

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



THE EIS WILL EVALULATE ALTERNATIVES

The following alternatives, at a minimum, must be evaluated:

The No-Action Alternative

- For NPS Lands:
 - The National Park Service would not issue permits to cross the national park units
 - Existing power lines running through the parks would remain
 - Applicants could submit a modified permit application for consideration
- For Monongahela National Forest:
 - The U.S. Forest Service would not grant access to cross the forest
 - The Applicants could construct the transmission line outside of the forest



The Alternative Proposed by the Applicants

- Expanded ROW corridors through NPS lands
- A new ROW corridor through Monongahela National Forest

