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Preliminary Alternatives Public Meeting Dates for the Susquehanna to Roseland Transmission Line Proposal and Right-of-Way Request Environmental Impact Statement

BUSHKILL, PA – Superintendent Pamela Underhill and Superintendent John J. Donahue invite all interested parties to attend any of the three preliminary alternatives public meetings for the Susquehanna to Roseland Transmission Line Proposal and Right-of-Way Request Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The meetings will be held on August 17, 18 and 19, 2010, at locations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Public participation is specifically required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, in the preparation of an EIS. The EIS will analyze a reasonable range of alternatives in considering the permit applications of the utility companies and evaluating potential issues and impacts to the resources and values of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River, and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail park units, and identify mitigation measures for each alternative to lessen the degree or extent of potential impacts.

Each meeting will begin with an open house where posters will display the preliminary alternatives and NPS staff be available to answer questions. The open house session is followed by a formal public hearing where a court reporter will take brief comments. The locations, times and dates are presented below:

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Open House 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Public Hearing 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fernwood Hotel and Resort
U.S. Route 209 North
Bushkill, PA 18324

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Open House 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Public Hearing 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Stroudsmoor Country Inn - Terraview
RD #4, Stroudsmoor Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Thursday, August 19, 2010

Open House 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Public Hearing 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Farmstead Golf and Country Club
88 Lawrence Road
Lafayette, NJ 07848

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The preliminary alternatives demonstrate only potential crossings being examined for the three park units affected. The alternative routes depicted between Susquehanna and Roseland follow existing utility corridors and are intended merely to demonstrate that other alternatives are available and that these existing utility routes make the placement feasible to be engineered. The National Park Service is not dictating or directing where the power companies can, will or might choose to place their transmission lines outside of National Park Service lands and waters. It remains the responsibility of the electric utility companies to determine where they would site the remainder of any lines connecting to the NPS-identified alternatives, and is in no way the responsibility of the NPS.

There are numerous ways for the public to provide their comments on this important phase of the planning process, including providing comments at the public meetings scheduled for August 2010, submitting comments online through the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment site, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> (select Appalachian NST or Delaware Water Gap NRA), or by mailing comments to:

National Park Service
Attention: DEWA PPL EIS Planning Team
Denver Service Center-Planning Division
Post Office Box 25287
Denver, Colorado 80225-0287.

The deadline to receive public for this comment period is September 7, 2010.

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