010 08:49 AM -----

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04/16/2010 01:52 PM

Subject EIS for Delaware Gap, , Middle Delaware, and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail

Please respond to "Arnold Printup" <arnold.printup@srmt-nsn.gov>

She:kon Amanda,

This Letter is in response to a request for consultation from your Agency in regards to an EIS for the following areas: Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Middle Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. At this time we are not requesting to be a consulting party on this project, we choose to defer to the Delaware Nation at this time. Should you have any questions please contact my office at 1(518)358-2272 ext. 164.

Nia:wen,

Arnold L Printup
St.Regis Mohawk Tribe
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Subject: Invitation to May 4 NPS meeting; Susquehanna to Roseland EIS Agency/Tribal Government workshop

Good Morning,

I am writing in regard to Superintendent John Donahue and Superintendent Pamela Underhill's invitation (mailed April 9, 2010 via U.S. Postal Service) to the information session that the National Park Service (NPS) is hosting on May 4 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. This workshop is to engage Federal and State Agencies and Tribal Governments in NPS' environmental review process of the proposed Susquehanna to Roseland Transmission Line Project through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River, and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

Attached is the agenda and directions to the venue hosting the workshop. A conference call-in number may be arranged if there is interest.

Please respond with the names and contact information of those that plan on attending or please let me know if you do not plan on participating.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to your participation on May 4.



May 4 2010 Agenda NPS AGENCY SCOPING MEETING.doc

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**AGENCY/TRIBAL GOVERNMENT SCOPING MEETING NOTES
DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
MIDDLE DELAWARE SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL RIVER
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
SUSQUEHANNA TO ROSELAND TRANSMISSION LINE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

MAY 4, 2010

Participating via phone:

Stephanie Lamster, US Environmental Protection Agency – Region 2;
Jesse Bergevin, Oneida Nation of New York;
Dianne Dusman, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate;
Joseph Corleto, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection;

Attending the meeting:

Tom Borden, New Jersey Highlands Council
Larry Brady, US Department of the Army, Picatinny Arsenal
Kelly Davis, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Amy Elliott, US Army Corps of Engineers
Michael Horne, US Fish and Wildlife Service
William Koch, US Fish and Wildlife Service
Shane McAleer, Delaware River Basin Commission
Robert Piel, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Wayne Poppich, US Army Corps of Engineers
Samuel Reynolds, US Army Corps of Engineers

Introductions

Overview and status of the environmental review from the Superintendents

Open Discussion on Agency /Tribal Government Issues and Data

US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps)

What role will the Corps play in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process as governed by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)?

The Corps has stated that they would like to join the park in the EIS process as a cooperating agency. Becoming a cooperating agency with the National Park Service (NPS) is under discussion with the Corps and the NPS. The Corps name will be on the EIS if they become a cooperating agency. The proposal spans two Districts (Baltimore and Philadelphia. Philadelphia District would be the primary contact for the Corps. The NPS would like this documented in writing.

The Corps is required to do a NEPA analysis as a part of the review and issuance of permits for which the Applicants (PPL and PSEG) have applied.

The Corps has not decided whether to review the Applicants proposal under one permit (individual) or treat each crossing as a separate permit (i.e., several Nationwide permits). Many of the crossings will not require a permit since the lines and towers will straddle the water and not impact the river/streams; however, PA and NJ state permits will still be needed.

Dilemma for the Corps and the States (PA and NJ):

The Corps has a concern about the mats used to protect ground resources. The Applicants will need to go back and grade, reseed, and restore, and place fill to restore areas. This may or may not meet the criteria for an adverse impact.

The Corps stated that it seems like many issues regarding the utilities proposal are still unresolved.

Wild and Scenic River Act – Question was raised as to whether or not there enough teeth in the designation to deny the permit? The Corps has not issued permits in the past if there are adverse impacts to a wild and scenic river.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP)

NJ DEP and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have information on the specifics of the towers and foundations. This information was given to them by the Applicants in documentation submitted with the freshwater wetlands and flood hazard permit applications. NJ DEP has 90 days to make a decision on the permit applications submitted by the applicants. NJ DEP has not made a decision yet, but they need to make a decision by the end of June 2010.

Freshwater Wetlands and Flood Hazard Permit Applications

- The Applicants have minimized impacts to wetlands by using mats.
- Timing restricting for rare, threatened and endangered species will be included in the permit.
- If wetland impacts exceed five (5) acres then the permit application is reviewed by EPA.
- The Corps regulates permanent, temporary and secondary impacts. The Corps does not regulate temporary impacts due to non-regulated activities (such as placement of mats in wetlands), but does evaluate them as project impacts to aquatic resources if the scope of the overall review includes these impacts. There are approximately 30 acres of impacts by the mats on wetlands.
- If the Applicants cannot get permits from the NPS then NJ DEP's permits is not valid, the application to NJ is for the entire line.
- 4/10 of an acre of permanent wetland impacts in applicants permit application.
- The applicants do not have to expand right-of-way (ROW) in NJ.

NJ DEP has gone out in the field and looked at the wetlands along the ROW within NJ.

NJ DEP can condition the permit so that the Applicants cannot start construction without NPS approvals.

NJ DEP has requested a meeting in Trenton, NJ with all parties (NJ, Applicants, NPS, Corps) on May 12 to discuss the issues that have been brought up at this meeting.

The NPS cannot make this meeting because they will be concluding their alternatives development workshop. NJ DEP would reach out to NPS with potential dates.

The Applicants have given NJ DEP detailed construction plans, but not have given these plans to the NPS.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) may rely on the federal NEPA process, not the state permit process. The SHPO has commented that more information is needed before their approval.

A question was raised as to how permits can be issued from the states without an impacts analysis? Both states have applications before them for analysis. The states have the impact analysis completed by the applicants. Will the states be looking at the project cumulatively?

NPS stated that there is an advantage to the state not issuing the permits before the NPS NEPA process is complete - to avoid having the Applicants construct up to the park boundary before the NPS makes a decision on the proposal.

U.S. Department of the Army

The Applicants will start constructing next week at the Picatinny Arsenal; however they will be staying in the ROW. The Picatinny Arsenal staff is consulting with US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) since they have a federally endangered species.

The Applicants proposal crosses a lake at the Arsenal.

Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC)

The DRBC will be reviewing the project. The DRBC just received an application from the Applicants. It will be recommended for approval if applicable. The DRBC has limited specific criteria that they can hold the applicants.. Non-point source pollution control criteria will be considered. The DRBC looks at the entire project in its review.

Miscellaneous Items

- The NPS may want to contact the U.S. Coast Guard for consultation. The Corps will provide contact information.
- Access roads impacts are unknown at this time until data are collected along proposed access roads.

The agencies did not receive information on the locations of access roads from the Applicants.

- An application for a Section 404 permit has been submitted to the Corps for Pike County, PA.

The Pike county section of the existing line is the oldest, it is decaying and needs replacing regardless if this project happens or not.

- Within DEWA, the ROW on the PA side has not been cleared in decades. It will need to be cleared for the new lines. The Applicants do not currently maintain this area because it is not a critical path, it will become a critical path with the addition of the 500kV line; built to hold double circuit 500 KV
- This project is considered a major discharge by the EPA; therefore EPA is reviewing the state permits for both states.

There are 2 EPA regions – the Appalachian Trail also falls within another EPA region. One region will take the lead in the review

- Pre-application meetings for state permits:
 - Staff from the Corps, Baltimore District have attended these meetings, which includes Monroe County.

Version 7/15/2010, includes correction (page 2)

May 20, 2010

**Susquehanna to Roseland Transmission Line Environmental Impact Statement
National Park Service – Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Middle
Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, Appalachian National Scenic Trail**

Conference call: 315-829-8463

Participants:

Jesse Bergevin, Historical Resources, Oneida Indian Nation of New York

Brinnen Carter, Cultural Resources Manager, DEWA

Amanda Stein, Biologist, DEWA

NPS provided an overview on the current EIS schedule and process.

Discussion:

Upper Susquehanna Basin is important to Oneida Indian Nation and culture.

Oneida Indian Nation is not aware of receiving any information or outreach from PA or NJ State SHPO office regarding this proposed project.

Oneida Indian Nation is not aware of receiving any information or outreach from PPL or PSE&G (Applicants) regarding this proposed project.

Oneida Indian Nation is disappointed that there has not been consultation by either state or by the applicants and is happy with consultation efforts of NPS.

Jesse Bergevin has reviewed the Susquehanna to Roseland 500kv Transmission Project – Phase I Archaeological Survey Revised End of Field Summary: The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (New Jersey and Pennsylvania) report as provided by NPS and is satisfied with the proposed recommendations set forth.

Jesse Bergevin advocates for avoidance over mitigation with proposed or any other alternatives brought forth.

NPS asked if a briefing prior to Public Alternatives meeting in August would be useful – Jesse Bergevin does not need in person meeting but suggested focusing on each nation individually.

Jesse Bergevin asked about what the implications are if US Army Corps of Engineers signs on as a cooperating agency. NPS states that this negotiation and discussion is currently ongoing and that NPS will keep parties abreast of what the results are of that discussion.

NPS suggests contacting PPL and Louis Berger regarding outreach to sovereign nations for the entire project. NPS will send contact information.

Action Items:

NPS will mail to Oneida Indian Nation of New York any existing letters received from PA and NJ SHPO regarding this proposed project.

NPS will send the link to the NPS PEPC website.

NPS will send contact information for PPL and Louis Berger Group

Notes on the May 4, 2010 Agency and Tribal Government Scoping workshop are forthcoming; NPS will send them once finalized.

Oneida Indian Nation will send letter that they have reviewed the Susquehanna to Roseland 500kv Transmission Project – Phase I Archaeological Survey Revised End of Field Summary: The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (New Jersey and Pennsylvania) report.



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
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JUN 07 2010

Daniel D. Saunders
New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office
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Dear Mr. Saunders:

The NPS is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts for the proposed construction of a high-voltage electric transmission line traversing three National Park Service (NPS) units in Pennsylvania and New Jersey (Figure 1). The three park units are the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA), Middle Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR), and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA). We are writing to initiate consultation about the proposed project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Project Summary

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The NPS EIS purpose and need is to address the Applicants' proposed action and decide whether to grant the Applicants permits, and if so, where---and under what conditions---the NPS would allow construction of the upgraded electrical transmission lines. The current EIS study area, developed by NPS , includes the area affected by the 4.18 mile portion of the S-R Line. The study area has been expanded beyond the right of way to include other areas within the parks affected by alternatives developed by NPS and the surrounding human environment affected directly by the NPS action. For additional background materials please see the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?parkId=220&projectId=25147>

Development of Alternatives

The EIS is comparing several alternative routes, in addition to the route proposed by the Applicants, to determine the alternative that would minimize impacts to the natural and cultural resources within the parks and surrounding areas. Other alternatives are currently being developed by the NPS and may include relocation of the project partially outside of park(s) boundaries. Additionally, the No Action Alternative is also being considered, in which the existing 230kV power lines running through the parks would be kept but the current request for construction and right-of-way permits would not be granted.

Project Effects and Selecting Alternatives

The NHPA mandates that the NPS consult with both State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and the public on matters that will have effects of historic resources. From a discipline-based approach, the NPS anticipates there will be both direct and indirect effects of the project on archeological resources, historic structures, cultural landscapes, scenic and historic vistas and landscapes, and ethnographic resources. The NPS anticipates that all alternatives to be considered under the EIS will have these effects. Some of the resources are located within NPS property. Other resources are located on private property, state-owned lands in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and other federal lands. Given the size of the project area, the NPS expects to provide our Section 106 consulting parties with significant numbers of cultural resource compliance reports to evaluate fully the proposed project's effects.

The NPS is aware that the SHPOs from both New Jersey and Pennsylvania have been consulting directly with the Applicants on this project. While the NPS will be incorporating the Applicants' data into our EIS process, the NPS consultation with states, tribes, and the public is a separate consultation process.

Currently, the NPS is between project scoping and the announcement of draft public alternatives. This is in preparation for public hearings in the third week of August, 2010. When the public alternatives to be carried into the Draft EIS are finalized, the NPS anticipates that fieldwork and literature and database reviews related to the resource studies will begin. When internal review of the resulting reports is complete, the NPS will forward these resource reports to 106 consulting parties for review and comment. Agency input is very important in the selection of

alternatives in the EIS process. The NPS encourages all consulting agencies and the public to comment on this project and help determine which alternative will be selected.

Consultation

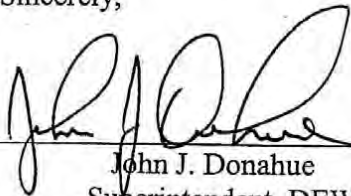
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We would appreciate your comments within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

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Sincerely,



John J. Donahue
Superintendent, DEWA



Pam Underhill
Superintendent, APPA

Enclosures:

Figure 1. Location Map for the Parks

Listing of State Historic Preservation Offices and Tribal Governments

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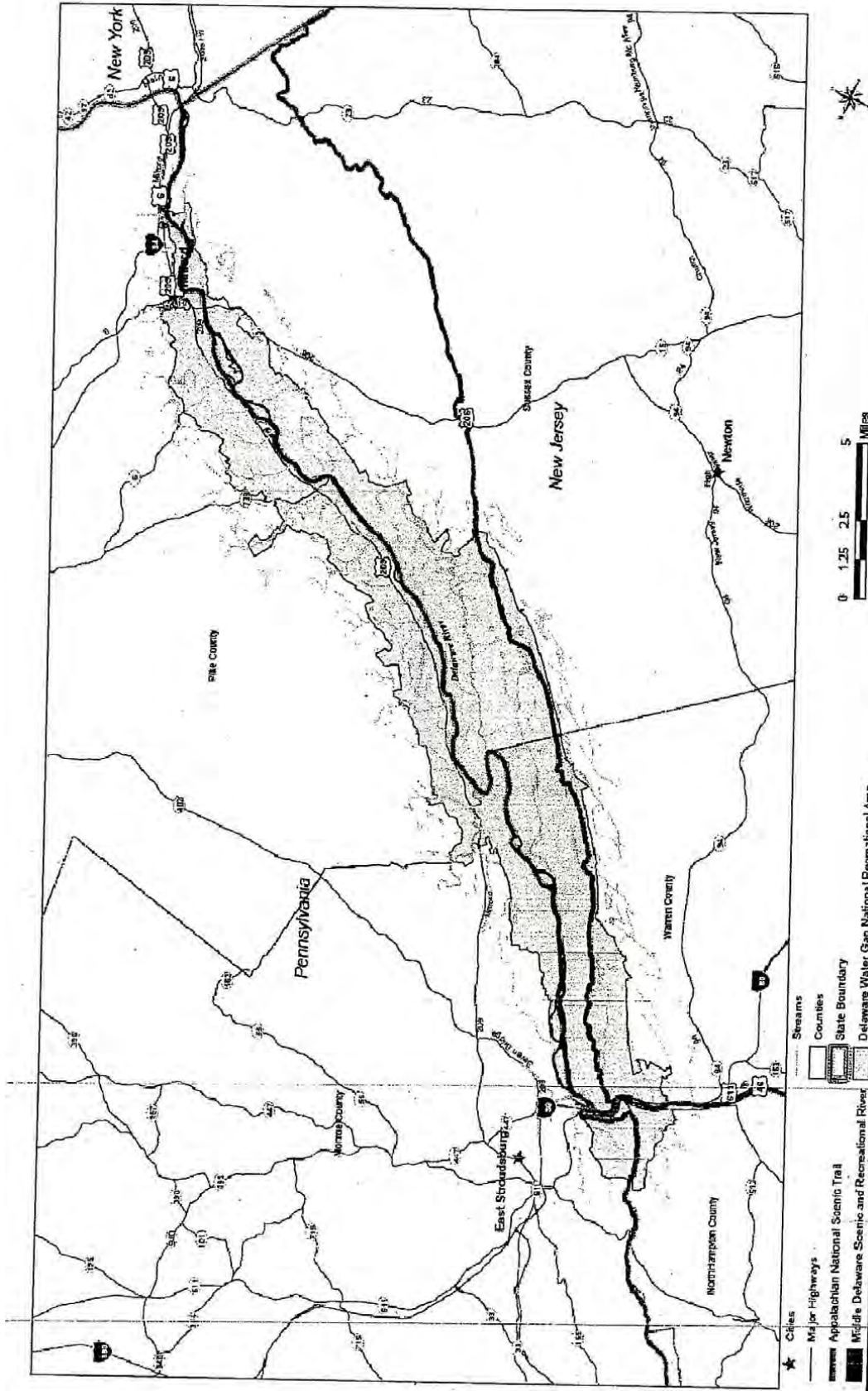


Figure 1. Location Map for the Parks
 (Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Middle Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, and Appalachian National Scenic Trail)

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Subject: Re: Applicants project (EIS)

History:

 This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Hi Amanda,

The Delaware Nation received correspondence from the National Park Service regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts for the construction of a high-voltage electric transmission line traversing three National Park Service units in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

1. Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA)
2. Middle Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR)
3. Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA).

The Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation Director, Ms. Tamara Francis has reviewed the consultation packet and has determined that these areas are in the Delaware Nation area of interest and would be honored to be a consulting party on the project.

The Delaware Nation would like to commend you for taking the time and effort to consult with the Delaware Nation,

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Subject High-Voltage electric transmission line

History:

 This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Hi Amanda

I am responding to a letter we received on 6/10/10 regarding consultation on the high voltage electric lines. Yes the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe is very interested in consultation on this project. The Delaware Water Gap holds many Native American sites including burials. We do have a few questions we would like addressed. Please call me at 715-793-3970.

Thank you
Sherry White

July 7, 2010

**Susquehanna to Roseland Transmission Line Environmental Impact Statement
National Park Service – Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Middle
Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, Appalachian National Scenic Trail**

Participants:

Sherry White, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Brice Obermeyer, NAGPRA and Section 106 Representative, The Delaware Tribe

Brinnen Carter, Cultural Resources Manager, DEWA

Amanda Stein, Biologist, DEWA

NPS provided an overview on the current EIS schedule and process.

Discussion:

Areas within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area are important to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and The Delaware Tribe and their cultures.

Ms. White and Mr. Obermeyer are not aware of receiving any information or outreach from PA or NJ State SHPO office regarding this proposed project.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community and The Delaware Tribe are not aware of receiving any information or outreach from PPL or PSE&G (Applicants) regarding this proposed project. Both are disappointed that there has not been consultation by either state or by the Applicants.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community and The Delaware Tribe were concerned that the preferred alternative was selected without having an opportunity to reviewing resource reports pertinent to the preliminary alternatives.

NPS relayed that the only report available at this time is the Susquehanna to Roseland 500kv Transmission Project – Phase I Archaeological Survey Revised End of Field Summary: The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (New Jersey and Pennsylvania) report for the Applicants' proposal. The Stockbridge-Munsee Community and The Delaware Tribe would like to review the report and would like to see maps of the proposed alternatives prior to Phase 1 surveys.

Action Items:

NPS will make sure that Stockbridge-Munsee Community and The Delaware Tribe are included on Agency and Tribal Government consultations.

NPS will provide for review a copy of the Susquehanna to Roseland 500kv Transmission Project – Phase I Archaeological Survey Revised End of Field Summary: The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (New Jersey and Pennsylvania) report as a PDF file on compact disc.

NPS will provide the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and The Delaware Tribe (and all other Tribal Governments) a letter displaying all of the preliminary alternative routes.

Request that the call notes be sent to Tamara Francis, Cultural Preservation Director, The Delaware Nation, along with other items listed in the action items.



Amanda Stein/DEWA/NPS

07/13/2010 09:17 AM

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Subject: SRLINE EIS 2514 7 -- Call notes -- 07-21-2010

Good Morning,

Please find attached the notes from last week's conference call.

As a follow-up to the call we will be sending a letter from the Superintendents describing and displaying the preliminary alternatives, which will also include a compact disc with a digital version of the Applicants' archaeology report for their proposed transmission line route.



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Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Mandi

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Subject: Re: FW: May 4 Agency/Tribal Government Scoping meeting notes -
 Susquehanna to Roseland EIS
Date: 07/15/2010 12:36 PM
Attachments: [NPS S-RLine EIS May 4 2010 Meeting Notes.doc](#)

Thank you Wayne for correcting that. I will revise the notes for the record and resend to those on the email.

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Subject FW: May 4 Agency/Tribal Government Scoping
 meeting notes - Susquehanna to Roseland EIS

07/15/2010 02:30 PM

Amanda:

I have a comment concerning the meeting minutes.

On page 2, 8th line from the bottom, "the Corps does not regulate temporary impacts." The opposite is true. The Corps regulates permanent, temporary and secondary impacts. We don't regulate temporary impacts due to non-regulated activities (such as placement of mats in wetlands), but we do evaluate them as project impacts to aquatic resources if the scope of the overall review includes these impacts.

Wayne

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Subject: May 4 Agency/Tribal Government Scoping meeting notes - Susquehanna to Roseland EIS

SRLINE EIS 25147

Attached are the notes from the May 4 Agency/Tribal Government Scoping meeting for the National Park Service Susquehanna to Roseland Transmission Line EIS.

My apologies for the delay in getting these notes to you.

Thank you,

(See attached file: NPS S-RLine EIS May 4 2010 Meeting Notes.doc)

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All,

It was brought to my attention that the statement regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' role in regulating temporary impacts was incorrect as stated in the meeting notes (page 2). It should read:

"The Corps regulates permanent, temporary and secondary impacts. The Corps does not regulate temporary impacts due to non-regulated activities (such as placement of mats in wetlands), but does evaluate them as project impacts to aquatic resources if the scope of the overall review includes these impacts. "

The attached notes incorporate that correction.



[NPS S-RLine EIS May 4 2010 Meeting Notes corrected.pdf](#)

Thank you.

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Subject: SRLINE EIS: Consultation
Date: 07/20/2010 08:03 AM

D5015(H4217)

Good morning,

I am writing as a follow-up to a letter that was mailed on June 7, 2010. The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts for the proposed construction of the Susquehanna to Roseland Electric Transmission line through three units of the National Park system in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

If the Onondaga Nation of New York wishes to consult with the NPS regarding this project as provided for under the regulations for the National Historic Preservation Act, please write to the address below or contact me by phone at (570) 426-2474 or email at amanda_stein@nps.gov

Please send responses to:

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Thank you.

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JUL 30 2010

Irv Powless, Jr.
Onondaga Nation of New York
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Dear Chief Powless, Jr.:

The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts for the proposed construction of a high voltage electric transmission line traversing three NPS units in Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA), Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR), and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA) (Figure 1). We are writing to initiate consultation regarding the proposed project and to request information regarding cultural resources within the EIS study area.

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and PSE&G, jointly known as the Applicants, have proposed to expand an existing 230,000 volt (230 kV) electric transmission line from Susquehanna (Berwick, Pennsylvania) to Roseland, New Jersey (the S-R Line). Within the parks, the Applicants' proposed project includes replacing existing 80-foot towers with 160 to 200 foot towers within an expanded right-of-way (300-350 foot), and adding a 500 kV transmission line. The project would involve granting additional legal rights beyond the Applicants' current rights; construction of new access roads; and reconstructing and widening existing roads for access to the transmission line corridor. The EIS study area includes the area affected by the 4.18 mile portion of the S-R Line and additional areas affected by the alternatives drafted as part of the EIS process.

The EIS would compare seven alternatives; six action alternatives and the No Action Alternative (Alternative 1). The No Action Alternative allows the existing 230 kV line to remain, but the current request for construction and right-of-way permits would not be granted. The Applicants' proposal is identified as Alternative 2 and the five other routes developed by NPS are identified as Alternatives 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The six action alternatives are displayed in Figures 2 through 6.

Previously, consultation letters have been sent by the Applicants and the NPS for transmission alignment alternatives proposed during the scoping period. The purpose of this letter is to request current information regarding the possible occurrence of archaeological resources, historic

structures, cultural landscapes, scenic and historic vistas and landscapes, and ethnographic resources specific to the project area, inclusive of the six preliminary action alternative sites currently being considered. We request any information on potential effects to those (if any). We intend to include your response information in our EIS document. Preliminary Phase I surveys at the Parks are scheduled to take place this summer. We would appreciate a timely review and response to this letter so that information you provide on the cultural resources within our project area could be used in preparing the surveys.

Please let us know if any of the following are located in the project area:

- Burial sites
- Ceremonial sites
- Cultural landscapes

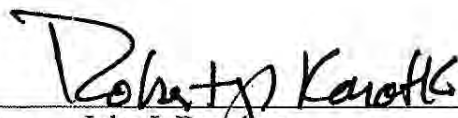
We recognize the importance of keeping specific location information about burial sites and ceremonial sites confidential--and plan to protect information you might provide to the full extent of the relevant federal laws (e.g. Archeological Resource Protection Act [ARPA], American Indian Religious Freedom Act [AIRFA], and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act [NAGPRA]).


We appreciate your attention to our request and to the deadline we must meet. Due to our fieldwork and EIS schedule, we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

We are also including a digital copy of the Susquehanna to Roseland 500kv Transmission Project – Phase I Archaeological Survey Revised End of Field Summary: The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (New Jersey and Pennsylvania) report. This report was generated by the Applicants for their proposed route. Please review and provide comments. If you do not prefer providing written comments, we can arrange consultation over via phone or in-person. We will forward resource reports for the rest of the action alternatives to National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consulting parties for review and comment once the internal review has been completed.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Amanda Stein by phone at (570) 426-2472 or email at Amanda_Stein@nps.gov.

Sincerely,


John J. Donahue
Superintendent, DEWA


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Figure 1. Overview Map of NPS Units
Figure 2. Alternative 2 - Applicant's Proposal
Figure 3. Alternative 3
Figure 4. Alternatives 4 and 5
Figure 5. Alternative 6
Figure 6. Alternative 7

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Phase I Archaeological Survey Revised End of Field Summary: The Delaware Water Gap
National Recreation Area (New Jersey and Pennsylvania) report

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Subject: Karen Kantinobe — Shawnee Tribe

History:  This message has been replied to.

Amanda,

Karen called me last week about the PPL powerline consultation. Could you contact her and give her a brief?

BC

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= "Let your Discourse with Men of Business be Short

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August 10, 2010

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Re: Susquehanna to Roseland 500kv Transmission Project – Phase I Archaeological Survey
Revised End of Field Summary: The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (New
Jersey and Pennsylvania)

Dear Amanda Stein:

Thank you for informing the Delaware Tribe regarding the above referenced project. We concur with the recommendations given in the Phase 1 Archaeological Survey. If the project location cannot be moved, then a Phase 2 Archaeological Survey would be appropriate to determine the integrity of the archaeological sites that lie within the current project area. We wish to continue as a consulting party on this project and look forward to receiving a copy of the Phase 2 Survey if one is performed. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working together on our shared interests in preserving Delaware cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

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Subject re: PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and PSE&G expansion

For Follow Up: Normal Priority

History: This message has been forwarded.

Hello Ms. Stein,

The Delaware Nation received correspondence from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior: National Park Service regarding the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze potential impacts for the construction of a high voltage electric transmission line traversing three NPS units in Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA, Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR), and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA).

The Cultural Preservation Director, Ms. Tamara Francis has reviewed the information provided and the Delaware Nation has determined that Alternative 6 or No Action Alternative is the best course of action. Also, the Delaware Nation prefers to avoid Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA).

Please do not hesitate to contact us and we look forward to working with you to achieve your goals,

Sincerely,

Tamara Francis

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JUN 30 2011

Wayne Donaldson
Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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Dear Mr. Donaldson:

Officials from the National Park Service (NPS) are preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to analyze the potential impacts for the proposed construction of a high-voltage electric transmission line traversing three NPS units in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. These units include Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA), Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR), and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA). The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the applicant's proposed project and to provide a status report on the NPS accomplishments to date.

Project Summary

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and PSE&G, jointly known as the applicant, are proposing to expand an existing 230,000 volt (230 kV) electric transmission line from Susquehanna (Berwick, Pennsylvania) to Roseland, New Jersey (the SR Line). The applicant's proposed action includes replacing the existing 80 foot towers with newer larger towers (up to 200 feet high) and adding an additional 500,000 volt (500 kV) transmission line. This would necessitate widening the existing right-of-way (ROW), and in areas, would require granting additional legal rights. The proposed action would also include constructing new access roads and rehabilitating and widening existing roads to access the transmission corridor. The DEIS purpose and need is to address the applicant's proposed action and decide whether to grant the applicant permits, and if so, where and under what conditions NPS managers would allow construction of the upgraded transmission line. For additional background materials please see the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=25147>

EIS Alternatives and Analysis of Impacts

The EIS study area includes the area affected by the 4.18 mile portion of the SR Line and additional areas affected by the alternatives drafted as part of the DEIS process. The DEIS compares eight alternatives; seven action alternatives and the No Action Alternative (Alternative #1). The No Action Alternative allows the existing 230 kV line to remain, but the current request for construction and right-of-way permits would not be granted. The applicant's proposal is identified as Alternative #2. The applicant recently requested that NPS staff analyze an additional alternative (Alternative #8). The alignment for Alternative #8 would follow the same route as described for Alternative #2. The difference between these two alternatives is that Alternative #2 would require widening of the ROW and Alternative #8 would

construct the proposed 500 kV transmission line within the existing ROW (which, in certain stretches, is 100 feet in width). Alternative #8 would also require two additional 200 foot towers on NPS lands compared to Alternative #2. The five other routes developed by the NPS are identified as Alternatives #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7. Please see the enclosed map for the locations of these Alternatives.

From a discipline-based approach, NPS managers anticipate there will be both direct and indirect project effects on archaeological resources; historic structures; traditional cultural properties; cultural landscapes; scenic and historic vistas; landscapes; and ethnographic resources. NPS managers also anticipate that all action alternatives considered under the DEIS will have these effects. Thus, in accordance with Section #106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, as revised in 1999 and 2004, the National Park Service has initiated formal consultation with the Pennsylvania Bureau for Historic Preservation; the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office; and Tribal Governments in regard to the applicant's proposal. Additionally letters have been sent to the agencies and tribal governments listed in the enclosure.

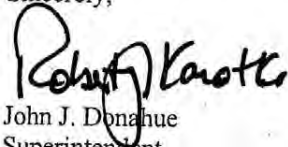
Public Involvement and Next Steps

Throughout the process, NPS managers have engaged and maintained communication with the public via press releases, newsletters, the Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website, and a telephone hotline. Additionally, two public hearings were held to solicit input from the public and other interested stakeholders. Public scoping meetings were held in February 2010, whereby over 6,300 comments were received; in August 2010, over 1,700 comments were received during the public alternatives meetings. All comments were reviewed and substantive comments were incorporated into the analysis during the development of the DEIS.

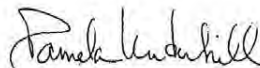
Realizing that technical expertise provided by U.S. Fish and Wildlife (FWS) staff, at both the Ecological Services Division and the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge (CVNWR), would contribute greatly towards reaching an important decision regarding potential impacts to wildlife and habitat with the DEIS study area, NPS managers invited and officials from the FWS accepted the role of Cooperating Agency. NPS and USFWS staff have held several calls and meetings to exchange information and discuss potential impacts. The NPS staff will review the first full draft of the DEIS in the summer of 2011; this is the first opportunity to review the entire document in context. NPS managers will hold public meetings in February 2012, to solicit comments on the first public release of the DEIS. The NPS Record of Decision is expected in December 2012.

For questions about the project please contact the project manager, Ms. Amanda Stein by phone at (570) 426-2472 or email at amanda_stein@nps.gov. If you have technical questions about the cultural resource work please contact the Cultural Resources Manager, Brinnen Carter Ph.D. by phone at (570) 588-3480 or by email at brinnen_carter@nps.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (map and agency/tribe list)

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Karen Kieniatobe
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Dear Ms. Kieniatobe:

As we have notified you in previous correspondence, Park Managers are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts for the proposed construction of a high-voltage electric transmission line traversing the park, Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR), and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA). We are writing to continue consultation regarding the proposed project and to request information regarding Tribal resources within the EIS study area.

We are seeking your input about this project in regard to three specific topics:

- Tribal Laws and Policy
- Ethnographic Resources
- Sacred Burial and Ceremonial Sites

We are interested in learning about your current tribal law and policy having to do with lands in the study area (see Project Summary below) and projects of this nature in the study area, as well as any information on any tribally-significant sites in the study area.

We recognize the importance of keeping location information about burial sites and ceremonial sites confidential---and will protect information you provide to the full extent of Federal laws (e.g. Archeological Resource Protection Act [ARPA]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [AIRFA]; and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act [NAGPRA]). If you prefer providing non-written comments, we can arrange for consultation via phone or in-person.

We appreciate your attention to our request and to a deadline that we are working hard to meet. As such, we would appreciate your input within 30 days of receipt of this letter. We intend to include your information, except for that which is confidential, in the EIS document and will forward a copy of the draft EIS once our internal review has been completed.

Project Summary

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and PSE&G, jointly known as the applicant, are proposing to expand an existing 230,000 volt (230 kV) electric transmission line from Susquehanna (Berwick, Pennsylvania) to Roseland, New Jersey (the SR Line). The applicant's proposed action includes

replacing the existing 80 foot towers with newer larger towers (up to 200 feet high) and adding an additional 500,000 volt (500 kV) transmission line. This would necessitate widening the existing right-of-way (ROW), and in areas, would require granting additional legal rights beyond the applicant's current rights. The proposed action would also include constructing new access roads and rehabilitating and widening existing roads to access the transmission corridor. The EIS purpose and need is to address the applicant's proposed action and decide whether to grant the applicant permits, and if so, where and under what conditions would the construction of the upgraded transmission line be permitted. For additional background materials please see the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=25147>

EIS Alternatives and Analysis of Impacts

The EIS addresses the area affected by the 4.18 mile portion of the SR Line and additional areas affected by the alternatives drafted as part of the EIS process. The EIS would compare eight alternatives; seven action alternatives and the No Action alternative (Alternative #1). The No Action alternative allows the existing 230 kV line to remain, but the current request for construction and right-of-way permits would not be granted. The applicant's proposal is identified as Alternative #2. The applicant recently requested that the NPS analyze an additional alternative (Alternative #8). The alignment for Alternative #8 would follow the same route as described for Alternative #2. The difference between these two alternatives is that Alternative #2 would require widening of the ROW and Alternative #8 would construct the proposed 500 kV transmission line within the existing ROW; which in certain stretches is 100 feet in width. Alternative #8 would also require two additional 200 foot towers within NPS lands compared to Alternative #2. The five other routes developed by the NPS are identified as Alternatives #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7. Please see the enclosed map for the locations of the alternatives and currently known Tribal resources, identified from NPS records, the applicant's surveys, and our consultant's surveys.

Included for your reference are maps (with accompanying table) of archaeological resources found in relation to the proposed Northeast Upgrade Project. The Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (TGP) filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on March 31, 2011, to expand its pipeline and associated infrastructure along the existing 300 line in Pennsylvania and New Jersey (*FERC Docket No. PF10-23*). The proposal does not include a potential crossing of DEWA, which includes the Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River. The two alternatives listed in the document would in fact cross DEWA and MDSR, but are not the preferred alternative of the applicant. The Northeast upgrade consists of installing a pipeline loop segment which is pipeline constructed parallel to the existing pipeline to increase capacity. If the loop were constructed within the existing easement, as the two alternatives to the proposal would do, it would require the issuance of a new right-of-way to meet engineering and safety requirements. The current status is that TGP has applied for a permit from DEWA to conduct archeological investigations under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. To date no application has been received.

Contact Information

Thank you for your cooperation. For general questions on our government-to-government relations, please feel free to contact us (see phone numbers below). For questions about the

project please contact Amanda Stein by phone at (570) 426-2472 or by e-mail at amanda_stein@nps.gov. If you have questions about cultural resource and tribal issues, please contact Brinnen Carter, Ph.D., by phone at (570) 588-3480 or by e-mail at brinnen_carter@nps.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (map and tables)

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Tamara Francis
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Dear Ms. Francis:


The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement/Assessment of Effects (EIS/AoE) to analyze the potential impacts for the proposed construction of a high voltage electric transmission line traversing three NPS units in Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA), Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River (MDSR), and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA). We are writing to continue consultation for the EIS/AoE and share information regarding cultural resources within the project's study area. For this project the NPS intends to use the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to fulfill Section 106 as a requirement per 36 CFR 800.


The purpose of this letter is to share archaeological, historic structures, cultural landscape, and scenic resource reports (Enclosures 1-4 provided as digital files on compact disc), as promised in our letter of July 30, 2010. Combined Phase I archeological surveys were conducted at the Parks during 2010. The remaining work was conducted between Summer 2010, and now.

We would appreciate a timely review of these reports and response to this letter so that any comments you have can be used in the draft EIS/AoE. If you prefer to provide oral comments, we can arrange consultation over the phone or in-person. The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 calls for us to consult on our projects, and the Constitution calls for us to conduct our consultations on a government-to-government basis. We look forward to your review and comment.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Amanda Stein by phone at (570) 426-2472 or email at Amanda_Stein@nps.gov.

Sincerely,


 John J. Donahue
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Enclosures on CD:

Phase I Archeological Resource Report

Assessment of Effects on Historic Architectural Resources

Cultural Landscapes, Affected Environment and Findings of Effect

Draft Visual Resources Summary Report

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Date: 08/31/2011 10:40 AM

Ms. Jumper:

Thank you for your response. I have copied the project administrative record on this email.

We anticipate publication of the draft EIS in December 2011 and will soon be sending a newsletter, providing an update on the status of the review.

Thank you.

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This letter is in response to the above referenced project.

The Shawnee Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Department concurs that

no known historic properties will be negatively impacted by this project. We have no issues or concerns at this time, but in the event that archaeological materials are encountered during construction, use, or maintenance of this location, please re-notify us at that time as we would like to resume consultation under such a circumstance.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,
Kim Jumper, THPO
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Mr. Bergevin,

Thank you for your response in regard to the August 19, 2011 letter and follow-up voicemail on 9/20/2011. I have copied the project administrative record on this email.

We anticipate the publication of the draft EIS in December 2011 and will soon be mailing a newsletter providing an update on the status of the review. We will continue consultation and will provide any additional reports as they are completed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Thank you.

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Subject Archaeological, Historic Structures,
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Reports for the Proposed Susquehanna to
Roseland 500kV Transmission Line Project

On August 19, 2011, the Oneida Indian Nation (Nation) received a letter and documentation from the United States Department of the Interior, National Parks Service (NPS) that shared the archaeological, historic structures, cultural landscapes and scenic resources reports for the proposed Susquehanna to Roseland 500kV Transmission Line project (Project) in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Your letter asks the Nation to review and provide comment on the reports as part of NPS' effort to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Assessment of Effect for the Project. At this time, the Nation has no comments on the reports provided for the Project and their findings and recommendations.

As planning for the project progresses, the Nation requests that NPS continue to consult with the Nation concerning decisions or determinations in the Section 106 process concerning the Project's APE, level of effort to identify historic properties, presence or absence of historic properties, National Register of Historic Places eligibility, findings of no effect or adverse effect and measures to address or resolve adverse effects.

If you have any questions, please call me at (315) 829-8463.

Thank you,

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