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Dear Gentlepersons in US Department of Energy,
I am opposed to the establishment of National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors (NIETC's) for the following reasons:

- 1) The easements place an undo burden on landowners under and near the transmission lines. The compensation cannot begin to cover all the losses, tangible and intangible, that landowners would suffer.
- 2) Condemning private property for transmission lines in one state to transport electricity to another is a violation of property rights because there are no benefits for the residents of the pass-through states.
- 3) The eastern states should develop the utility scale wind resources conveniently located just a few miles off-shore near load centers along the eastern seaboard, thus eliminating hundreds of miles of harmful and costly transmission lines through private, productive farmland and forest.
- 4) Renewable energy ought to be produced within the region where it is used. The need for long distance transmission lines would be eliminated, and regional economies would benefit when the money is retained in the local economy rather than being exported to other regions.
- 5) National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors are a gross violation of state's right to regulate transmission lines.

I urge you not to establish, or recommend establishment of, National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors.

Thank you,
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