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



WHAT WILL THE EIS EVALUATE?

- The EIS <u>will</u> evaluate Applicants' proposal and other possible alternatives
- •The EIS <u>will</u> focus on the areas, about 2.5 miles total, where the PATH project would cross federal lands
- •The EIS <u>will</u> be used to determine if the agencies will:
 - Issue the permits requested by the Applicants to cross federal lands



- Issue the requested permits with conditions, or
- Deny the permits

• The EIS <u>will not</u>:

- Evaluate the entire 276-mile transmission line corridor
- Evaluate alternative ways to address the Applicants' stated need for the PATH project
- Evaluation and review of the entire proposed 276-mile transmission line is the responsibility of other agencies:
 - North American Electric Reliability Corporation
 (NERC)
 - State public service commissions
 - State environmental agencies



