

What do you have to say to the Federal Government about potential local impacts of a high voltage transmission line?

You, your friends and family have legal right to provide input to the a very important Environmental Impact Statement concerning the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek (CHC) transmission line. Please consider filling out the following questionnaire and sending it in no later than Jan. 6, 2017.

Describe yourself and your credentials

You and your family's ties and history to affected communities. Positions of responsibility held by you and your family members including elected office, volunteer work and years of experience/talents backing up the concerns you have.

Environmental Impacts of the CHC project

List special sensitivities on land that you and your family members own and visit. Of special interest are springs, streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, dams, caves, wetlands, sinkholes, animal dens, water related habitats, sightings of raptors and waterfowl on the wing or nesting or feeding, rare plants and rare animals even on minimally disturbed "buffer" zones between cropland, forests and grasslands and grazed areas. List any place on your land where livestock graze and food and other plants and animals plants are cultured whether harvested or not. Raptors and waterfowl are particularly vulnerable to collisions so indicate areas where you see these species in flight. See: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/UWP-MCSMainReport.pdf>

Business and Housing Impacts of a transmission line

List all businesses that would be affected by a decrease in tourist traffic for all recreational activities include fishing, hunting, canoeing, kayaking, biking, motorbike touring, wildlife sighting, hiking, jogging, picnicking, photography, camping, snowmobiling, skiing, horseback riding, golfing and attractions like museums, parks, wildlife refuges, nature centers, restaurants, motels, hotels, bed & breakfasts, grocery stores, taverns, gasoline stations, drug stores, resale/antique stores, art/craft galleries, convenience stores, roadside stands, and touring services.

List examples of persons and families (by last name and location) who moved to the area because of its natural beauty and other assets such as peace and quiet that could be compromised by the addition of high profile transmission towers. List places where future growth has been planned that could be compromised such as shopping areas, housing developments, business parks, civic improvements and other attractions. Be sure to list potentially affected sites and businesses by name.

Cultural and Health Impacts of the CHC project

In your community or a nearby including Native American or other historical or archeological sites of interest such as cemeteries, churches, places of worship, old homesteads, pony express stops, post offices, schools, wells, artesian springs, hunting and ceremony grounds. Locations with local folklore attached to them should also be mentioned.

In the general vicinity of proposed corridors list locations where young, elderly, ill or special needs persons reside or frequent including schools, assisted living centers, senior citizen centers, hospitals, health centers, medical centers, community centers, libraries, bus stops, rest areas, parks, golf festivity grounds, civic centers, government offices.

Very Important!!! Note Your Household and/or Business Energy Investment Priorities

In question 3 summarize your opinions about energy investment alternatives to the CHC high voltage transmission line, such as conservation, energy efficiency, local renewable energy.

Last Name

First Name

[] Individual [] Family [] Business [] Frequent Visitor

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Input to EIS for Cardinal Hickory Creek

Mail to: SWCA Environmental Consultants
Attn: Cardinal-Hickory Creek EIS
200 Bursca Dr. Suite 207, Bridgeville, PA 15017
Or scan and email to:
comments@CardinalHickoryCreekEIS.us

Deadline: January 6, 2017

Years of residence in area: _____ Positions held and/or responsibilities assumed in my community: _____

1. I have marked impacts of concern regarding the high voltage transmission option:

Loss of Property Value	Loss/diminished Environmental Assets	Loss of Tourism Related Business
Loss of Business Income	Effects on Rare & Endangered Habitats	Impacts on Rising Energy Costs
Effects on Personal Health	Effects on Rare & Endangered Animals	Impacts on Energy Self-Reliance
Effects on Others Health	Effects on Rare & Endangered Plants	Compromises on Local Economy
Effects on Livestock	Effects on Raptors & Waterfowl	Loss/diminished Cultural Assets
Effects of Electro-magnetic Fields &	Effects on Activities associated with Surface and Ground Water	Impacts on Religious, Personal Values or Cultural

2. Itemized concerns I have about the high voltage transmission proposal:

Environmental Impacts I am concerned about (e.g. water bodies, animals, plants, habitats)	Town/
Businesses impacted by loss of tourism and arrested residential/business growth.	Town/
Cultural and health impacts of concern (religion, historical assets, age, health conditions)	Town/

3. Energy Investment Priorities

	Agree	Disagree
a. I prefer investment in local, end-user improvements in energy efficiency and local renewable energy over investments that create long term debt.		
b. Investments in targeted energy efficiency, load management and distributed generation such as solar-support at substations may be superior to investments in high voltage transmission. The Rural Utility Service (RUS) EIS conducted for the Cardinal Hickory Creek proposal should include comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of these non-transmission line alternatives.		

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I am aware that my comments and contact information may be included in the EIS report and confirm that only RUS may send me email updates on Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project.

[Attach any other comments which you may have on a separate page.]