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Ms. Kristi Izzo
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NJ Board of Public Utilities
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June 25, 2009

Dear Ms. Izzo:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and members of the New Jersey Society for Environmental and Economic Development (NJ SEED), we support the construction of the New Jersey portion of the proposed upgrade to PSE&G's Susquehanna-Roseland Transmission Network and the positive economic benefits it will bring to New Jersey's economy.

NJ SEED is a unique coalition of New Jersey's most prominent labor and business leaders. Our diverse membership includes labor advocates, business organizations and trade groups, construction and electrical workers unions, energy providers, environmental consultants, telecommunications firms, banks, residential and commercial development interests, insurance firms, educators, State Troopers and firefighters, food manufacturers and retailers, water utilities, chemical industries, pharmaceutical companies and health care interests. What we all have in common is our belief that economic growth and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive.

NJ SEED supports the upgrade and expansion of our electric transmission and local distribution networks to meet the growing demand for electricity, to insure reliability and to provide the opportunity for new renewable sources of electric power to reach consumers. The proposed upgrade would add 500 kV of additional power transmission capacity to the existing 230 kV network. In order to accommodate the increased transmission capacity, construction of two switching stations, a transmission line, and 249 towers would be required. If all 249 were lattice structures, the estimated total expenditures for the project would be approximately \$649 million, whereas if all the towers were monopole structures, the estimated expenditures would total \$750 million.

Economic benefits for the state of New Jersey include both direct impacts and indirect impacts. Direct impacts are those directly associated with the project expenditures, such as construction employment required for the project and

purchase of material to be used in the construction of the switching stations and towers. The indirect impacts are those generated by the multiplier effects of initial expenditures, such as the salaries paid to workers and the business revenue by the expenditures made on materials from New Jersey, which are then re-spent throughout the economy, creating further economic activity and impacts in the form of employment, gross domestic product, compensation, and tax revenues.

The construction of the switching stations, transmission line, and tower is estimated to generate from 3,415 to 3,931 total jobs. In addition, it is estimated that the construction will produce between \$396.1 and \$428.1 million in gross domestic product for New Jersey. The construction phase will generate between \$8 and \$9 million in state taxes, and between \$7.9 and \$9.9 million in local taxes. NJ SEED believes that balance between economic development and environmental practices are paramount. Building PSE&G's Susquehanna-Roseland Transmission Network will generate employment, build the gross domestic product, and generate local and state tax revenues.

We respectfully request that you support this project in order to strengthen New Jersey's energy infrastructure and boost our economic development.

Thank you for your time and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Desmond:

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