

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

for Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline (PATH) Right-of-Way Applications

Appalachian National Scenic Trail
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
Monongahela National Forest
West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



U.S. Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Baltimore District



PURPOSE AND NEED FOR FEDERAL ACTION

- The federal action
 - Is to consider the Applicants’ request that the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service issue construction and right-of-way (ROW) permits
 - Is needed because the Applicants have submitted the required applications in accordance with applicable laws and NPS and USFS regulations
- In light of their missions, the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service have a duty to consider:
 - Whether and with what conditions, if any, to issue the requested permits
 - How the requested permits would affect the resources of the national parks and forest lands
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a cooperating agency
 - Because of its role in evaluating permit applications for construction activities in the nation’s waters, including wetlands

