

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



OTHER REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

- Are developed with input from stakeholders and the public
- Must meet NPS’s/USFS’s Purpose and Need for federal action
- Could minimize impacts to resources within the national park units, the national forest, and adjacent areas
- Might (or might not) include:
 - Keeping transmission line construction within existing ROWs
 - Allowing transmission line construction with a reduced ROW width for selected crossings
 - Alternative crossings of federal lands
 - Engineering or construction modifications that could minimize impacts on federal lands

