

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



PATH PERMIT APPLICATIONS

- The PATH Companies (or “Applicants”)
 - Have applied for construction and ROW permits to cross approximately 2.5 miles of NPS and USFS lands
 - As part of a proposed new 765-kV electrical transmission line
 - With the stated purpose of strengthening electrical transmission grid and meeting requirements for reliability
- The requested permits would:
 - Expand existing ROWs to a 200 foot wide corridor to allow the PATH 765 kV line across NPS lands
 - 0.34-mile-long crossing of Harper’s Ferry NHP/ Appalachian NST
 - 0.07-mile-long crossing of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP/Potomac Heritage NST
 - Clear a new 200-foot ROW to allow the PATH 765 kV line across USFS lands
 - approximately 2.1 miles of Monongahela National Forest
 - Allow tower construction and power line installation and maintenance, which could include:
 - Blasting or drilling to set tower foundations
 - New or upgraded access roads
 - Construction staging areas
- Details about the overall PATH project are available at:
<http://www.pathtransmission.com/>

