



**April 2, 2006**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS OF LACKAWAXEN TOWNSHIP**

Let it be clearly stated that the Business Owners of Lackawaxen Township strongly opposes the construction and operation of the New York Regional Interconnect (hereafter referred to as the NYRI) Project for the following reasons contained within this document.

We firmly believe the construction of high-voltage power lines in the region will have an adverse economic impact on the Upper Delaware River Valley. Construction and operation of the New York Regional Interconnect in the Upper Delaware Corridor will result in lower property values along the proposed routes, in particular the route following the Upper Delaware River.

Tourism, mainstay of the Upper Delaware valley economy, is certain to be damaged by the erection of towers. And reduced use of our Scenic Byways would cause irreparable harm to all businesses throughout the valley.

Secondly, the adverse health effects of electromagnetic radiation from power lines have been documented in several recent studies related to DC power including but not limited to the increase in certain types of cancers, blood disorders and illnesses related to exposure to high voltage power sources.

Thirdly, the negative visual impact of the power lines along the Delaware River will destroy the scenic beauty of the river for generations to come. The Upper Delaware River Corridor is protected by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act enacted by Congress in 1968 (annexed by the Carter administration in 1978), which clearly states:

“It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.”

We feel the construction of such a project along the proposed river route constitutes a clear violation of The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Fourthly, the Business Owners of Lackawaxen Township adamantly believes that such a project, which clearly states its impact on the security of our nation, must disclose all funding sources and active involvement of all individuals in the project to assure the people of this nation that the project does not include the interests or involvement of foreign nationals who may negatively affect our national and regional security.

In addition, it is felt that alternate routes to those presented should be considered including but not limited to existing highway rights of way. Studies must be conducted to determine the impact of the NYRI project on the environment, local economy and health before allowing any project of this magnitude to be undertaken. We feel there are no assurances preventing the future conversion of such a project to AC power, dangerously overloading the circuit, nor prohibitions against the installation of additional circuits posing further harm to our ecosystem and economy. Since this project is being proposed by a private company who has primary shareholders and officers located in Canada, there are no guarantees that the project will not be sold to another entity or used for other purposes in years to come.

It is felt that construction of power lines along the railroad rights of way next to the Delaware River should not be allowed without considerable improvements to the railway infrastructure. The number of train derailments, including one as recent as the fall of 2005, suggests that such a large-scale project could further destabilize the railway bed, jeopardizing the public safety in a high-use recreational area.

Let it be also be stated that we strongly oppose the construction of new power transmission lines without first exploring the use of alternative solutions including but not limited to reducing power consumption in high use areas, the implementation of local alternate energy sources such as wind and solar to supplement growing demand, tax credits and grants encouraging the use of solar, wind and power conservation in high population centers, properly load balancing and switching existing transmission circuits to increase efficiency on our current grid system, and the construction of additional circuits on existing power transmission rights of way and towers.

We are made uneasy by a large number of unanswered questions, including alleged tax abatements granted by townships along the proposed routes, so-called private NYRI funding sources, non-disclosure of specific construction plans and techniques, lack of studies and research supporting the need for additional power lines, and the lack of attention to potentially serious public safety concerns.

Sincerely,

Donald Jahn

Signed on behalf of the Business Owners of Lackawaxen Township, PO Box 204,  
Lackawaxen, Pennsylvania 18435-0204 on April 2, 2006