



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

June 3, 2016

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Lake Erie Connector Project Draft Environmental Assessment (draft EA) (DOE/EA-2019) prepared by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and its implementing regulations is available for your review and comment.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)-Pittsburgh District is a cooperating agency in preparing the Lake Erie Connector Project draft EA.

The proposed DOE action in the draft EA is to issue a Presidential permit to the applicant, ITC Lake Erie Connector, LLC (ITC Lake Erie) to construct, operate and maintain a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border in Lake Erie, Pennsylvania.

DOE has prepared the draft EA to evaluate the potential environmental impacts in the United States of the proposed action and the range of reasonable alternatives, including the No Action alternative. Under the No Action alternative, the Presidential permit would not be granted, and the proposed transmission line would not cross the U.S.-Canada border.

DOE will use the draft EA to ensure that it has the information it needs for informed decision-making. The draft EA is available on the project website at <http://www.lakeerieconnectorea.com>.

You are invited to comment on the draft EA during the comment period that begins with this notice. Comments on the draft EA can be submitted in writing to Mr. Brian Mills at: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585; via e-mail to Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov; by facsimile to (202) 586-8008; or through the project website at <http://www.lakeerieconnectorea.com> (preferred method).

Please mark envelopes and electronic mail subject lines as "LEC Draft EA Comments." Written comments must be received by **July 5, 2016**. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Mills".

Brian Mills
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