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RE: Case number 26-0809-EL-BTX

Mad River Township Trustees Oppose Grid Growth Ventures 765-kV Transmission Project through Mad River Township in Champaign County

While we understand the need for reliable and safe power for our citizens, we do not believe installing huge numbers of massive 175-foot-tall structures is beneficial to the residents in Mad River Township

With the information we currently have, we do not want this transmission line routed through Mad River Township in Champaign County. We have grave concerns about the potential impact on:

- Property owners and property values
- Farmland
- Local communities
- Future development and other unforeseen issues we may be unaware of at this time.

This will permanently damage our area. Property values, farming, drainage systems, wetlands like the Cedar Bog, and wildlife, are a few of our many concerns.

We challenge the Ohio Power Siting Board, and the PJM to analyze why such massive power is needed in our rural area, and what is the cause, for these lines to be run in our communities and farms. Our citizens are being asked to bear the burden of miles of our county farms and homesteads being forever changed. This not only affects the landowners who may be forced into housing these massive structures and lines, it also radically changes the lifestyle of those adjacent to the lines.

While we understand the final decision on a major transmission project is handled at the Ohio Power Siting Board, we feel it is our responsibility to represent Mad River Township in Champaign County and our citizens and make our position known.

We encourage citizens to politely reach out to the OPSB and post letters in opposition to this project at <https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?Caseno=26-0809&link=COM>.