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**Susquehanna Roseland Transmission Lines –
NJDEP public hearing re PSEG's applications for Freshwater Wetlands and
Flood Hazard Applications**

Comments from NJ SEED, By Michael Drulis, Executive Director

Hearing Date: April 28, 2010
Hearing Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Berkshire Valley Golf Course
28 Cozy Lake Road
Jefferson, NJ 07438
973-208-0018

www.morrisparks.org/golf/html/courses/direction_berkshire.html

Hearing Officer: Lou Cattuna, Supervisor
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Good evening. My name is Michael Drulis, and I am the Executive Director of NJ SEED. Thank you for the opportunity to address you on this very important New Jersey energy sustainability issue. 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 and upgrade of the 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.

Transmission upgrade and expansion for the sake of expansion is never enough of a reason to build. However, NJ SEED has considered the importance of this particular upgrade and expansion to the NJ electric transmission and local distribution networks and believes that this project is critical to meet the growing demand for electricity as it insures reliability to residents, businesses and health care providers who have a continuing demand for energy.

NJ SEED is confident in PSE&G as a responsible corporate citizen whose 100 year plus history is one of community service and energy reliability with environmental responsibility at its core in servicing NJ's citizens.

Transmission, generation and conservation go hand in hand when properly planned and managed. PSE&G has risen as a leader in conservation through committing approximately \$500 million dollars to solar energy and green jobs. As good corporate citizens, PSE&G has invested in NJ educational institutes to expand research in renewal energy.

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



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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.

As we look to the remainder of 2010, New Jersey companies and leaders are working to expand jobs in a daunting economy. These jobs can be found in data centers, high tech and biomedical research. These are energy intensive users who need an energy infrastructure that can support growth while working with PSE&G to be efficient users at the same time.

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 consideration. I am available for any questions you may have.