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Dear Ms. Squire:

Several months ago the WV Coal Association urged your support for the approval of the Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL) during a public hearing held in Charleston, case #07-0508-E-CN. The recent news that TrAILCo, the WV Energy Users Group, the WV Consumer Advocate Division and the PSC Staff have reached a settlement agreement hopefully moves this important project closer to a reality.

Additional transmission lines will add hundreds of construction jobs, hundreds of permanent jobs, preserve the long-term viability of WV coal-fired power plants and add the transmission capacity needed to potentially construct new coal plants right here in West Virginia. Projects such as TrAIL are important to the future of West Virginia coal and to our state as we secure a place for coal fired electric generation in the national energy market. The West Virginia Coal Association would like to once again offer its support for this certificate application and urge you to advance a favorable ruling in this case.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to share our position on this issue with you.

Sincerely,

Bill Raney
President

CC: Governor Joe Manchin III