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PATH TO NOWHERE

Sugarloaf Conservancy appeals to the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) to deny Potomac Edison's application to construct the PATH transmission line. The application should be denied as the applicant has acknowledged there will not be a critical need in 2014 as stated in their application. The application is further flawed as a result of the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) accepting PATH's motion to withdraw their application in that state.

The SCC in their order stated that any future application must "include changes in generation, demand response, and energy resources." This requirement is based on PJM (regional authority) study in December 2009 which showed when these factors are taken into consideration, there would not be a critical need for PATH until 2021!

Without the Virginia segment of the line, there is no PATH project. Until such time a PATH application is accepted by the Virginia SCC, there is no logical reason for the Maryland PSC to accept an application for a transmission line that could not transmit power from the John Amos substation as stated in their application.

Sugarloaf Conservancy was formed to protect and enhance the quality of life in Frederick County by education on issues related to wetlands, streams, meadows, rivers, forests, view sheds, conservation, restoration, and preservation. Currently our focus is opposing the overhead PATH high voltage power lines. For more information, go to www.sugarloafconservancy.org or www.nomorepowerlines.org.